

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 14, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Roberts (Chair); Christopher Alix; Danielle Chynoweth; James H. Hayes, Jr.; Esther Patt; Ruth Wyman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz; Eddie Adair; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; John Regetz

OTHERS PRESENT: Cope Cumpston; Carol Ammons; Jeff Edwards; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mayor Satterthwaite reported that Walgreen's had given a press release announcing their plans for development at the northeast corner of Five Points. They expect to break ground some time in April. This will be a 24-hour operation with a drive-thru pharmacy. It is a new development project and not relocation for the Walgreen's at Sunnycrest. It will remain open at that location. Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) indicated that he hopes to have an agreement for this development to Council within the next few weeks.

Mr. Walden reported on the agreement with AmerenIP to conduct an audit to locate problems with the system that can be improved. This is primarily for businesses in the area in order to see if there is a need for improvement to service reliability. Businesses may contact Mr. Walden at 384-2455, or Trisha Crowley (Champaign Legal Department) at 403-8765.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 24, 2005 - Ms Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held January 24, 2005. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The following people addressed the Committee expressing their opposition and concerns to Mayor Satterthwaite's comments in the Sunday, February 13, 2005 edition of The News-Gazette where it indicates his plans to amend the City of Urbana's Human Rights Ordinance to drop a provision that prohibits landlords from discriminating against a prospective tenant based on a prior arrest or conviction record:

Cope Cumpston, 402 W. Nevada; and
Carol Ammons, 1108 N. Busey Avenue.

Committee Member Input

Mayor Satterthwaite responded to inaccurate acquisitions that were made concerning his comments made in The News-Gazette about the Human Relations Ordinance. He is suggesting that the City review this ordinance and consider making it consistent with that of the City of Champaign and the policies of the Housing Authority of Champaign County.

Ms Patt commented on Mayor Satterthwaite's response and mentioned her recent trip to Springfield where she testified before the Illinois House Judiciary Committee against a piece of legislation whose sole purpose was to override the Urbana City Council and prevent them from enforcing the provisions of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance that prohibits discrimination based on prior arrests or a conviction record. Ms Patt said that the Department of Corrections signed in against the Bill in agreement with her position, as did the Illinois Municipal League and a number of organizations advocating for the rights of the poor and housing rights. She also noted that HUD does not mandate the policy of the Housing Authority.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02-019: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH TATMAN FAMILY, LLC**

Mr. Walden presented the staff report.

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

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02-020: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MOTEL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS)**

Mr. Walden presented the staff report. Mr. Walden noted that Jeff Edwards (General Manager, Holiday Inn) was present and available to answer questions.

Ms Chynoweth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02-021: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (COLER AVENUE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND SASSAFRASS ALLEY)**

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

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

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02-022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH EDGE-SCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Stephen Holz (City Attorney) presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **RENTAL HOUSING REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

Ms Patt presented this item for discussion. (See attached.)

Following debate, Ms Patt moved to place this item on the agenda for the next Committee meeting. Ms Wyman seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

10. **CLOSED SESSION MINUTE REVIEW**

Ms Patt made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes. Ms Wyman seconded. The vote was as follows:

Alix - Aye	Patt - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Wyman - Aye

The Committee went into closed session at 9:50 p.m.

The Committee resumed its regular session at 10:00 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 28, 2005 (Amended)

**See Correction Sheet attached.

CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES

February 14, 2005

At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held Monday, February 28, 2005, the following correction(s) was made to the minutes of February 14, 2005:

Page 2, paragraph 1, first sentence under "Committee Member Input", correct "acquisitions" to read "**statements**", and correct "Relations" to read "**Rights**". Thus reading: "Mayor Satterthwaite responded to inaccurate statements that were made concerning his comments made in The News-Gazette about the Human Rights Ordinance."

These corrections pertain to original debate in the minutes of February 14, 2005.

By attaching this correction sheet, the minutes of February 14, 2005 are hereby corrected to read as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary