

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 14, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Phyllis Clark; James Gitz; Eddie Adair; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Gale Jamison; Joseph Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Catendos; Jerry Payonk; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Stevenson called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:00 p.m. *[Note: Mayor Prussing was not present at the meeting due to a scheduled out of town trip. Ms Chynoweth is Mayor Pro-tem in the Mayor's absence.]*

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

Mr. Bowersox noted that one of ordinances included in the Council packets regarding the agreement with the Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District did not appear on the agenda. He suggested adding "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-7 "Schedule of Fees" (Sewer Use Charges)" to the agenda. There were no objections. This item was added as #6a on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 24, 2005 - Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 24, 2005. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none at this time.

Committee Member Input

Mr. Smyth expressed concerns about amounts of paper generated by staff in the Council packets that are unrelated to the agenda. He suggested the use of email or folders on Council Members' desks for these types of materials to save postage, and requested that the City Clerk work with staff regarding packet material not on the agenda. Secondly, Mr. Smyth requested that staff give an update on council goals at next week's meeting.

Mr. Roberts informed the Committee and viewing audience that this is "National Family Week" and encouraged the support of families spending time together.

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) informed the Committee and viewing audience that a public meeting is scheduled for this Thursday (November 17, 2005) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stone Creek Golf Club concerning Windsor Road improvements (between Windsor Road and High Cross Road).

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-11-168: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN SANITARY DISTRICT (SEWER BILLING CHARGES)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

Mr. Bowersox requested that agenda items #5, #6 and #6a be acted on in omnibus fashion. There were no objections.

Following brief debate, Mr. Bowersox moved to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-11-169: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24-16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA (SEWER USE CHARGES)**

(Agenda items 5, 6 and 6a acted on in omnibus fashion and sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.)

6a. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-7 "SCHEDULE OF FEES" (SEWER USE CHARGES)**

(Agenda items 5, 6 and 6a acted on in omnibus fashion and sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.)

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-11-167: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-183 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (MAPLE STREET BETWEEN MICHIGAN AVENUE AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE; 300 BLOCK OF EAST CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

8. **DISCUSSION OF CDBG FUNDING FOR SCOTTSWOOD DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report. At its October 25, 2005 meeting, the Community Development Commission discussed the potential for CDBG funding to offset the resident assessment for the Scottswood drainage project and recommended that the City use this funding to compensate a portion of the assessment for City residents in the target area, as well as any income-qualifying residents outside the target area. Based on these findings, Ms Tyler noted staff's recommendation to the Council as follows: *"That the City staff be directed to include a partial offset (e.g. 50%) of the assessment of the Scottswood Area Drainage Project upon target area and income-qualifying residents of the benefiting area in the draft Annual Action Plan for 06/07, with possible additional funds to be provided as an amendment to the 05/06 AAP and/or to the 07/08 AAP."*

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to send the recommendation by staff to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

9. **DISCUSSION OF LINCOLN AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**

Chair Stevenson recognized a member of the audience, who wanted to render public comment at this time.

Justin Catendos, 202 E. Chalmers, Chair of Governmental Affairs Committee for the University of Illinois Student Senate, addressed the Committee in support of the proposed Lincoln Avenue improvements. He also informed the Committee that this Wednesday the Student Senate would be considering a resolution to support Lincoln Avenue improvements and urged the Council to work with the U of I administration in this effort.

Mr. Gray presented the staff report. Assisting him were Joseph Smith (Sr. Civil Engineer), Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer), and Jerry Payonk (Clark-Dietz & Associates).

Following debate, Mr. Smyth indicated that he would like to see a resolution with the following five issues addressed: 1) pullouts; 2) an agreement with MTD that limits the number of bus stops; 3) crosswalks; 4) identify areas for deliveries and loading/unloading on side streets and a mechanism to prevent stops along Lincoln Avenue; and 5) vehicle merge issues are completely identified and mechanisms to alleviate potential problems. Mr. Smyth indicated that he and Mr. Bowersox could put together a resolution for the Council's review. Debate ensued.

Another issue raised by the Committee was that locations for curb cuts be identified for bicyclists to merge. Mr. Smyth moved that he and Mr. Bowersox put together a resolution of support of the concept, incorporating the six issues mentioned. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, Mr. Bowersox announced that "General Eccentric", a women's clothing store, had their grand opening on campus today. Chair Stevenson also mentioned that Courier Café is celebrating 25 years and urged people to go in and support them.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 12, 2005*

*See Correction Sheet attached.

CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2005

At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held Monday, December 12, 2005, the following correction(s) was made to the minutes of November 14, 2005:

Pages 1 & 3 → Correct the spelling of Justin Catendos
to read Justin **Cajindos**.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary