

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - August 24, 2009 - 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, August 24, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Marlin (Chair); Brandon Bowersox; David Gehrig; 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: William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Lisa Karcher; Bill DeJarnette; Anna Hochhalter; Patrick Connolly; Brad Bennett; Mike Monson

OTHERS PRESENT: Edra Scofield; Chad McKenzie; Brian Dolinar; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Marlin called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda, but due to technical difficulties item #5 on the agenda was moved back to allow time for adjustment and correction of the problem.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) discussed the format for this year's student welcome which includes door hangers with brochures, participation at Quad Day, recycling information which will be distributed by Public Works as well as information about business in the area which will be distributed through banks, hotels, etc. Staff is working with the University to get maps into the dorms for the students to use.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

July 27, 2009; August 3, 2009 (special) - Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 27, 2009 and the special meeting held August 3, 2009 in omnibus fashion. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Brian Dolinar, 303 W. Locust, spoke to the Committee regarding his concerns the Civilian Police Review Board needs to meet more frequently than it does now which is quarterly. He also feels the public needs to be made more aware of the existence of this board.

5. **Web Site and Marketing Update - Royse Wagner**

This item was deferred in the agenda after item#7 due to technical difficulties.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) introduced Edra Scofield and Chad McKenzie of Royse Wagner who gave a presentation regarding the new web site and marketing plans. Discussion followed.

6. **Ordinance No. 2009-08-094: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Annexation Agreement (2707 Airport Road /Terrance A. Bialeschki)**

Lisa Karcher(Planner II) presented the staff report and announced the right-of-way dedication information would be provided at the next Council meeting. Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send to Council with recommendation for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-049: An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Frederic Beaugeard for the Design and Installation of a Newspaper Rack Located at 101 East Main Street / Champaign County Courthouse Site**

Anna Hochhalter (Public Arts Coordinator) gave the updated staff report regarding design adjustments, alternative options, fundraising possibilities, and costs and fees. Additional information was provided by Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner). Discussion followed including concerns regarding costs and which entity would oversee and direct any fundraising activity.

Ms. Marlin turned the chair over to Ms. Stevenson at 7:40 p.m to address the Committee. Ms. Stevenson returned the chair to Ms. Marlin at 7:42 p.m.

Debate continued. Some committee members noted that Urbana supports the arts, but many residents felt the cost was too extreme for the type of project and location. Staff was commended for all their work on the project.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to move forward on the project with the City to finance \$20,000 of the costs which is already budgeted with the remainder of \$40,000 coming from public fundraising which should be completed in a year's time or the project would be considered ended. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Ms. Marlin again turned the chair over to Ms. Stevenson at 7:47 p.m. Ms. Stevenson returned the chair to Ms. Marlin at 7:48 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding when or how fees for the artist would be paid if project was delayed for fundraising. Staff does not feel it would be appropriate or cost effective to oversee this effort. The Arts Commission was mentioned as possibly taking on this project and overseeing the fundraising, it would have to be discussed with their members.

Mr. Lewis asked if the project components completed thus far have been paid. Staff advised that the work to present the information has been paid, but the artist fee for design has not been paid as of yet. The potential total cost of the project would still be around \$66,000 before fundraising. Staff felt that the design costs could be paid prior to the fundraising and budgeted back after fundraising had ended. Mr. Roberts recommended a specific fee be paid to the artist if the project were not to be implemented.

Mr. Lewis felt that the costs that have been incurred at this time should be paid prior to the fundraising.

Mr. Bowersox made a friendly amendment to have the fees from future revenue from rental of the media boxes being included in the City's consideration of total funding. Mr. Roberts seconded. There was no objection.

Ms. Stevenson called for the question.

The vote on the amended motion to have the City provide up to \$20,000 in funding with additional consideration of revenue of \$50 per unit up to \$12,000 over the next twenty years with additional \$40,000 financed by public fundraising to be completed in no more than one year's time or the project would be ended with the consideration that all costs incurred thus far would be paid, was approved by a voice vote.

By action of this motion, this issue is brought back to staff with no established date for reconsideration.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to pay the artist for his services at this time and recommended \$2,000. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to direct staff to draw up an appropriate agreement to provide the artist with some recompense per year as a separate agreement. The motion died for lack of a second.

Staff advised that they would have to review as it would be problematic to fundraise for something that might not come to pass or represent a project that there is no agreement for which the rights of design was a critical point. Staff advised there were some logistical problems pursuing the motion and they would need to discuss new options with the artist and sort through some of the problems.

Mr. Bowersox called for a point of order and asked that the presentation by Royse Wagner be done at this time. There were no objections and the presentation was started.

8. **Ordinance No. 2009-08-095: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Sycamore Street (North of Park Street)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Chair Marlin asked that item #11 be handled at this time before discussion items. There were no objections and Committee proceeded with item #11 next.

9. **Discussion - Sanitary Sewer Policy**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report with additional information being presented by Brad Bennett (Civil Engineer). Mr. Bowersox made a motion to approve the City subsidized private to public sanitary sewer program. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **Informational Update - ZIP CAR**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report and revenue figures. He announced the program is working well and has over 300 members currently enrolled. Additional vehicles are expected to be added to the program in the near future with no additional cost to the City.

11. **Ordinance No. 2009-08-096: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Johnson Avenue; Hollywood Alley; Glover Avenue)**

This item was handled out of order before item #9.

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: September 28, 2009