



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 24, 2005

Committee Members Present:

Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts (Chair), Charlie Smyth, Heather Stevenson, and Mayor Prussing -6.

Committee Members Absent:

Lynne Barnes and Danielle Chynoweth – 2 (excused).

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Eddie Adair, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher, Public Works Director Bill Gray, City Attorney Jim Gitz, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

Others Present:

Members of the Media.

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that the Public Works Department is going to review the signage on Burkwood Court as a result of an accident over the weekend.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Smyth moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2005 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Mr. Smyth announced that the leaf pickup program has begun and the next round of pickups will begin Monday, October 31, 2005 on the regular recycling day.

Mr. Smyth stated that there will be a meeting at Leal School on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for those in the Lincoln Avenue area between Oregon and Florida to discuss plans for Lincoln Avenue.

Chair Roberts announce that there will be a band concert at Urbana High School on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Roberts read a portion of a letter from the Urbana Human Relations Commission to the University of Illinois to express the feeling that Chief Illiniwek and the Fighting Illini were inappropriate symbols for the University.

Mr. Smyth announced that there will be a Council Caucus at 6:00 p.m. on November 7, 2005 in the second floor conference room in the Urbana City Building.

Ms. Stevenson encouraged everyone to attend the First Thursday meeting to be held at the Urbana Assembly of God Church on Thursday, November 4, 2005.

Ordinance No. 2005-10-147: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Landfill Remediation Costs, 2006)

Public Works Director Bill Gray and Environmental Director Rod Fletcher updated the Committee on landfill mitigation activities resulting from a petroleum based substance found seeping into the Saline Ditch from a portion of the old Urbana landfill complex and insufficient cover was found along a portion of the Butzow Ditch. The City worked with the Environmental Protection Agency to mitigate the violations.

A consultant was hired to perform a site investigation, develop plans, and construction activities began a year ago. Both projects were substantially complete in June.

Although construction activities have been completed and violations mitigated, pending the outcome of the clear water seep investigation, another component still needs to be done. The interceptor trench is collecting leachate wastewater that must be properly disposed of. The City must design and construct a small pre-treatment facility at the landfill, at an estimated cost of \$220,000, to properly dispose of the leachate that is being collected.

Following debate, Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-10-147: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Landfill Remediation Costs, 2006)** to council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2005-10-148: Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2005 and Ending June 30, 2006 and **Resolution No. 2005-10-020R: A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2005 and Ending June 30, 2006**

Ron Eldridge presented staff report. The Annual Tax Levy Ordinance instructs the County Clerk to levy an amount to produce no more than \$6,286,373. The Tax Levy Resolution instructs the County Clerk to reduce the tax levy amount so that the levy rate will remain at \$1.3120.

Based on information provided by the Cunningham Township Assessor, it is estimated that a property owner with a \$125,000 home will pay 6% more than last year.

Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved in omnibus fashion to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-10-148: Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2005 and Ending June 30, 2006** and **Resolution No. 2005-10-020R: A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2005 and Ending June 30, 2006** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2005-10-149: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Florida Avenue)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This ordinance prohibits parking at all times on the south side of Florida Avenue from Kinch Street to Smith Road. The south side of the street has no residences so there will be no impact to residents in the area.

Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-10-149: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Florida Avenue)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: November 14, 2005