

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JULY 11, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Brandon Bowersox (Chair); Lynne Barnes; Robert Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Chynoweth (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Eddie Adair; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Douglas Miller; Erin Bullok

OTHERS PRESENT: George Carlisle; Mary Dennis; Carl Hill; James Hayes; Chris Stohr; Lisa Power; Chris Zionic; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) reported that a DVD is now available of the HUD training that took place recently for those who were unable to attend. It is also available in PowerPoint. Anyone interested in these tools may contact Erin Bullok at 384-2447.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

June 13, 2005 - Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 13, 2005. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

George Carlisle, Jr., 406 E. Green, addressed the Committee in support of the proposed bike path at High Cross Road.

Mary Dennis, 111 W. Main, and Carl Hill, 1913 Trails Drive, both representing the Urbana Business Association (UBA), addressed the Committee in support of the agreement for promotion and marketing services for FY 2005-2006. The UBA's mission is to promote Urbana businesses and special events. Their website address is www.urbanabusiness.com.

James Hayes, 1204 Dublin, addressed the Committee first by commending staff on their part of "The Great Race" event that took place last week and supporting the Urbana Business Association. Mr. Hayes also commented on the parklet area on Beslin and Goodwin and suggested that consideration be made in erecting signs which indicate hours when the park is in use. He also suggested giving the park a name.

Committee Member Input

Mr. Smyth informed the Committee that the Urbana Free Library Foundation is sponsoring a day to dedicate their new statue on July 30, 2005. The event will begin with a race, "The Tortoise and The Hare", at 8:00 a.m. Entry forms are available on their website at www.urbanafreelibrary.org. Anyone interested in volunteering for the race should contact Mr. Smyth.

Mr. Smyth also reminded Committee Members that they will be meeting as a caucus next Monday, July 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room.

Ms Barnes addressed the Committee on the following issues:

- "Newly Elected Officials Conference". She attended this conference a couple of weeks ago and put together a packet for those who were unable to attend. The City Clerk's office will make copies for distribution.
- Sunnycrest/Philo Road Clean-Up Day. This event was held Saturday, July 2, 2005 from 8-10:00 a.m. Volunteers wore t-shirts reading "Don't Mess With Urbana!", and the event was a great success. Three awards were given to businesses that gave careful attention to landscaping and also maintained debris-free properties. Award recipients were: The Caring Hands Veterinary Clinic on Philo Road, Busey Bank at Sunnycrest, and Family Video. This event was sponsored by SUNA (South Urbana Neighborhood Association).
- 1005 Colorado. This property was purchased by Mike Hatfield. The area had been considered a trouble spot. However, Mr. Hatfield is making an effort to improve the area. Ms Barnes toured the building and noted that Mr. Hatfield had made numerous changes.
- Philo Road businesses. Ms Barnes presented a list of some issues she talked to Mr. Walden about concerning businesses on Philo Road. She and Ms Stevenson will meet with staff to address these issues and ways to work with the owners to get these improvements accomplished.

Ms Barnes indicated that she would also like to address the issue of the crime activity at apartments in Wards 6 and 7 at next week's caucus.

Mayor Prussing addressed a problem that has developed with the Champaign County Board. Urbana, Champaign, and Champaign County Board in 1994 signed an agreement that the County would not discriminate against funding roads that are in the urban fringe and in exchange the Cities would give the County rebates on sales taxes from businesses that have been annexed to the Cities. On May 19, 2005 the County Board adopted a resolution to cap the amount spent on urban fringe roads to no more than \$1,000,000 a year. They plan to spend \$2,000,000 a year on the 200 miles of rural county highways. This was done without any prior warning to the cities and jeopardizes funding for Urbana projects, including Windsor Road, as well as a number of projects in Champaign. Mayor Prussing indicated that, in order to come to a fair

and equitable distribution of these funds, this matter needs to be opened for public discussion, and proposed a joint meeting between the Urbana and Champaign City Councils and the County Board members who represent Champaign and Urbana residents. She suggested September 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. as a possible meeting date.

Mr. Roberts reported to the Committee that one of his constituents who had previously complained about noise at Solo Cup Company informed him that things were now a little better. Mr. Roberts applauded the efforts of the manager of Solo Cup in trying to comply with the concerns of the residents.

5. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-089: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Rescue Truck & Trailer)**

Rex Mundt (Fire Chief) presented the staff report.

Ms Barnes moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. **Discussion: City Streetlights (700-800 Block of South Webber)**

The Committee heard public input from the following people in support of streetlights on the 700-800 block of South Webber:

Lisa Power, 809 S. Webber (also presented a petition); and Chris Zionic, 807 W. Webber

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report. Following debate, it was noted that this issue could possibly be considered as part of a Community Development Block Grant for this area.

No action was required of the Council on this item at this time.

7. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-088: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Stone Creek Boulevard)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. **Resolution No. 2005-07-011R: A Resolution of Support for Application for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Funds by the City of Urbana (High Cross Road Bike Path)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report. Douglas Miller (Engineering Project Coordinator) assisted.

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

Agenda items #9 and #10 were presented in omnibus fashion.

9. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-111: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way (Maple Street); and**
10. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-109: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Park Street and Maple Street**

Mr. Gray presented the staff reports.

Following debate, Ms Barnes moved to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-110: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement for Promotion and Marketing Services (Urbana Business Association, FY 2005-2006)**

Mr. Walden presented the staff report.

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

12. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-091: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (3003 East Windsor Road / Dr. Gary Brummer d/b/a A & E Animal Hospital)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

13. **Community Development Commission Items**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-097: An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association [HEUNA], Project No. 0405-01)**

The Committee heard public input from Christopher Stohr, 405 E. High, representing HEUNA (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association). Mr. Stohr addressed the Committee in support of Ordinance No. 2005-07-097, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association [HEUNA], Project No. 0405-01)."

Erin Bullok (Interim Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Mr. Roberts abstained from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

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

The following agenda items were presented in omnibus fashion:

- b. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-098:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Court Diversion Services, Project No. 0506-CSSP-01);
- c. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-099:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Senior Services, Project No. 0506-CSSP-02);
- d. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-100:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Community Health Improvement Center, Frances Nelson Satellite, Project No. 0506-CSSP-03);
- e. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-101:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Crisis Nursery of Champaign County, Project No. 0506-CSSP-04);
- f. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-102:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Mental Health Center of Champaign County Homeless Youth Program, Project No. 0506-CSSP-05);
- g. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-103:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, HMIS, Project No. 0506-AAP-01);
- h. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-104:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Community Health Improvement Center, Frances Nelson Satellite, Project No. 0506-AAP-02);
- i. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-105:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Partnership Accounts for Individual Development, Project No. 0506-AAP-03);
- j. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-106:** An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (United Citizens and Neighbors, Project No. 0506-NOG-01);
- k. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-107:** An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana, CHDO Operating FY 2005-2006); and
- l. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-108:** An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Urban League Development Corporation of Champaign County, CHDO Operating FY 2005-2006)

Ms Bullok presented the staff report.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

14. **Mayoral Appointments and Re-Appointments**

These items were done in omnibus fashion.

Mayor Prussing presented her recommendation for the following appointments. She informed the Committee that appointments to the Community Development Commission and City Attorney have been postponed at this time. (A background description of each candidate for appointment is attached.)

Appointments

- a. **Community Development Commission:** Jerry Moreland → *Postponed*
- b. **Free Library Board:** Jane Williams
- c. **Plan Commission:** Benjamin Grosser; James G. Ward
- d. **Tree Commission:** Barbara Anderson
- e. **City Attorney:** Daniel Blondin → *Postponed*

Mr. Smyth requested clarification on the appointment of Ms Williams to the Free Library Board, pointing out that he believed she is filling the position of Kevin Maxey who resigned after serving for one year. Staff will have clarification of this term at next week's Council meeting.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send these appointments to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Prussing presented her recommendation for the following reappointments.

Re-Appointments

- f. **Community Development Commission:** Joanna Shisler
- g. **Human Relations Commission:** Ivon Ridgeway
- h. **Plan Commission:** Randy Kangas
- i. **Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals:** Thomas Welch
- j. **Tree Commission:** Jeffrey Dawson; Lawrence Hanks
- k. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Harvey Welch; Paul Armstrong

Mr. Smyth moved to send these reappointments to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

15. **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL RULES ORDINANCES**

These items were presented in omnibus fashion.

- a. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-092:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-24 of the Urbana City Code (Composition);

- b. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-093:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-25 of the Urbana City Code (Meetings);
- c. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-094:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-27 of the Urbana City Code (Rules for Deliberations); and
- d. **Ordinance No. 2005-07-095:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-30 of the Urbana City Code (Voting Procedures)

Mr. Smyth noted that these ordinances were a result of discussion he and Chair Bowersox presented from the Rules Committee several weeks ago and have language changes related to the use of the words "Alderman", "Alderwoman", and "Aldersperson." He noted that the term "Council Member" could still be used; however, for the purposes of clarifying language where a mayoral vote is required, the Mayor is essentially a member of the Council. Regarding the issue of meetings starting time being changed to 7:00 p.m., Mr. Smyth noted that in the event this time did not work it could be reversed.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: July 25, 2005