

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 25, 2002

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes (arrived at 7:36 p.m.) Laura Huth (Chair), Danielle Chynoweth, Milton Otto, Esther Patt, and Ruth Wyman - 6.

Committee Members Absent:

Joseph Whelan – 1 (excused).

Staff Members Present:

Deborah0 Roberts, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Adair, Reed Berger, Rod Fletcher, Steve Holz, Bill Gray, and Libby Tyler.

Others Present:

Jack Troxell, Rev. B.J. Tatum, and Members of the Media.

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Huth called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Chair Huth stated that she had a request that item number 9. **Ord. No. 2002-02-021: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Fox Development Corporation, An Illinois Corporation (Office Building at California and Race Streets)** be heard after Public Input. There were no objections.

Mayor Satterthwaite reminded Committee Members of a joint meeting of the Urbana City Council and the Community Development Commission to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2002.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2002 meeting of the Committee of the

Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Jack Troxell, representing Piccadilly Beverage Shops, addressed the Committee to request that liquor license holders be allowed input on the change in the Blue Laws.

Rev. B.J. Tatum, 2637 Stone Creek, addressed the Committee in opposition to a change that would allow alcoholic beverages to be sold before noon on Sunday.

Ordinance No. 2002-022-021: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Fox Development Corporation, An Illinois Corporation (Office Building at California and Race Streets)

Community Development Director Libby Tyler presented staff report. Fox Development Corporation is proposing to construct an 11,000 square foot addition to the existing Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) office building located at the northeast corner of Race and California Streets in Downtown Urbana. The project will include renovations to the existing building, construction of a two-story addition, and related site improvements, including parking for the disabled. This project would be eligible for some TIF assistance. It would also be involved with the City to use municipal parking spaces to supplement those on site and those on an adjacent lot. This plan is consistent with the redevelopment plan for TIF II. It is also consistent with the newly adopted Downtown Strategic Plan.

Following debate, Dave Cocagne, representing Fox Development Corporation, answered Committee Members' questions regarding parking requirements for DCFS.

Following further debate, Mr. Otto moved to send **Ordinance No. 2002-022-021: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Fox Development Corporation, An Illinois Corporation (Office Building at California and Race Streets)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-02-018: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement With the County of Champaign (Funding for Location Study for Windsor Road)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report. The Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) has identified the Windsor Road project as eligible for Federal funding. The first step is to perform a Location Study. The study is estimated to cost no more than \$120,000. Federal Surface Transportation Program-Urban Funds will pay for 50%, or up to \$60,000 for this study. The remaining \$60,000 would be split equally between the City and the County, for a maximum of \$30,000 for each agency. The County's commitment is based on a previously approved Fringe Road Agreement.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to send **Ordinance No. 2002-02-018: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement With the County of Champaign (Funding for Location Study for Windsor Road)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto and carried by a voice vote.

Urbana's Blue Laws – Discussion

Mr. Otto presented Section 3.3. Hours of Operation from the Alcoholic Liquors section of the Urbana City Code for discussion. Mr. Otto suggested that the City make its regulations for hours of operations on businesses selling alcohol uniform for all seven days of the week.

Mr. Otto suggested that paragraphs (a) (3) and (a) (4) be deleted and then amend paragraph (a) (2) by striking “all” after the first word and inserting “On January first, alcoholic liquor may be sold or offered for sale at any time, except between the hours of 2:00 a.m. through 6:00 a.m.” The third change would be to amend paragraph (a)(1) by striking the words “Monday through Saturday” and capitalizing the word “between”.

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved to bring this issue back to Committee in four weeks and requested that Mayor Satterthwaite meet with the liquor license holders prior to that meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite suggested that a public hearing be held at which time liquor license holders can have input on any possible changes. That public hearing will be held March 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

Ordinance No. 2002-02-019: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Transfer of Nuisance Vehicle Enforcement)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This ordinance transfers the nuisance vehicle enforcement activities from the Public Works Department to the Police Department. The current budget allocates \$12,000 for additional part-time enforcement in the Public Works Department's Environmental Division. This money is proposed to be transferred via this budget transfer ordinance to the Police Department's Parking Division to employ a permanent part-time person.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-02-019: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Transfer of Nuisance Vehicle Enforcement)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-02-020: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Briarcliff Drive)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This ordinance allows for the painting of yellow curb on the north side of Briarcliff Drive east of Kingston Drive. This yellow zone is being extended approximately 25 feet to

the east to provide better visibility for yielding traffic on Kingston Drive looking east down Briarcliff Drive.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-02-020: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Briarcliff Drive)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was

seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Huth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: March 11, 2002