

CITY OF URBANA

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

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis D. Clark [excused]

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Curt Borman; Kelly Hartford; Tom Carrino; John Schneider; Jen Gonzalez; Bart Hagston; Robert Myers; Michael Dilley; Clay Baier; Deborah Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol McKusick; Chris Evans; Danielle Chynoweth; Esther Patt; Jayne DeLuce; David Gehrig; Jim Hayes; Durl Kruse; Carolyn Baxley; Karen Aram; Theresa Michelson; Cope Cumpston; Raymond Ceresa; Scott Dahl; Sandra Ahten; Walter Matherly; Julie Watkins; Lisa Hannagan; Paul J. Orzmz; Kelly White; Brian Alcorn; Martol Millon; Stuart Levy; Neil Parthun; Andrew R. Timms; Neil Malone; Shirley Stillinger; Mary Tangora; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:18 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Prussing announced the recent swearing in of two new police officers.

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated Economic Development Report. He announced Gateway Shoppes continues to have new tenants including Rainbow Gardens and Skinny Girl Yogurt. Construction has started on a new car wash on Philo Road.

He also stated a public open house will be held on July 25th from 5-7 p.m. at the Civic Center for review of the updated Downtown Plan.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

June 13, 2011 - Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 13, 2011. Ms. Marlin seconded. The minutes of June 13, 2011 meeting were approved by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The following citizens spoke to the Committee in opposition to the proposed amendment to the City code regulating panhandling: Chris Evans, 202 S. Broadway; Danielle Chynoweth, 412 W. Illinois Street;

Ester Patt, 706 S. Coler Avenue, #3; David Gehrig, 304 W. Elm, #5; Durl Kruse, 2007 S. George Huff; Karen Aram, 803 E. Green Street; Cope Cumpston, 402 W. Nevada;

Theresa Michelson, 2013 Silver, spoke to the Committee in favor of regulating panhandling.

The following people did not address the Committee but asked that their position be entered into the record as opposed to the proposed regulation of panhandling: Walter Matherly, 402 W. Nevada; Julie Watkins, 805 E. Green Street; Paul J. Orzmz, 303 W. Kirby Avenue, Champaign.

The following people spoke to the Committee in opposition to the funding cut for the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau: Jayne DeLuce, 108 S. Neil Street, Champaign; Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main; Raymond Ceresa, 1907 N. Cunningham Avenue; Scott Dahl, Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association; Mary Tangora, 161 Lincoln Square.

Jim Hayes, 1204 W. Dublin, spoke to the Committee in favor of cutting the funding to the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The following people did not address the Committee, but asked that their position be entered into the record in support of funding for the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau: Kelly White, 6 Normandy Place, Champaign; Brian Alcorn, 302 W. Anthony Drive, Champaign.

Mayor Prussing addressed those present regarding the decision to cut funding for the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau and stated that the City has paid into the fund for over 25 years and due to the recent economic downturn, it is necessary to cut the funding this year for staffing. She stated the City currently had nine open positions which have been unfilled to help bridge the deficit gap.

Chair Roberts read into the record a statement from Carol McKusick, 403 W. University regarding her concerns regarding the standard parliamentary procedures used by the Committee and Council.

Ms. Marlin made a motion to have item #18 moved forward in the agenda before item #5 in order to accommodate the citizens who wished to speak to the Committee regarding the item. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

5. **Ordinance No. 2011-05-035: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Member Agencies of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) (2011) [5/23/11 Committee]**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave an updated staff report. Discussion followed. Ms. Marlin made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. **Ordinance No. 2011-07-082: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Champaign, the County of Champaign, and the Village of Rantoul (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program)**

Patrick Connolly (Police Chief) gave the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote

7. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-062: An Ordinance Adopting Building and Fire Safety Codes with Additions, Deletions and Modifications and Repealing Certain Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (Chapter Five of the Urbana Code of Ordinances - 2009 ICC Series)***

John Schneider (Interim Building Safety Manager) presented the staff report. Clay Baier (Housing Inspector) answered questions from Committee.

Andrew R. Timms, Central Illinois Apartment Association, 404 N. State Street, Champaign, and Neil Malone, Champaign County Association of Realtors, 522 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, spoke to the Committee of their concerns regarding some of the language specifically as it addresses units as "vacant" and "unoccupied". Discussion followed regarding the language used in the proposed ordinance.

Lisa Hannagan, 300 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Springfield, did not speak to the Committee but asked that her position be entered into the record in support of code changes.

Mr. Jakobsson suggested the wording be changed to "blighted" or "nuisance". Ms. Marlin stated the Chamber of Commerce had sent a letter regarding their concerns as well. Mr. Smyth recommended any language changes be reviewed by Legal, Community Development and perhaps the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send to Council for approval with language changes as discussed. Ms. Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. ***Community Development Commission Items:***

a. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-063: An Ordinance approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (C-U Independence, Project No. 1112-AAP-01)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

Kelly Hartford (Interim Grants Manager) presented the staff report. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send the items to Council for approval in omnibus fashion. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

b. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-064: an Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Center for Women in Transition - AWP Sprinkler System, Project No. 1112-AAP-02)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

- c. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-065: An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Center for Women in Transition - Forbes Kitchen, Project no. 1112-AAP-03)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

- d. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-066: An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Mental Health Center of Champaign County Housing Corporation, Project No. 1112-AAP-04)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

- e. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-067: An Ordinance Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, Project No. 1112-AAP-05)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

- f. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-068: An Ordinance Approving a Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission - Senior Services, Project No. 1112-CSSP-01)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

- g. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-069: An Ordinance Approving a Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Community Elements - Roundhouse Youth Shelter, Project No. 1112-CSSP-02)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-070, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

- h. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-070: An Ordinance Approving a Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Greater Community AIDS Project, Project No. 1112-CSSP-03)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-071 and 2011-07-072.

- i. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-071: An Ordinance Approving a Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, Project No. 1112-CSSP-04)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, and 2011-07-072.

- j. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-072: An Ordinance Approving a Second 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)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-063, 2011-07-064, 2011-07-065, 2011-07-066, 2011-070-067, 2011-07-068, 2011-07-069, 2011-07-070, and 2011-07-071.

- k. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-073: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Center for Women in Transition (FY 2011-2012)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-074.

Kelly Hartford (Interim Grants Manager) presented the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send the items to Council for approval in omnibus fashion. Ms. Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- l. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-074: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Salvation Army Services, Inc. (FY 2011-2012)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-073.

- m. ***Resolution No. 2011-07-025R: A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2011-2012 (Champaign County Neighborhood Alliance for Habitat)***

Jen Gonzalez (HOME Grant Coordinator) gave the staff report. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- n. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-076: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Community Housing Development Organization Agreement with Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana (Affordable Homeownership Program, FY 2008-2009)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-077.

Jen Gonzalez (HOME Grant Coordinator) presented the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send items to Council for approval in omnibus fashion. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- o. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-077: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Community Housing Development Organization Agreement with Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana (Affordable Homeownership Program, FY 2009-2010)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-076.

9. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-081: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2602 Somerset Drive / John O. Anindo)***

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-078: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (310 West Main Street)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-079.

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send items to Council for approval in omnibus fashion. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-079: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Parking Lot at 310 West Main Street)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-078.

12. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-059: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Road Right-Of-Way Dedication (915 North Lincoln Avenue)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-061.

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Mr. Lewis made a motion to send items to Council for approval in omnibus fashion. Ms. Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

13. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-061: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate to the Urbana Park District (915 North Lincoln Avenue)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-059.

14. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-058: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Willow Road)***

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

15. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-075: An Ordinance Approving a Local Agency/Company Agreement (City of Urbana/Creative Thermal Solutions, Inc.)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Resolution No. 2011-07-023R.

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave the staff report. Ms. Marlin made a motion to send the items to Council for approval in

omnibus fashion. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

16. ***Resolution No. 2011-07-023R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Program Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Willow Road Reconstruction at Creative Thermal Solutions Company)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-07-075.

17. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-060: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Ten of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regulating the Licensing of Haulers***

Bart Hagston (Environmental Sustainability Manager) gave the staff report. Discussion followed. Mr. Smyth asked that combined residential and commercial pick-up be considered in the future especially for the multi-use buildings that contain both residences and businesses. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Item #18 was handled out of sequence and earlier in the agenda before #5 to accommodate citizen input.

18. ***Ordinance No. 2011-07-080: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fifteen (Addition of Section 15-68, Regulating Panhandling***

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) and Curt Borman (Acting City Attorney) gave the staff report. Patrick Connolly (Police Chief) answered questions from Committee. Discussion followed.

Martol Millon, General Delivery; Stuart Levy, 1108 Foley Avenue, Champaign; Neil Parthun, 705 E. Colorado, #105; Shirley Stillinger, 1003 S. Busey; Sandra Ahten, 801 E. Washington spoke to the Committee against regulating panhandling.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to postpone definitely to the next Committee meeting on July 25, 2011. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

19. ***Discussion: Ordinance No. 2011-07-083, An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Salary Adjustments, 2011 & 2012)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-084 and 2011-07-085.

Mayor Prussing gave the staff update regarding bargaining agreements and need to increase revenue to offset increases in payroll. Mr. Jackobssn made a motion to send the items to Council for approval in omnibus fashion. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

20. ***Discussion: Ordinance No. 2011-07-084, An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Twenty-Two, Section 22-61 (Increasing Hotel/Motel Tax)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-083 and 2011-07-085.

21. ***Discussion: Ordinance No. 2011-07-085, An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Twenty-Two (Establishing Packaged Liquor Tax)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2011-07-083 and 2011-07-084.

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Jakobsson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.
Minutes Approved: July 25, 2011