

**CITY OF URBANA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - September 27, 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, September 27, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Robert Myers; Ronald Eldridge; John Schneider; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carolyn Baxley; John Dorsey; Gina Pagliuso; Glenn Stanko; Reverend B. J. Tatum; Brian Adams; Julian Gorski; Brian Dolinar; Lynn Randall; Addie Williams; Odessa Taylor; Wally Wynn; Estell Dixon; Willie Summerville; Barbara Tatum; Catherine Deem; Sandra Johnson; Brandon Trice; Sheener Bruett; Victoria Osborn; Ritchie Drennen; Charles Pettigrew; Members of the Media

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

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

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

Mayor Prussing asked that the swearing in of Patrick Connolly as Police Chief be added to the agenda. There were no objections.

John Schneider (Grants Manager) announced housing study meetings being sponsored jointly with the City of Champaign, Village of Rantoul, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and the Housing Authority of Champaign County for the dates of September 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green Street, Champaign; September 29, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at Regional Planning Commission, 1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana; September 30, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at Regional Planning Commission, and October 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Village of Rantoul Board Room, 333 S. Tanner Street, Rantoul.

Mayor Prussing administered the oath of office of Police Chief to Patrick Connolly.

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

**September 13, 2010** - Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 13, 2010. Mr. Lewis seconded. The minutes of September 13, 2010 were approved by voice vote.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

John Dorsey, 301 W. Locust Street, and Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main spoke to the Committee in favor of having the property at 104 N.

Central Avenue (Eli Halberstadt House) landmarked as a historic property. Discussion followed. Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) provided clarification on the historic preservation ordinance.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced the Olympian Drive newsletter was completed and available.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-09-027R: 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 (2010)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report. Ms. Marlin made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09-085: Ordinance No. 2010-09-085: An Ordinance Approving Additional Changes and Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana/Champaign/Champaign County HOME Consortium FY 2008-2009 and FY 2009-2010 Annual Action Plans (Fall 2010 HOME Rental Rehabilitation)**

John Schneider (Grants Manager) presented the staff report. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09-075: Ordinance No. 2010-09-075: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Enacting Section XIII-7, "Wind Energy Systems" - Plan Case No. 2115-T-09)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) presented the staff report. Discussion followed. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09-080: Ordinance No. 2010-09-080: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (104 North Central Avenue, "Eli Halberstadt House" / Historic Preservation Case No. HP-2010-L-02)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) presented the staff report. He stated an official protest had been filed by the property owner, Canaan Baptist Church. Discussion followed.

The following citizens spoke to Committee in favor of having the property landmarked for historic preservation: Gina Pagliuso, 806 S. Vine Street; Brian Adams, 412 W. Elm; and Brian Dolinar, 303 W. Locust.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to having the property landmarked: Glenn Stanko, 501 W. Church, Champaign, attorney for Canaan Baptist Church; Reverend B. J. Tatum; Julian Gorski, 28 Clinton Place, Normal.

The following citizens did not speak to the Committee, but wished to have their position entered into the record as in opposition to having the property at 104 N. Central Avenue marked for historic preservation:

Lynn Randall, 2541 W. Springfield Avenue, #2, Addie Williams, 1213 Hollycrest Drive, Champaign; Odessa Taylor, 2000 W. John Street, #311; Wally Wynn, 213 N. Central Avenue; Estell Dixon; Willie Summerville, 402 W. Main; Barbara Tatum, 2637 Stone Creek Blvd.; Catherine Deem, 1102 Centennial Drive, #8, Champaign; Sandra Johnson, 402 W. Main; Brandon Trice, 213 Central; Sheener Bruett, 402 W. Main Street; Victoria Osborn, 402 W. Main Street; Ritchie Drennen, 213 N. Central; Charles Pettigrew, 213 N. Central.

Committee members asked staff to provide additional information for evaluation to include architectural integrity study of the property; cost of rehabilitation by an independent party; consideration of which entity would pay for the evaluation; review of floodplain and soil conditions in area; consideration of construction options on the site including impact of building restrictions due to liquor store on adjacent property; and possible establishment of a review panel with consideration of members to include church members, staff, and historic preservation members.

Committee members would also like to have more discussions with the public regarding this issue and to review the language in the existing ordinance at a future date to improve the ambiguity and review the process of procedures.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to postpone definitely until the 3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting from this date or November 8, 2010 so staff can review and submit additional information for evaluation as discussed. Mr. Bowersox made a friendly amendment to leave the creation and selection of members of the proposed panel to the discretion of Mayor Prussing. There were no objections. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

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Joan M. Ryan  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 11, 2010