

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - February 28, 2011 - 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, February 28, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Brandon Bowersox (Chair); Eric Jakobsson; Diane Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Robert E. Lewis [excused]

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Thomas Carrino; Elizabeth Tyler; Ronald Eldridge; Jennifer Gonzalez; John Schneider; Curt Borman

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chair Bowersox asked for a moment of silence in memory of Public Works employee, Doug Miller.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mayor Prussing announced Curt Borman had assumed the position of acting City Attorney due to the recent resignation of Ronald O'Neal, Jr.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) revealed the City had received two grants recently. A grant was awarded from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in the amount of \$5,908 to develop a web site highlighting the 100 most significant structures in Urbana. The goal is for increased awareness of historic Urbana and will serve to encourage future landmark designations. A grant was also awarded from the Illinois Arts Council in the amount of \$1,750 to help offset operational costs of the Public Arts Program.

John Schneider (Grants Manager) discussed the renewal of the Champaign-Urbana HOME Consortium in the amount of \$186,879 to go towards the Homeless Assistance Program. He also discussed the Annual Action Plan process for this year which includes budgets for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and for the HOME Programs by the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, and Champaign County, which make up the Urbana

HOME Consortium. He announced a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The action plan is online for the public to review.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) announced a public meeting at the Urbana Civic Center to review final preliminary design for the Boneyard Creek Improvement Project from Griggs Street to Broadway Avenue on March 15th from 6-8 p.m. Afterwards at 8:00 p.m., there will be another meeting to discuss public art at the Boneyard.

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

February 14, 2011 - Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 14, 2011 with corrections to the language in section #5 to change "sell" to "sale". Ms. Marlin seconded. The minutes of February 14, 2011 meeting as corrected were approved by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mayor Prussing announced she had received a letter from Alice Pfeffer, Montclair Road, expressing her concerns regarding roundabouts.

Dennis Roberts announced two representatives from Urbana's Sister City, Zomba, Malawi, Africa will be attending the Sister Cities International Conference in Washington, D.C. and will be present at the next City Council meeting on March 7, 2011. Charles Kalemba, Chief Executive Office and Mussa Mwale, Administrative Director will be attending on their first Sister Cities diplomatic visit to Urbana.

5. **Update: Tax Increment Financing**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) gave the staff report and reviewed the various TIF accounts including funds and projects. Discussion followed. Additional input was given by Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller), William Gray (Public Works Director) and Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) who answered questions. No action was taken at this time.

6. **Resolution No. 2011-02-006R: A Resolution Providing for and Authorizing the Disbursement of Certain Monies from the City of Urbana Tax Increment Financing Districts to Reimburse the City of Urbana for Engineering Services in Connection with Certain Tax Increment Financing District Development Projects**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Additional information was provided by Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller). Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Resolution No. 2011-02-007R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (2011 MFT Resurfacing Project/Lincoln Avenue, Springfield Avenue, Park Street)**

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

8. **Ordinance No. 2011-02-008: An Ordinance Approving Further Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana/Champaign/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 2006-2007, FY 2007-2008, and FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plans (Community Elements TBRA FY 2010-2011)**

Jennifer Gonzalez (HOME Grant Coordinator) presented the staff report. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **Closed Session: Property Acquisition Issues, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**

Mr. Smyth made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues, pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Marlin - aye	Stevenson - aye
Prussing - aye	

The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay) and the Committee of the Whole went into closed session at 8:16 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole resumed its regular session at 8:37 p.m. with all members present except for Robert Lewis who was absent and excused.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: March 28, 2011