

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 - 7:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph A. Whelan, Jr. (Chair); Danielle Chynoweth; James H. Hayes, Jr.; Laura Huth; Milton Otto; Esther Patt; Ruth Wyman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Jack Waaler; Eddie Adair; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Rex Mundt; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Grewe; Karen Rasmussen; Michael Loschen; Delora Siebrecht

OTHERS PRESENT: Mathew and Rebecca Weber; Andrew Kwon; Peter Havranek; Steve Clark; Dan Ohrnstein; Mark Ohrnstein; Members of the Media

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Whelan called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Ms Patt made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite noted the "Reflections of 9-11" article that appeared in today's News-Gazette which featured reflections made from Assistant Police Chief James Page. The Mayor commended both The News-Gazette and Assistant Chief Page on his reflections of what happened on September 11th on behalf of the City of Urbana.

Otto addressed issue of social service funding and inquired if there was a policy to prevent grants for people who do not attend the meeting for the consideration of grants they have applied for. Ms Patt also had some concerns about social service funding if the staff is setting guidelines vs. City Council, and requested that this issue be on a future agenda. Carol Elliott (Township Supervisor) should also be notified. Karen Rasmussen (Grants Coordinator II) indicated that staff would not be setting performance criteria, but working with the different agencies on how to establish their own performance measurements.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

August 26, 2002 - Ms Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held August 26, 2002. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mathew Weber, 2309 Brookens Circle, took this time to thank Council Members and staff for their support in his 25 years of service with the City of Urbana. Mr. Weber left his employ with the City on August 22,

2002 to take the position of Fire Chief at the City of Danville, Illinois.

Mayor Satterthwaite commended Chief Weber for his years of service at the City of Urbana and wished both him and his family well in Danville.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed methadone treatment facility:

Andrew Kwon, P.O. Box 2132, representing himself and other businesses within Downtown Urbana; and

Peter Havranek, 107 W. Goose Alley

Committee Member Input

Mr. Otto addressed some concern about nurses who were fired at Provena-Covenant Hospital for speaking out on patient welfare issues. He and Ms Wyman have also discussed this issue and would like to see the City adopt a resolution or ordinance that would protect "whistle blowers". Mr. Otto requested that discussion on the topic of whistle blowers be listed on the next Committee agenda.

Chair Whelan informed Committee Members that he would be out of town next week attending his class reunion and would be unable to attend the Council meeting. The issue of the proposed methadone treatment facility is scheduled for that agenda and Chair Whelan indicated that he would like the opportunity to address his concerns and enter his vote. He then requested that the Council defer this item until the following Council meeting scheduled for October 7, 2002. Ms Patt entered debate noting that this item had already been deferred and would now require action by the Council next week. Following lengthy debate, this item will appear on next week's agenda for action by the City Council.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-02-013: AN ORDINANCE TO IMMOBILIZE VEHICLES WITH UNPAID PARKING TICKETS**

Delora Siebrecht (Office Manager, Finance Dept.) presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman indicated that she would like to see this item postponed until the Council has received information about Champaign's boot program and if it has surpassed the 90% collection rate that Urbana currently has without a boot program. Ms Patt concurred, noting that Urbana has an outstanding rate for collecting tickets and she would also like to see how this program performs in Champaign first.

Mr. Otto made a motion to direct staff to re-draft the ordinance so that after 20 or more tickets the car is towed. Chair Whelan seconded for the sake of discussion.

Ms Patt suggested including the procedure of the license suspension and time periods prior to the vehicle being towed. Mr. Otto accepted Ms

Patt's suggestion as a friendly amendment to the motion. Debate ensued.

Ms Wyman made a friendly amendment to have staff also bring back mandatory minimum fines for building code violations. There was opposition to doing this at this time. Mr. Otto called for the question.

Mr. Otto clarified the motion on the floor by stating that it is to direct staff to bring this item back in two weeks with a 20-ticket cut-off vs. 10 tickets, and eliminate the boot and the \$4,000 expense that goes with it at 20 tickets and just go straight to towing, and to have suitable provisions to ensure that this truly would be a matter of last resort and would not follow efforts to collect 10 tickets with suspension.

Chair Whelan made a friendly amendment to send this item back to Committee in two weeks with these various suggestions being considered by staff and proposed again for discussion. Ms Patt agreed and suggested the last Committee meeting in October instead. Mr. Otto accepted this as a friendly amendment to bring back in October.

Chair Whelan called for the question. The motion failed by a show of hands (3-aye:4-nay).

Chair Whelan made a motion to bring this back to Committee in 4 weeks for discussion with the various ideas mentioned tonight and offered as alternatives for further discussion. Ms Chynoweth seconded.

Ms Patt requested that information also be given at that meeting indicating how many people in a year have received the notice "threatening" suspension of their license and how many actually have a suspended license. There were no objections.

[Note of clarity on the motion: Chair Whelan's motion brings the issue back for discussion using the suggestions and alternatives mentioned during debate. It differs from Mr. Otto's motion in that it does not address the towing issue.]

This item will appear on the October 28, 2002 agenda.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-111: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION DEVICES)**

[Note: This item coincides with the previous agenda item and will also come back to Committee on October 28, 2002.]

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-106: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (LINCOLN AVENUE BETWEEN STOUGHTON STREET AND HILL STREET, CHURCH STREET BETWEEN LINCOLN AVENUE AND COLER AVENUE)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report.

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval, and that staff present the ordinance that was not included with the agreement in tonight's packet. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-107: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY (NORTH OF OREGON STREET BETWEEN MCCULLOUGH STREET AND BIRCH STREET)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-105: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (CDBG/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS)**

Robert Grewe (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Huth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-108: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (HOMESTEAD CORPORATION - RENTAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT - FY 2002-2003)**

Michael Loschen (Grants Coordinator II) presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-109: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (URBAN LEAGUE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - LEASE PURCHASE PROGRAM - FY 2002-2003)**

Mr. Loschen presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-110: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A CERTAIN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA AND THE ILLINOIS CENTER FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT (HOMEBUILD3 - FY 2000-2001)**

Mr. Loschen presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09-112: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (FLESSNER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY/SOMERSET SUBDIVISION NO. 4)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director) presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Huth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Before proceeding to the next agenda item, Chair Whelan called for a 5-minute break in order to allow staff and Housing Authority representatives time to set-up for the presentation. The Committee recessed at 9:47 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 9:56 p.m. with all members present.

14. **LAKESIDE TERRACE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Grewe presented the staff report and then introduced Steve Clark (Champaign County Housing Authority), Dan Ohrnstein (ADG, Ltd. Architectural Design Group), and Mark Ohrnstein (ADG, Ltd. Architectural Design Group), who made the presentation update for the Lakeside Terrace Redevelopment Project depicting the site layout and design. There were no recommendations by staff at this time. [A copy of the proposal is attached.]

At 11:00 p.m. Chair Whelan interrupted the presentation to call for a motion to extend the meeting.

Mr. Hayes moved to extend the meeting to 11:15 p.m. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. Debate ensued.

At 11:16 p.m. a motion was made by Ms Patt to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. Debate ensued.

The Housing Authority is requesting that Council vote next month on how much money the City is willing to spend over a specified number of years for this project. Committee Members were not prepared to make such a commitment without receiving additional information about the development and what is planned for each phase.

This item will come back to Council at its November 4, 2002 meeting with a list of options and additional property that is available.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Whelan declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Wyman moved to approve the September 9, 2002 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms.

Patt. Ms. Patt requested to amend the minutes on page 5, the final paragraph by changing "November 4, 2002" to "October 14, 2002". There were no objections. The minutes, as amended, were approved by a voice vote.