

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2005

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 3, 2005 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Roberts and Wyman – 5; absent: Whelan – 1.

Also present were staff members: Public Works Director Bill Gray, City Attorney Steve Holz, Planning Division Manager Rob Kowalski, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Patt moved approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2004 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that **Ordinance No. 2005-01-003: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute “An Agreement Concerning the Right of Illinois-American Water Company to Use the Ways of the City, Fire Protection, and Other Related Matters”** be deleted from the agenda. There were no objections.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Hayes read a note appreciation from Debbi Roberts, Deputy Clerk, for the flowers sent by City Council in remembrance of her mother, Lucille Clark Roberts.

Alderman Roberts reported a safety issue of concern to his neighbors. There is a visual clearance problem at the corner of Elm Street and Vine Street. The brick sign at the Court House obstructs south bound traffic.

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that the stop bar for the east bound Elm Street has been moved further east so that as a vehicle stops at the stop bar there is a clear vision of the traffic. Technically the sign is outside the visibility triangle.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were none.

Committee of the Whole

The next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 10, 2005 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that there would be Christmas tree pickup for the next two weeks. Trees should be put at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the regular U-Cycle day.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walden presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2005-01-001: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement With County Plaza, LLC, An Illinois Limited Liability Corporation** and **Ordinance No. 2005-01-002: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (County Plaza Agreement)**. Health Alliance, the primary tenant of County Plaza, is relocating to Lincoln Square Village in June of 2005. In order to re-rent County Plaza certain improvements and rehabilitation need to be undertaken.

There are two components in the effort to re-rent County Plaza. First is assistance in marketing of the office space. The second is to enter into a short-term redevelopment agreement funded by Tax Increment District #1. This would be for reimbursement for eligible redevelopment costs to re-use the facility; a copy on total costs at \$250,000, not to exceed 80% of taxes paid in any one year for a term of three years.

Following debate, Alderwoman Wyman moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-01-001: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement With County Plaza, LLC, An Illinois Limited Liability Corporation**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Roberts, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-01-002: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (County Plaza Agreement)**. The motion was seconded by

Alderman Wyman and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council:

Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Roberts, Wyman, and Mayor Satterthwaite – 6; voting nay: none.

Mayor Satterthwaite announced his recommendation of **Christopher Alix as Mayoral Appointment to Ward 7.**

Alderman Wyman moved to approve the appointment of **Christopher Alix as Alderman in Ward 7.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: January 17, 2005