

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 11, 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, April 11, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Curtis Borman; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Robert Myers; John Schneider; Jennifer Gonzalez; Patrick Pioletti; Todd Rent; Elizabeth Beaty; Ryan Brault; Kelly Hartford

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Patt; Carol McKusick; Rex Bradfield; Errol Eller; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Stevenson 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.

a. Staff Report: Regional Housing Needs Study

Jennifer Gonzalez (Grants Coordinator) presented the staff report, providing a brief overview of the project. A draft copy of the "Champaign County Regional Housing Study" prepared by Vogt Santer Insights, Ltd of Columbus, Ohio was distributed with the packet material to Committee Members. Ms Gonzalez informed the Committee that the final report should be ready by May 11, 2011.

Chair Stevenson acknowledged public input regarding this item at this time.

Esther Patt, representing the Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union addressed the Committee with concerns about the study, pointing out that the results indicated for family housing of 20 or more units excluded a lot of housing; not just single-family and duplex. She also expressed concerns about affordable housing and the numbers depicted in the study for the number of students living off campus, and the issue of excluding people who work at the University of Illinois.

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

March 28, 2011 - Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 28, 2011. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. The minutes of March 28, 2011 were approved as presented.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Carol McKusick addressed the Committee with concerns regarding the recording of meetings of Urbana public bodies on the City's website.

The following people addressed the Committee expressing opposition to the proposed Lincoln Avenue expansion: Rex Bradfield; and Errol Eller.

Committee Member Input

Mr. Jakobsson addressed the issue of the recent decision of the State of Illinois to reject Health Alliance HMO services. He expressed the urgency for the City Council to submit a resolution of support on behalf of Health Alliance; calling for a reevaluation of the bid to provide HMO services. It was the consensus of the Committee that a resolution be prepared and placed on next week's City Council agenda.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03-009: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE AND THE SCHEDULE OF FINES PURSUANT SECTION 1-10(j) OF THE URBANA CITY CODE (REVISING THE FINE SCHEDULE FOR THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PAYSTATION LOT)**

Patrick Pioletti (Facilities Manager) presented the staff report. Elizabeth Beaty (Collector's Office Supervisor) was available to assist.

Ms Marlin made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04-022: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19-40 OF THE URBANA CITY CODE TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD REVIEW AND REAUTHORIZATION (FY 2010-2011)**

Todd Rent (Human Relations Officer) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **UPDATE: HALBERSTADT HOUSE (104 N. CENTRAL AVENUE)**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report. Staff talked to the potential purchasers of the property today and was informed they plan to present an offer. Staff was also informed that needed repairs to the property are approximately \$80,000. Staff will update the Council on further progress with this property.

No action was warranted on this item at this time.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04-021: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOCCER ENTERPRISES, LLC (2400 NORTH WILLOW ROAD/SOCCER PLANET)**

Ryan Brault (Redevelopment Specialist) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04-023: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2011-2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Kelly Hartford (Interim Grants Management Division Manager) and Jennifer Gonzalez (Grants Coordinator) presented the staff report. Ms Hartford updated the Committee on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) allocations, and Ms Gonzalez addressed the HOME Consortium grant allocations.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth made a motion that this item be sent to the May 2, 2011 Council meeting with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04-024: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CITY OF URBANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM (FORMERLY A WOMAN'S PLACE] / PROJECT NO. 1011-AAP-01)**

Ms Hartford presented the staff report.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03-017: AN ORDINANCE VACATING MULBERRY ALLEY (LINCOLN AVENUE TO BUSEY AVENUE)**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report.

Ms Marlin made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04-010R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN FOR THE DESIGN, LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE**

Agenda items #12 and #13 were presented in omnibus fashion.

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts made a motion to send agenda item nos. 12 and 13 to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04-011R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN AND THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN FOR THE DESIGN OF OLYMPIAN DRIVE**

This item sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.