

MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006, AT 3:00 P.M.  
ILLINOIS TERMINAL  
45 EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE, CHAMPAIGN

PRESENT

Al Anderson, Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY

Rena Lee Lenz

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

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| Willard Broom | Yuki Llewellyn |
| John Chato    | Paul Lucas     |
| Vicki Ford    | Ron Peters     |

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Pam Voitik, Director—Campus Services Division, University of Illinois

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Justin Randall, University of Illinois Student Senate

IN ATTENDANCE

William L. Volk, Managing Director  
Thomas J. Costello, Assistant Managing Director

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

Anderson called the meeting to order. He stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was for a Public Hearing on the Tax Levy Ordinance for the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District for the period of July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2007. "Notice of the Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District" appeared as a black bordered announcement in *The News-Gazette* on December 4, 2006.

Anderson further said that the corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 were \$4,693,097.09. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 are \$5,397,000. This represents a 15.0% increase over the previous year.

Also, Anderson said that the property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for the 2005/2006 were \$0. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

The total property taxes extended or abated for the Fiscal Year 2005/2006 were \$4,693,097.09.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 are \$5,397,000. This represents a 15.0% increase over the previous year.

Anderson then called for comments from the audience.

Edward Vaughn, 3813 Farhills Drive, Champaign stated that according to the Open Meetings Act, the agenda for this meeting should have been posted at the principal office of the MTD and at the location of where the meeting was to be held a least 48 hours in advance. Staff indicated that they would look into the regulations and make sure that they are adhered to in the future.

Vaughn also complained about some past travel expenses of the Managing Director; buses running on useless routes; the Managing Director's salary and retirement benefits; that the MTD has overspent money on various initiatives such as the light rail; and the tax levy in general.

Joe Villanti, 303 Buena Vista, Champaign said that he has seen lots of empty buses on campus idling for extended periods of time and wasting a lot of diesel fuel. He thought the taxpayers money could be put to better use.

Considerable more discussion followed.

The Public hearing was then closed at 3:45 p.m.

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APPROVED:

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CHAIR