

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - October 12, 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, October 12, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Charles Smyth (Chair); Brandon Bowersox; David Gehrig; Robert E. Lewis; Diane Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis Clark [excused]

STAFF PRESENT: William Gray; Thomas Carrino; Mike Monson; Michael Bily; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Ronald Eldridge; Delora Siebrecht; Jeff Engstrom; Deborah Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mayor Prussing announced an upcoming study session scheduled for November 12, 2009 involving representatives from Champaign, Champaign County and Urbana to discuss and obtain public input on video gaming.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 28, 2009 - Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 28, 2009. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. Resolution No. 2009-10-032R: A Resolution Determining the Amounts of Money Necessary to Be Raised by the Tax Levy (2009)

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the staff report. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. Update - Financial Condition of the City of Urbana

Ronald Eldridge gave the updated report to the Committee. He mentioned that the information would be posted on the City website for review as well. Due to a downturn in the economy and loss of revenue from several sources, the City is facing deficits for this year and the

following year. The City will be looking at various ways to increase revenue such as increasing fees and cost reductions.

7. **Resolution No. 2009-10-033R: 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 (2009)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the staff report and announced there is a \$246,640.00 surplus. He discussed the distribution plans for the surplus funds which would also include the park and school districts. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2009-10-113: An Ordinance to Immobilize and Impound Vehicles With Unpaid Parking Fines (Booting)**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave the staff report with additional information given by Delora Siebrecht (Office Manager/Parking Administrator). Discussion followed. Vehicles would be eligible for booting after 5 parking tickets which are at least 30 days old. The boot would remain on the vehicle for 72 hours and if not paid, then the vehicle would be impounded. Committee asked Staff to review possible reciprocal agreements with the University and City of Champaign. Ms. Marlin made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **Resolution No. 2009-10-034R: A Resolution Granting Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC, a Franchise Extension to January 1, 2010**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave the staff report. Mr. Gehrig made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **Ordinance No. 2009-10-114: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (Located Southeast of Perkins Road Adjacent to the Landscape Recycling Center / City of Urbana)**

Jeff Engstrom (Planner) gave the staff report. Mr. Gehrig made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 26, 2009