



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
January 22, 2007

Committee Members Present:

Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, and Heather Stevenson (Chair)

Committee Members Absent:

Danielle Chynoweth

Other Elected Officials Present

Mayor Laurel Prussing and City Clerk Phyllis Clark

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Mike Bily, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Planning Division Manager Robert Myers, Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti, Building Safety Manager Gordon Skinner, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden, and Senior Planner Matt Wempe.

Others Present:

Esther Patt and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Smyth moved to approve the January 8, 2007 minutes of the regular meeting

of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Public input was delayed until later in the meeting.

Ordinance No. 2007-01-016: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-01-016: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005.**

Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-01-016: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-01-017: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (North Lincoln Avenue Fire Station Signal)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report. This budget ordinance would fund a project to install traffic signals at Fire Station #3 on North Lincoln Avenue and incorporate grant funds received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for that project.

Mr. Roberts moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-01-017: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (North Lincoln Avenue Fire Station Signal)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-01-014: An Ordinance Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Water Service and **Ordinance No. 2007-01-015: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Water System Consulting Services)**

Mr. Walden presented staff report stating the ordinance authorizes entering into an agreement with the City of Champaign to split the costs for consulting services related to water service concerns.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts moved by omnibus motion to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-01-014: An Ordinance Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Water Service** and **Ordinance No. 2007-01-015: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Water System Consulting Services)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-01-018: An Ordinance Amending the City Of Urbana Benefits Program (January 2007 Amendments)

Mr. Walden reviewed the changes to the Benefits Program. Many non-bargaining unit employees work with AFSCME employees on a daily basis. In order to provide equitable benefits to non-bargaining unit employees, it is recommended that this ordinance be approved.

Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-01-018: An Ordinance Amending the City Of Urbana Benefits Program (January 2007 Amendments)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion: Electric Rate Increases

Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti presented staff report. Electric rates have increased across the board effective January 2, 2007. Due to deregulation, staff is now in the position of trying to assess the impact of the rate increase and determine the best solution for the City of Urbana.

Given the pending deadline of February 2, 2007, for joining the Chamber of Commerce Coop and the opportune bidding time this staff is asking for authorization to make commitments to purchase our electricity from a third party provider.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to authorize staff to "get the best deal." The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Presentation: IL Route 130/High Cross Road Corridor Plan (Draft)

Community Development Planning Manager Robert Myers introduced two representatives of Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Rita Black, Manager and Susan Chavarria, Planner, who made a presentation on the study of the **IL Route 130/High Cross Road Corridor**. No action was required on this presentation.

PUBLIC INPUT

Esther Patt, representing the Tenant Union, addressed the Committee with her comments regarding **Ordinance No. 2007-01-006: An Ordinance Adopting Building and Fire Safety Codes with Additions, Deletions and Modifications, And Repealing Certain Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois (Chapter 5 Of the Urbana Code of Ordinances)**.

Ordinance No. 2007-01-006: An Ordinance Adopting Building And Fire Safety Codes With Additions, Deletions And Modifications, And Repealing Certain Sections Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois (Chapter 5 Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances)

Community Development Director Libby Tyler and Building Safety Manager Gordon Skinner presented staff report outlining the changes that had been made at a previous meeting.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-01-006: An Ordinance Adopting Building and Fire Safety Codes with Additions, Deletions and Modifications, And Repealing Certain Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois (Chapter 5 Of the Urbana Code of Ordinances)** to a Special Council on February 12, 2007, with an amendment, as follows:

PM-104.6.1 Deadline for Compliance with Code Violations

Subsection 4) Whether the violations involve routine maintenance such as leaking faucets, water closet, hot water heater, pipes or plumbing fixtures; broken window glass; inadequate covers for electrical outlets or switches; inoperable air condition or torn or missing window screens during summer months. Such corrections shall be completed within 5 – 10 days. All other violations, such as dripping faucets, water closet, hot water heater, pipes or plumbing fixtures; cracked window glass and so on shall be corrected within 30 days unless a bona fide extension has been granted by the Building Official or his/her designee.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 2007-01-003: An Ordinance To Repeal Section Xiii-3, Planned Unit Developments, Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, And To Adopt A Reinstatement Of Section Xiii-3, Planned Unit Development, Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Planned Unit Development Text Amendment – Plan Case No. 2020-T-06)

This item was forwarded to this meeting from the Special Council Meeting if January 8, 2007. Senior Planner Matt Wempe presented changes made at a previous meeting.

Following debate, it was agreed that **Ordinance No. 2007-01-003: An Ordinance To Repeal Section Xiii-3, Planned Unit Developments, Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, And To Adopt A Reinstatement Of Section Xiii-3, Planned Unit Development, Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Planned Unit Development Text Amendment – Plan Case No. 2020-T-06)** would come back to the Committee of the Whole on February 12, 2007.

Ordinance No. 2007-01-019: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the City Of Urbana Code In Regard To Animal Impoundment, Adjudication of Ownership Rights, Fines, Administrative Review Procedures, and Other Amendatory Changes

City Attorney Jim Gitz presented staff report stating that this is a clean up of the animal control ordinance; the clarification of what constitutes as attack, additional language clarifying administrative review including who pays for transcripts, etc. to flush out provisions that have caused some ambiguity in administrative review proceedings in Circuit Court. This ordinance also cleans up impoundment issues. There is also a provision for ownership termination when an animal is abused.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to forward to Council with recommendations made at this meeting including State law regarding barring ownership of repeat offenders for two years. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion: House Demolitions, Review of Current City Policy

Mr. Smyth stated that he and Mr. Roberts had discussed this issue. Mr. Roberts presented a list of questions to staff and staff has provided answers for those questions. Mr. Smyth stated that Committee Members should review information presented by staff and determine if changes need to be made.

Nothing further was required at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: February 12, 2007