

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 10, 2003

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Danielle Chynoweth, James Hayes, Milton Otto, Esther Patt, and Ruth Wyman – 5

Committee Members Absent:

Laura Huth and Joseph Whelan – 2 (excused)

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Police Chief Adair, Bill DeJarnette, Bill Gray, Steve Holz, Mike Loschen, Libby Tyler, Mayor Satterthwaite, and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Elizabeth Simpson, Daniel Lewart, George Gore, Al Weiss, Ralph Langenheim, John Paul Schmidt, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Chynoweth called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Satterthwaite recognize the presence of a delegation from Shang Dong province in the Republic of China.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2003 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Elizabeth Simpson, representing Liberation Education, addressed the Committee regarding their upcoming conference “When is Education Liberating”.

The following people were present to indicate their support for **Ordinance No. 2003-11-131: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Preliminary Feasibility Study of Electricity Utility Acquisition:**

Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey Avenue, #4
John Paul Schmidt, representing the Green Party
Ralph Langenheim, 401 W. Vermont
Al Weiss, 705 S. Cedar Street
George Gore, 702 W. Washington Street

Ordinance No. 2003-11-131: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Preliminary Feasibility Study of Electricity Utility Acquisition

City Attorney Steve Holz presented staff report. By this ordinance, the City Council would approve the City entering into an Agreement with the City of Champaign and the Board of Trustees of the University for a preliminary feasibility study of electricity utility acquisition. The focus is to look into the feasibility of acquiring the electric distribution system in the local communities as well as looking at other alternatives such as aggregation of residential customers, as well as a review of the IP System needs in our local communities in the context of the informal complaint that we have already filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Selection of a consultant would be pursued. Champaign will be the Lead Agency on behalf of University and Urbana and would issue a Request for Proposal for services of a consultant.

Champaign, Urbana and the University would agree to share the costs at a rate of thirty-three and one-third each. The total cost of the preliminary feasibility study shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that a Budget Amendment for the payment will follow in a couple of weeks. The source of those funds will be General Reserves.

Following extensive debate, Mr. Otto moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2003-11-131: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Preliminary Feasibility Study of Electricity Utility Acquisition** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Following further debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Traffic Commission Items:

Ordinance No. 2003-11-123: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-172 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Curb Loading Zones on Certain Streets (Central Avenue; Mathews Avenue)

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that the Mathews Avenue portion of this ordinance has been

postponed to a later date. This ordinance is for the creation of a curb loading zone at Central Avenue at Canaan Academy. The school has requested a 27 foot long, 30 minute loading zone be instituted along the west side of Central Avenue to load and unload students during school days only from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ordinance No. 2003-11-124: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Florida Avenue at Philo Road; Central Avenue at Griggs Street)

This Ordinance is for the extension of yellow curbing on the north side of Florida Avenue east of Philo Road. This is needed to allow MTD busses to pull over completely out of the lanes of travel to load and unload. Twenty-seven feet of yellow curb will be added to the existing curb and a No Parking Here to Corner sign will be installed at the end of the yellow zone.

Ordinance No. 2003-11-125: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Adams Street at Briarcliff Drive; Central Avenue at Griggs Street)

This Ordinance is for placement of stop signs at two locations. The first location is at Adams Street and Briarcliff Drive. The stop signs will stop traffic on Adams Street while Briarcliff Drive remains the through street.

The second location is Griggs Street and Central Avenue. It is necessary to install stop signs on Central Avenue to stop traffic for Griggs Street. These stop signs are warranted under Section 2B-05 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Ordinance No. 2003-11-126: An Ordinance Amending Schedule I of Section 23-94 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Yield Signs at a Certain Intersection (Adams Street at Briarcliff Drive)

This ordinance removes the yield signs at Adams Street and Briarcliff Drive from the schedule.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved by omnibus motion to forward **Ordinance No. 2003-11-123: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-172 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Curb Loading Zones on Certain Streets (Central Avenue; Mathews Avenue; Ordinance No. 2003-11-124: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Florida Avenue at Philo Road; Central Avenue at Griggs Street); Ordinance No. 2003-11-125: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Adams Street at Briarcliff Drive; Central Avenue at Griggs Street); and Ordinance No. 2003-11-126: An Ordinance Amending Schedule I of Section 23-94 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Yield Signs at a Certain Intersection (Adams Street at Briarcliff Drive)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2-003-11-127: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation CHDO Operating FY2003-2004)

Community Development Manager Libby Tyler presented staff report. This is a HOME CHDO agreement to pledge \$27,132 to the Urbana League of Champaign County Development Corporation for administration and operating costs associated with their continued operation and new development of housing projects. The issue is whether City Council should approve an agreement between the City and Urbana League of Champaign County Development Corporation. This agreement is the same as last year except the amount is \$2,000 more. Staff recommends approval.

Ms. Wyman moved to forward the Ordinance to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2003-11-128: An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-150 by Adding a Subsection D (Annexation Agreement Provisions)

Mr. Holz presented staff report. The proposed ordinance is intended to clarify the legal basis for limited waivers and provide guidance in the matter of delaying application of ordinances by providing that Council may waive application of specific ordinances if it deems such is reasonably related to the proposed annexation situation and is in the public good.

Ms. Patt requested to replace "Corporate Authorities" to "City Council" in the two occurrences in the ordinance. There were no objections.

Ms. Patt moved to forward the ordinance to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2003-11-129: An Ordinance Regarding Bonds for City Officials

Mr. Holz presented staff report. Section 3.1-10-30 of the Illinois Municipal Code requires that all municipal officers, with the exception of Alderpersons, shall execute a bond with security to be approved by the Corporate Authorities prior to entering the duties of their office. The Mayor's bond must be at least \$3,000, and the Treasurer's bond must be an amount that is at least 3 times that of the Federal Census population.

In the past, Comptroller Ron Eldridge has protected the City by purchasing insurance that covers not only City officials, but also employees. This insurance currently protects the City against theft up to \$300,000 per employee, with a \$5,000 deductible.

It is suggested that the City use it's Home Rule powers to officially substitute the insurance against theft of public funds for the statutory requirement.

Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2003-11-129: An Ordinance Regarding Bonds**

for City Officials to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2003-11-130: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Champaign County for Joint Optical Fiber Installation and Maintenance

Information Services Manager Bill DeJarnette presented staff report. This agreement will allow the City of Urbana and Champaign County to create a fiber backbone running from the Court House to the City Building to Urbana Public Works on to Brookens Administrative Center. The immediate out of pocket cost to Urbana will be approximately \$57,000. We will eliminate \$4,200 a year by eliminating existing communications lines. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward the Ordinance to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto and carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Chynoweth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: