

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

*Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor*

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2004**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, January 20, 2004 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ward 1 - Alderwoman Esther Patt  
Ward 2 - Alderwoman Ruth Wyman  
Ward 3 - Alderman James H. Hayes, Jr. (7:41 p.m.)  
Ward 4 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth  
Ward 7 - Alderman Milton Otto

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ward 5 - Alderwoman Laura Huth (excused)  
Ward 6 - Alderman Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz;  
Eddie Adair; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Robert Kowalski; Mona  
Shannon

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lynn Sprout; Judy Henderson; Sue & Ron Keller; Jan Kalmer; Bob  
Borsett; George R. Carlisle, Jr.; Tom Bassett; Howard Wakeland;  
Lori Serb; Belder Fields; Tiger Swan; Ellen Siflein; Michele  
Guerra; Nancy Skagg; Lisa Chason; David Wilson; Dorothy  
Martirano; Kate Hunter; Meg Miner; Nancy Dietrich-Rybicki; Daniel  
Lewart; Alfred Weiss; Tom Turino; Maiko Covington; Jan Kalmar;  
Susan Taylor; Sheyali Chandra; Saadia Toor; Junaid Rana; Ezekiel  
Flannery; Phyllis Brussel; Vicki Ansermet; Carl Malmgren; Zachary  
C. Miller; Barbara Peacock; John Paul Schmit; Cecilia Allen;  
Russell Rybicki; Stephen Kaufman; Joan Zagorski; Mike Melvin;  
Robert Brunner; Tom Berns; Aimee Johansen Alnet; Michael Goldman;  
Cameron Satterthwaite; Dee Stifanos; Tracy Satterthwaite;  
Margaret Miller; Dennis Roberts; Members of the Media

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There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:35 p.m.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The following minutes were acted on in omnibus fashion:

1. December 15, 2003
2. January 12, 2004 (Special meeting)

Aldерwoman Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held December 15, 2003 and the special meeting held January 12, 2004. Aldерwoman Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Due to the amount of people in the audience interested in giving input concerning Wal-Mart and the preliminary plat for this case, Mayor Satterthwaite suggested hearing those comments just prior to the case being presented. There were no objections.

**C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following people addressed the Council in support of paid benefits for same sex partners:

Lynn Sprout, 1108 Holiday, Champaign; Resident (1210) Prairie, Champaign; Julie Watkins; Belder Fields; Zachary Miller; and Judy Henderson

The following people did not wish to speak, but wished to be placed in the record in support of paid benefits for same sex partners:

Meg Minor, Mansfield; Sue & Ron Keller; Jan Kalmer; and Zachary Miller

The following people addressed the Council in opposition to paid benefits for same sex partners:

Bob Borsett, 302 Dodson; and Judy Henderson

Regarding the subject of the proposed Wal-Mart location and the preliminary subdivision plat, the following people addressed the Council in support:

Howard Wakeland, 2213 combes; and Dee Stifanos, 205 Beringer Circle

The following people expressed opposition to Wal-Mart in Urbana;

George R. Carlisle, Jr., 406 E. Green, also representing HEUNA; Tom Bassett, 608 W. Delaware; Lori Serb, 509 S. Race; Ellen Siflein, 711 W. Iowa; Michele Guerra, 716 W. Indiana; Lisa Chason, 2306 S. Grange Dr.; Dorothy Martirano, 3411 s. Persimmon Circle; Kate Hunter; Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey Ave. #4; Tom Turino, 2902 N. High Cross Road; Maiko Covington, 805 S. Race; Susan Taylor, 606 W. Michigan #1; Sheyali Chandra, 304 W. Hill; Saadia Toor, 304 W. Hill; Junaid Rana, 2201 Melrose Dr.; Ezekiel Flannery, 405 W. Hill #4; Phyllis Brussel, 2003 George Huff Dr.; Vicki Ansermet, 724 S. Broadway; Carl Malmgren, 2906 Rutherford Dr.; Zachary C. Miller, 107 W. Washington; Barbara Peacock, 509 E. Illinois; John Paul Schmit, 908 S. Cottage Grove; Cecilia Allen, 3712 E. University; Russell Rybicki, 2803 S. Myra Ridge Dr.; Stephen Kaufman, 4 Burnett Circle; Joan Zagorski, 1605 S.

Race; Mike Melvin, 2810 Slayback; Robert W. Brunner, MD, 4001 E. Washington St.; Aimee Johansen Alnet, 1505 Lincolnwood Dr.; Michael Goldman, 205 W. Michigan; Tracy Satterthwaite, 1275 N. 530E, Tuscola; Cameron Satterthwaite, 308 E. Colorado; Margaret Miller, 501 E. High

The following people did not speak, but wished to have their opposition entered into record regarding Wal-Mart:

Meg Miner, 103 E. North St., Mansfield; Nancy Skagg, 1101 S. Webber; Nancy Dieterich-Rybicki, 2803 Myra Ridge Dr.; Belder Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania; Tiger Swan, 508 W. Elm; and Jan Kalmer, 723 S. Broadway Ave.

The following people addressed the Council concerning the Wal-Mart issue, but did not indicate their position:

Tom Berns, 405 E. Main, representing Saline Branch Drainage District; Dennis Roberts, 507 E. Green; and David Wilson, 201 Willard (would like a public hearing to discuss Wal-Mart)

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**1. Committee Of The Whole**

- a. Ordinance No. 2004-01-006: ***An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Benefits Program (Bereavement Leave)***

Aldерwoman Patt made a motion to approve. Aldерwoman Wyman seconded.

Following debate, the vote on the motion to approve was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Otto - Aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2004-01-006, "An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Benefits Program (Bereavement Leave)", was approved by the Council by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

- b. Ordinance No. 2004-01-007: ***An Ordinance Relating to Civil Service (Original Entry - Certification, Probation, Exam Age, and Internal Applicants; Publication of Rules; and Purging Obsolete Language)***

Aldерwoman Patt made a motion to approve. Aldерwoman Wyman seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Otto - Aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2004-01-007, "An Ordinance Relating to Civil Service (Original Entry - Certification, Probation, Exam Age, and Internal Applicants; Publication of Rules; and Purging Obsolete Language)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (5-Aye:-0-Nay).

- c. Ordinance No. 2004-01-001: ***An Ordinance Approving Modification to the City of Urbana and Urbana/Champaign/Champaign County HOME Consortium FY 2003-2004, FY 2002-2003 Annual Action Plan, and FY 2001-2002 Annual Action Plan***

Alderwoman Patt made a motion to approve. Alderman Hayes seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Otto - Aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2004-01-001, "An Ordinance Approving Modification to the City of Urbana and Urbana/Champaign/Champaign County HOME Consortium FY 2003-2004, FY 2002-2003 Annual Action Plan, and FY 2001-2002 Annual Action Plan", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

- d. Resolution No. 2004-01-001R: ***Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes***

Alderwoman Patt noted that the year of passage on this resolution should read 2004 and not 2003. There were no objections.

Alderwoman Patt made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** Council adopted Resolution No. 2004-01-001R, "Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes", by a voice vote.

With nothing further to report, Alderwoman Patt stated that the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for next Monday, January 26, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

In light of ongoing issues with Illinois Power, Alderwoman Chynoweth noted a couple of power outages that occurred over the weekend and inquired if staff was aware of the reason for these occurrences. Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) responded that one incident was due to a traffic accident. The second power outage may have been due to faulty equipment. Mr. Walden said he would follow-up and report back.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 2004-01-009: **An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat (Walton Subdivision Preliminary Plat - Plan Case No. 1876-S-03)**

Robert Kowalski (Planning Division Manager) and William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report.

Alderman Otto recused himself from participating in the discussion and action of this item due to a conflict of interest.

Following debate, Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. Debate ensued.

At 11:02 p.m. Alderwoman Wyman moved to extend the meeting time. Alderwoman Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Following further debate, the vote on the motion to approve was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye  
Hayes - Aye

Patt - Aye  
Wyman - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2004-01-009, "An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat (Walton Subdivision Preliminary Plat - Plan Case No. 1876-S-03)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (4-aye:0-nay).

Mayor Satterthwaite informed the audience that he would be available to discuss concerns about Wal-Mart at 6:00 p.m. next week prior to the Committee Of The Whole meeting.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.