

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 9, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Brandon Bowersox (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Danielle Chynoweth; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson; Laurell Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; Gordon Skinner; John Schneider; Patrick Pioletti; Delora Siebrecht; Thomas Carrino

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Williams; Jeff & Michael Cunningham; Catherine Connor; John Bambuch; Christie Nugent; Katrin Klingenberg; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

There were no staff reports.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 26, 2007 - Chair Bowersox noted that a corrected copy of the minutes had been distributed. Ms Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 26, 2007. Mr. Robert seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Roy Williams, 1304 W. Beech St., addressed the Committee with concerns he had about recent construction in his neighborhood that involved removal of bricks to repair the sidewalk. Mr. Williams expressed his interest in obtaining some of the bricks, but stated that he learned it was the policy of the City of Urbana to offer them to the property owner first, who in this case is a member of the City Council. Mr. Williams further expressed his opposition to the minority hiring practices of some of the contractors and the City.

Chair Bowersox recognized City of Urbana staff that had completed a public input card indicating their desire to make a presentation at this time honoring Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner). Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager), Gordon Skinner (Building Safety Division Manager), John Schneider (Grants Management Division Manager), and Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager), representing staff of the Community Development Services Department, honored Ms Tyler with a bouquet of flowers on her election as Chair of the Planning and Women's Division of the American Planning Association.

Chair Bowersox informed Committee Members and the viewing audience that State Representative Naomi Jakobsson would be having a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

5. **PRESENTATION: CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL**

Chair Bowersox acknowledged public input on this topic at this time.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed Carle Hospital expansion plans:

Jeff & Michael Cunningham, 801 N. Coler Ave.; Catherine Connor, 302 N. Orchard; John Bambuch, Champaign.

Andrew Manzer (Carle) and Paul Wiese (JJR-Chicago), presented a slide presentation of the proposed Carle expansion. This expansion would involve the removal of several homes in the area of Carle Hospital. No action was warranted of the Council at this time.

6. **GREEN BUILDING/ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE UPDATE**

Mr. Skinner and Ms Tyler presented the staff report. (See attached.)

No action was warranted of Council at this time.

7. **DISCUSSION: SUSTAINABLE URBANA**

Christie Nugent, 507 W. Pennsylvania Ave., addressed the Committee in support of this topic.

Chair Bowersox introduced guest speaker, Katrin Klingenberg (Executive Director, E-Co Lab), who addressed the Committee on energy efficiency. Ms Klingenberg also shared her knowledge of solar panels that she is now using in the easement of her yard.

Chair Bowersox gave a brief slide presentation and noted that Lesley McCain would be present at next week's City Council meeting to do a brief presentation on wind energy. Chair Bowersox is proposing that a motion be sent to Council directing City staff to hold a brainstorming session and add their suggestions to the list compiled by the City Council Members, then briefly perform a rough, initial assessment of the feasibility of each suggestion and report the complete list back to Council this July. Debate ensued.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to send the proposed motion to Council. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04-007R: RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (2007 MFT RESURFACING PROJECT)**

William Gray (Public Works/City Engineer) presented the staff report.

Ms Barnes moved to send this item to Council. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-04-034: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2007-2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

John Schneider (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

10. **DISCUSSION: WEST URBANA PARKING**

Patrick Pioletti (Public Facilities Manager) and Delora Siebrecht (Office Manager/Finance Department) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth presented three motions to the Committee:

- a. Examine City-metered spaces for little or no use and remove meters where there is no threat that they will turn into parking lots or put in 2-hour parking limits, and examine other sections where there is heavy usage for placement of meters and rental spaces (as done in Champaign). Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
- b. Regarding parking permit renewal, direct staff to provide a web-based permit renewal and reporting system that would work for those who have already registered in person for a specific vehicle and also allow others who know that their vehicles may be on the street for longer than 5 days to be able to provide contact information in the event the car needs to be moved. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
- c. Direct staff to bring back the fine-tuning of the parking ordinance to include an addition that would allow those with parking permits to park on the street without having to move their vehicles as long as the vehicle is maintained and in clearly working order (i.e., no flat tires, broken windows, and generally cleared of debris), and to increase the length of parking in a single period for those without permits to five (5) days. There was no second. The motion failed. Debate ensued.

No action was warranted of Council at this time.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

***Unless noted differently, the elected officials listed herein were physically present at this meeting.

Minutes Approved: April 23, 2007*

*See correction sheet attached.

CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2007

At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held Monday, April 23, 2007, the following corrections were made to the minutes of April 9, 2007:

Pages 1 and 2 - Correct the spelling of the name "John Bambuch" to read "John Bambenek".

Page 2, item #5 - Correct "in opposition to" to read "with concerns about aspects of". Thus reading: "The following people addressed the Committee **with concerns about aspects of** the proposed Carle Hospital expansion plans".

Page 2, item #7, first paragraph - Add, "and requested City support for placing solar panels in the setback of her yard". Thus reading: Christie Nugent, 507 W. Pennsylvania Ave., addressed the Committee in support of this topic **and requested City support for placing solar panels in the setback of her yard.**"

These corrections pertain to original debate in the minutes of April 9, 2007.

By attaching this correction sheet, the minutes of April 9, 2007 are hereby corrected to read as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary