

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 8, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

The City Council Committee Of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, October 8, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Ronald Eldridge; Elizabeth Tyler; Patrick Pioletti; William DeJarnette; Robert Myers; Kelly Hartford; Janel Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Prince; Jason Scott; Brian Adams; Ilona Matkovszki; James Webster; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Chynoweth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

Due to the amount of public interest from the audience concerning historic preservation, Chair Chynoweth suggested changing the order of the agenda to move item #16 after Public Input. There were no objections.

Mayor Prussing informed the Committee and viewing audience that October is National Community Planning Month. She commended both WUNA (West Urbana Neighborhood Association) and HEUNA (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association) for awards received this month. WUNA was selected by the American Planning Association as one of 10 great neighborhoods in the United States for its sustainable design. Mayor Prussing read a Proclamation acknowledging October as "National Community Planning Month" in Urbana, Illinois.

Chair Chynoweth recognized Cynthia Hoyle (C-U MTD) who elaborated on the upcoming film festival in observance of Community Planning Month. The film festival is sponsored by the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District and the City of Urbana, and will be shown in the Urbana Council Chambers October 21 and 28 at 6:00 p.m.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

September 24, 2007 - Ms Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 24, 2007. Ms Stevenson seconded.

As a friendly amendment, Mr. Smyth suggested that the spelling on page 4 under #1 of Ms Chynoweth's motion be corrected to read "plaqued" (with the letter "q") and not "plagued". There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2007 carried by a voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Consolidated Fleet Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study:

Rick Prince (Mahomet), representing AFSCME Local 1331; and
Jason Scott (Sidney), representing AFSCME Local 1331

The following people addressed the Committee in support of demolition delay for the purpose of historic preservation:

Brian Adams, 412 W. Elm St.; and Ilona Matkovszki, 412 W. Elm St.

16. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-118: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DELAY PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE OF DEMOLITION PERMITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report. He informed the Committee that after meeting with the City Attorney, staff believes it advisable to hold a public hearing on this proposal before final action is made the City Council. [Note: A 15-day public notice period is recommended.]

Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send this item to the November 5, 2007 City Council meeting, which would follow a public hearing. Mr. Smyth seconded. Debate ensued.

Mr. Smyth moved to amend the motion to include the MOR District and to also include select areas of East Urbana by staff until such time as the survey is complete. Mr. Roberts seconded.

Following further debate, the motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The motion to send this item to Council carried by voice vote. This item will appear on the November 5, 2007 agenda.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-116: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Patrick Pioletti (Facilities Manager) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Ms Barnes moved to postpone this item to the first Committee meeting in November. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. This item will appear on the November 13*, 2007 agenda. [*City offices will be closed Monday, November 12, 2007 in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday. Therefore, the first Committee meeting in November will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.]

At this time, Chair Chynoweth acknowledged a suggestion to move agenda item #15 next on the agenda, due to the amount of public interest from the audience on this topic. There were no objections.

15. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-114: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW LINCOLN SQUARE, LLC (2007)**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Coordinator) presented the staff report. James Webster (Lincoln Square Owner) was available to answer questions.

Mr. Bowersox moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Barnes seconded. Debate ensued.

The motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval carried by voice vote.

Chair Chynoweth suggested, once again, changing the order of the agenda to accommodate public interest from the audience regarding items 12, 13 and 14. There were no objections. These items were moved to the next order of business.

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-112: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (URBAN LEAGUE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LEASE-PURCHASE PROGRAM, FY 2006-2007)**

Agenda items 12 and 13 were presented in omnibus fashion.

Janel Gomez (Grant Coordinator) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send agenda items 12 and 13 to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Barnes seconded.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-113: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (URBAN LEAGUE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LEASE-PURCHASE PROGRAM, FY 2007-2008)**

[Sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.]

14. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10-021R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Kelly Hartford (Grant Coordinator) presented the staff report.

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

6. **DISCUSSION: WEBSITE REDESIGN REPORT**

William DeJarnette (Information Services Manager) presented the staff report with a PowerPoint presentation.

[Point of record: Ms Stevenson left the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Any action taken from this point on does not include her participation.]

Following debate, Chair Chynoweth moved to send this to the next Committee meeting, directing staff to present a better defined RFP proposal, and a proposal to hire a consultant to do design marketing, architecture, and some technology consulting. Mr. Smyth seconded.

After further debate, Chair Chynoweth's motion to send to the next Committee meeting carried by voice vote.

7. **PRESENTATION: FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ron Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10-022R: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX LEVY (2007)**

Mr. Eldridge presented the staff report.

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

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10-023R: A RESOLUTION DEEMING CERTAIN FUNDS IN THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND FOR THE DOWNTOWN URBANA TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AS "SURPLUS" FUNDS AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF (2007)**

Mr. Eldridge had nothing further to add to staff's report, but was available to answer questions.

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

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-117: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET
ORDINANCE (POLICE RANGE IMPROVEMENTS, STATE GRANT)**

Mr. Eldridge 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 voice vote.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-115: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES (VEHICLES FOR HIRE)**

Ron O'Neal (Interim City Attorney) presented the staff report. Delora Siebrecht (Finance Office Supervisor) was available to assist.

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

Mr. O'Neal intervened, pointing out the importance of giving the City of Champaign an opportunity to present this at their study session before taking official action.

Mr. Smyth moved to rescind the motion and vote. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Ms Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council for action after the City of Champaign has had an opportunity to review it. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Staff will inform Council when Champaign is ready to proceed.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Chynoweth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 22, 2007