

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the incidence of railroad accidents in the State of Illinois in the recent past is alarmingly high, and

WHEREAS, there have been disastrous explosions in Crescent City and Decatur within the last few years, and

WHEREAS, the number of derailments in Illinois appears to be disproportionately high and rising, and

WHEREAS, there have been several derailments within the Corporate Limits of the City of Urbana, Illinois, within the last eighteen (18) months, and

WHEREAS, any derailment carries the potential of a repeat of the Crescent City and Decatur disasters, depending only upon the chance of the cargo being carried, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as well as the citizens of all of the State of Illinois, that prompt action be taken at the federal and state levels to protect the lives of our citizens and their property even if such steps must result in increased expense of improved maintenance and more careful operation by the railroads concerned,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that:

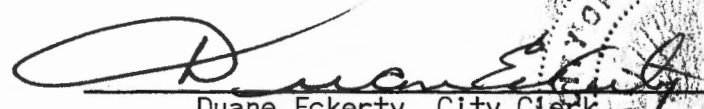
1. The Interstate Commerce Commission and the Illinois Commerce Commission be and hereby are petitioned to take immediate action to set appropriately high standards of operation that will prevent the type of disasters mentioned above, and that such standards provide for the annual maintenance of all trackage within the Corporate Limits of any City so that the rails, ties, ballasts, and rolling stock meet very stringent standards as set by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

2. Our representatives in the Congress of the United States and in the Legislature of the State of Illinois be and hereby are petitioned to take all actions within their powers, including legislation, to bring about stricter standards and increased enforcement so that disasters such as happened in Crescent City and Decatur will not be repeated.

3. The Governor of the State of Illinois be and is hereby petitioned to take all actions within his powers to insure to the people of the City of Urbana and the State of Illinois that no further disasters will occur within the State of Illinois.

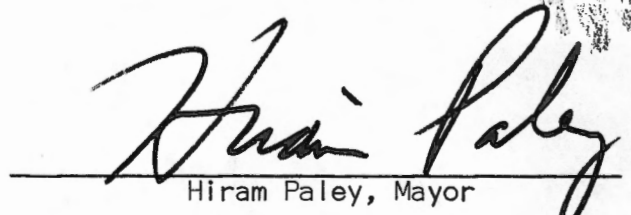
4. The appropriate federal administrative bodies be and hereby are petitioned to take all actions within their respective powers to insure that the people of the United States shall be freed from the ever increasing incidents of railroad accidents.

PASSED by the City Council this 3rd day of September, 1974.


Duane Eckerty, City Clerk



APPROVED by the Mayor this 4th day of September, 1974.


Hiram Paley, Mayor