

CITY OF URBANA
Monday, March 3, 2003

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2003 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, Whelan, and Wyman – 7; absent: none.

Also present were staff members: Eddie Adair, Michaela Bell, Phyllis Clark, Bill Gray, Les Stratton, Libby Tyler, Jack Waaler, and Bruce Walden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Hayes moved approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2003 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alderwoman Huth stated that there would be a workshop entitled **Building Better Communities Through Public Participation and Action** at Illinois Terminal in downtown Champaign on Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, March 15, 2003 for anyone that is interested in attending.

Alderman Hayes stated that the **Pentagon Papers** would be on television Sunday, March 9, 2003 at 9:00 p.m. on the FX channel.

Alderwoman Wyman commended Chris Foster and UPTV on the Open House to acquaint people with the functions of UPTV. The Open House was held Saturday, March 1, 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2003 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Satterthwaite presented a Proclamation declaring March 3, 2003 as Public Works Safety Recognition Day to Les Stratton, a Supervisor from the Public Works Department.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that Andrae's Harley-Davidson's new facility has opened and makes our entryway into Urbana something to be proud of. Mr. Walden expressed the City's appreciation to Sharon Andrae for her endeavors.

NEW BUSINESS

Planner Michaela Bell presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2003-03-018: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Request to Increase the Maximum Area of a Freestanding Sign from 50 Sq. Ft. to 66 Sq. Ft. in the B-3, General Business District – 1509 East Washington Street, Case No. ZBA-03-MAJ-01)**. Adam Judeh requests a variance to add a 26 square foot illuminated sign to an existing freestanding sign at 1509 East Washington Street. The request is to increase the maximum sign area from 50 square feet to 66 square feet by adding a gasoline price sign. This request is classified as a major variance and requires City Council approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 6-0 to forward this request to Council for approval and staff concurs.

Following debate, Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2003-03-018: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Request to Increase the Maximum Area of a Freestanding Sign from 50 Sq. Ft. to 66 Sq. Ft. in the B-3, General Business District – 1509 East Washington Street, Case No. ZBA-03-MAJ-01)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, Whelan, and Wyman – 7; voting nay: none.

Community Development Director Libby Tyler presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2003-03-019: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Regarding Nonconformities Created Through Government Acquisition – Plan Case No. 1850-T-03)**. The Zoning Administrator is requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow recognition of and more flexible regulation of nonconformities that are created or exacerbated through government acquisition or under threat of government acquisition. The proposed amendment would provide for administrative approval of the relocation of such uses, buildings or structures to adjoining locations under certain conditions. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed recommendation and staff concurs.

Following debate, Alderwoman Wyman moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2003-03-019: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Regarding Nonconformities Created Through Government Acquisition – Plan Case No. 1850-T-03)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, Whelan, and Wyman – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Wyman moved enter into **Closed Session** for the purpose of considering **Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Specific Employees of the City**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council:

Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, Whelan, and Wyman – 7; voting nay: none. Council entered into closed session at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8 20 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: March 17, 2003