

CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 9, 2004 - 7:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ruth Wyman (Chair); Danielle Chynoweth; James H. Hayes, Jr.; Milton Otto; Esther Patt

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Laura Huth (excused); Joseph A. Whelan, Jr. (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz; Eddie Adair; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Grewe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Monk; Jean Algee; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Wyman called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Satterthwaite informed the Committee that Mr. Whelan phoned earlier today and he is undergoing some medical treatment that is keeping him away tonight, as well as previous Mondays, but he expects to be back as soon as possible.

Chair Wyman noted that Ms Huth has family in town visiting and would not be attending the meeting tonight.

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

There were no additions to the agenda. Chair Wyman noted that item #5, "Ordinance No. 2004-02-013: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for Use of Rights-Of-Way (Various Locations)", will be removed from tonight's agenda and will come back at a later date.

Mayor Satterthwaite reported on two items:

- a. **2004 Planning Institute** -- This is an event that the University of Illinois Urban Planning Department hosts every year at the Illini Union. This year it will be held March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in attending should contact Elizabeth Tyler (City Planner). Ms Tyler is putting a list together to give to the University in order for the City to receive a group rate.
- b. **Nobel Prize and Craffoord Recipients** -- The City of Urbana has been working in conjunction with the City of Champaign to honor the Nobel Prize recipients and Craffoord Recipient at the University of Illinois with entryway signage. The signs will read: **"WELCOME TO THE CITY OF URBANA, HOME OF THE 2003 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS NOBEL RECIPIENTS AND CRAFFOORD RECIPIENT: PROFESSOR PAUL LAUTERBUR, PROFESSOR ANTHONY LEGGETT, AND PROFESSOR CARL WOESE."** In a few weeks, this signage will be placed at the entryways on Lincoln Avenue, Cunningham and University Avenues (just off the interstate), as well as Windsor Road.

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

**JANUARY 26, 2004** - Ms Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 26, 2004. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

David Monk, 115 N. Market (Champaign), addressed the Committee in support of the "Public Input Policies" item on the agenda.

**Committee Member Input**

Mr. Hayes commended the Public Works Department on removing snow the last couple of weeks.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-02-002R: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF URBANA (STONE CREEK BOULEVARD BIKE PATH)**

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

Mr. Otto made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2004-02-014: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION DEVELOPER AGREEMENT - URBAN LEAGUE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LEASE-PURCHASE PROGRAM FY 2003-2004)**

Robert Grewe (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report. Jean Algee (Urban League of Champaign County) was available to answer questions.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **LANDFILL UPDATE**

Mayor Satterthwaite gave a brief report. Mr. Gray presented the staff report. (See attached.)

No action is required by the Council at this time.

9. **UTILITIES UPDATE: ILLINOIS-AMERICAN WATER, AND ILLINOIS POWER**

Chair Wyman noted that Kathy Eckstram (Regional Manager for Illinois Power) was present to answer questions.

Stephen Holz (City Attorney) presented the staff report on the water negotiations and Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) presented information on the electric status. Mr. Holz distributed a packet on

this item to Committee Members and reviewed sections with them. (See attached.)

No Council action was required at this time. A copy of staff's proposals will be presented at a later date.

10. **DISCUSSION: PUBLIC INPUT POLICIES**

Ms Patt noted that from time to time people have commented to the Council about policies regarding public input, and most recently Mr. Monk suggested that we do things a little differently. Members of the public who address the Council often want to speak right before the agenda item. Ms Patt presented the following list of public input alternatives:

1. Return to the practice of allowing members of the public to address the Committee either at the beginning of the meeting or before each agenda item.
2. Add "Audience Participation" at the end of each Committee agenda so that members of the public may address the Committee after hearing debate.
3. Allow public input after the staff presentation and before Committee members debate each item on the Committee agenda.
4. At City Council meetings, allow public input after the staff presentation and before Council members debate each item on the Council agenda.

Following debate, Ms Patt made a motion that staff draft a policy and, if necessary, appropriate ordinance changes to implement these procedural changes for the handling of public input at meetings. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 23, 2004