

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 10, 2008 - 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, March 10, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Heather Stevenson (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Elizabeth Tyler; Gale Jamison; Robert Myers; Thomas Carrino; Anna Hochhalter

OTHERS PRESENT: Cope Cumpston; Lori Patterson; Ben Grosser; Chris Hampson; Megan Wolf; Elizabeth Simpson; Angie Broughton; Jacob Barton; Will Patterson; John Chandler; Jan Chandler; Daniel Lewart; Barbara Hedlund; Lorien Carsey; Chris Evans; Kyra Willcock; Sharon Irish; Cynthia Hoyle; Rich Furr; Qilo Matzen; Meadow Jones; Georgia Morgan; Michael Brun; Luis Caballero; Karma Ibsen; Lori Caterini; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:08 p.m. Chair Bowersox noted that Ms Stevenson would not be at this evening's meeting due to a family emergency.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

Mr. Smyth requested to be added to the agenda so that he may distribute some items to Committee Members for discussion. There were no objections. This item will appear as #8.5 on the agenda, titled "Charlie Smyth Announcement".

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

February 25, 2008 - Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 25, 2008. Ms Barnes seconded.

Mayor Prussing noted a correction on page 3 of the minutes. The last sentence of the third paragraph should be corrected to show that the City will split all of the costs. Thus, reading: "The City of Urbana will be splitting all of the costs with several other communities to protest this increase with the Illinois Commerce Commission." There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2008 carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Cope Cumpston, 402 W. Urbana, addressed the Committee in support of the Bicycle Master Plan and the Public Arts Program.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Public Arts Program:

Lori Patterson, 306 Abbey Rd.; Ben Grosser, 2106 S. Race St.; Chris Hampson, 505 W. Green St.; Megan Wolf, 801 Haines Blvd. (Champaign); Elizabeth Simpson, 1005 Fairview; Angie Broughton, 906 S. Maple St.; Jacob Barton, 906 S. Maple St.; and Will Patterson, 306 Abbey Rd.

The following people did not wish to address the Committee, but completed Public Input Cards requesting that their position be entered into record in support of the Public Arts Program:

John Chandler, 2503 Burlison Dr.; Jan Chandler, 112 W. Main St.; Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey Ave. #4; Barbara Hedlund, 505 Eliot Dr., representing Public Arts Task Force, Mills Breast Cancer Music Series, C-U Symphony and Prairie Ensemble; Lorien Carsey, 806 E. Washington St.; Chris Evans, 202 S. Broadway; Kyra Willcock, 906 s. Maple; and Sharon Irish, 608 w. Iowa St.

5. DISCUSSION: BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

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

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Bicycle Master Plan:

Cynthia Hoyle, 2207 S. Cottage Grove, representing C-U Mass Transit District; and Rick Langlois, representing Champaign County Bikes Organization.

Rich Furr, 1403 Manchester Dr. (Champaign), did not wish to address the Committee, but completed a Public Input Card requesting that his position be entered into record in support of the Bicycle Plan.

Rita Black (CCRPC CUUATS Transportation Planning Manager) and Gabe Lewis (CCRPC CUUATS Transportation Planner) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Master Bicycle Plan. Jennifer Selby (Civic Engineer) was also available to answer questions.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

6. DISCUSSION: PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM AND COMMISSION

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

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Public Arts Program and Commission:

Qilo Matzen, 1005 Fairview Ave.; Meadow Jones, 806 E. Washington St.; Georgia Morgan, 804 W. Nevada; Michael

Brun, 806 E. Washington; and Luis Caballero, 405 N. State St. #4 (Champaign).

The following people did not wish to speak, but requested that their position be entered into record in support of the Public Arts Program at this time:

Karma Ibsen, 807 W. Main St.; and Lori Caterini, 306 Davidson Dr. #1 (Champaign).

Agenda items #6 and #7 were presented in omnibus fashion.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) introduced Anna Hochhalter (Public Arts Coordinator). Ms Hochhalter presented the staff report. Staff distributed a revised draft ordinance. Staff's recommendation was to forward the program proposal and ordinance to the next Council meeting (March 17, 2008), with changes to include a decrease in the per capita starting benchmark budget goal from \$4.00 per capita to \$3.00 per capita, and a decrease in construction cost threshold from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for eligible municipal building projects in the Percent for Art on Municipal Building Projects.

Ms Chynoweth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. Debate ensued.

Ms Barnes moved to substitute the main motion and send both the program and ordinance to the next Committee meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Debate ensued.

Following lengthy debate, Chair Bowersox called for a show of hands to see who would like to send these items to Council next week and who would prefer they be put off for two weeks. Three members raised their hands to send to Council, and three members plus the Mayor raised their hands to keep in Committee. Debate ensued.

It was the consensus of the Committee that more thought and deliberation was needed on these topics. Since the substitute motion supersedes the main motion, Chair Bowersox called for a vote on the substitute motion to send both the program and ordinance to the next Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote. These items will be brought back on the March 24, 2008 Committee Of The Whole agenda.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03-013: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION AND PERMANENT PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM**

This topic heard in omnibus fashion with agenda item #6; postponed to March 24, 2008 Committee meeting.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03-014: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF PARK STREET BETWEEN LINCOLN AVENUE AND BUSEY AVENUE**

Ms Barnes requested to recuse herself from discussion of this topic due to a conflict of interest. Chair Bowersox acknowledged.

Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer) 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.

8.5 CHARLIE SMYTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Smyth distributed a cell phone ban proposal that he plans to present at the next Committee meeting, which included materials taken from the mattslaw.org website that was done locally.

Mr. Smyth turned the floor over to Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner), who informed the Committee of the Housing Authority and City of Urbana's announcement that IHDA (Illinois Housing Development Authority) funding for the Crystal View Townhome project had been received. This is a tax credit that was applied for by Brinshore Development, LLC, developers of the project. This was accomplished much by letters from the Mayor, Representative Naomi Jakobsson, and staff support.

Mr. Roberts informed the Committee and viewing public of an achievement award being presented to Ms Tyler from the Fellow American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP). Ms Tyler is the first female in Illinois to receive this award. She will be presented her award and attend induction ceremonies in Las Vegas, Nevada.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: March 24, 2008