

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 25, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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The City Council Committee Of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, January 25, 2010 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; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Heather Stevenson [Excused]

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Monson; Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Ronald Eldridge; Robert Myers; Lisa Karcher; Michelle Brooks; Thomas Carrino

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Plunk; Susan Chavarria; Susan Monte; Peter Folk; Members of the Media

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Marlin called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mayor Prussing announced she had just attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. last week. The Illinois contingent met with Senator Dick Durbin. The suggestion was made to change the formula for determining energy block grants at the meeting. The attendees met with U.S. Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner and Lawrence Summer, Director of the White House National Economic Council. Mayor Prussing had the pleasure of meeting President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden during the conference.

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

**January 11, 2010** - Mr. Gehrig made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 11, 2010. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none at this time.

5. **Discussion: Broadband Grant Application**

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave an updated staff report. Mr. Gehrig read a letter from the Joint Cable Commission recommending acceptance of the grant. Discussion followed.

Peter Folk, 1407 S. Maple Street, previously emailed the Committee and addressed them during the meeting of his concerns regarding the possible issues handling the business prospects of the grant.

6. **Update: City of Urbana's Financial Condition**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave an updated report of the City's financial condition. He announced revenues were below budget and there is a projected deficit despite recent increases in fines and fees. He presented three scenarios the City could consider for the next couple of years to offset the anticipated lower revenues which could include freezes on hiring and payroll and transferring from special funds to general funds. Committee asked him to report again next quarter.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01-004: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (1102 W. SALINE COURT / CHAMPAIGN ASPHALT COMPANY, LLC)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01-005: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA 92209 EAST PERKINS ROAD / SCOTT PLUNK)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **Discussion: Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) gave a staff report and introduced Susan Chavarria and Susan Monte from Champaign County Regional Planning who answered questions. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to implement the Local Land Resource Management Plan as recommended. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **Discussion: City Council Goals**

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave the updated report. Discussion followed. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send version #9 to Council for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Joan M. Ryan  
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: February 8, 2010