

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - January 23, 2012 - 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, January 23, 2012 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; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis D. Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Curt Borman; Elizabeth Tyler; Bart Hagston; Lisa Bralts; Tom Carrino; Christina McClelland; Joe Smith; Robert Myers; Kelly Mierkowski; Brandon Boys, Ronald Eldridge

OTHERS PRESENT: Garvin Weitzel; Gary Cziko; Carol Cynthia Johnson; Roseann Shaw; Clement Kamphaus; Joan Kamphaus; John Brazelton; Nancy Barrett; Terry Townsend; Kay McGuire; Bill Volk; Eric Trsner; Kim Martinie; Matt Childress; Victoria Roistrick; Jeff Yockey; Barbara Pritchard; Paula Vanier; Rick Langlois; Hadley Ravencroft; Chris Wilcock; Alan Thomas; Carl Stewart; Dwight Redding; Audrey Ishii; Marya Burke; David Willcox; Carl Stewart; 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 7:23 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

Mr. Smyth made a motion to have a City resolution supporting the naming of the United States Courthouse in Urbana after James R. Burgess, Jr. Mr. Bowersox seconded the motion and there were no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 9, 2012 - Ms. Marlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 9, 2012. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. Mr. Smyth questioned the location of an entry in the minutes, but item was correct due to the omnibus vote. The minutes of January 9, 2012 meeting were approved by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Nancy Barrett, John Brazelton, Clement Kaphaus and Roseann Shaw all spoke to the Committee regarding their concerns with the increased crime in their neighborhoods.

5. Discussion: Resolution No. 2011-10-036R, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for a Class C Retail Liquor License (1501 North Lincoln Avenue/Circle K Store #1234)

Chief Connolly gave the staff report. Garvin Weitzel from Circle K was available to answer questions. Circle K Midwest has requested

reconsideration and approval of a Class C liquor license for the business located at 1501 North Lincoln. Representatives from Circle K have been meeting with Police to review call reports to the location and found that 54% were for other violations. Circle K management has made several changes to the location such as "no loitering" and "towing" signs, new flood lights, replaced or repaired all non-functioning lighting, placed a veteran manager at the location, changed operation hours to be closed between 2 and 3 a.m., scheduled two store associates until 10 p.m., held staff training, and relocated video cameras. Recent evaluation of call log from October shows an improvement of 14 less calls or 42% decrease. A public hearing was held on October 24th and there were no negative comments. Circle K plans to renovate and remodel this location in the future which will provide greater selection of products and services. Discussion followed.

Ms. Marlin made a motion to send the resolution to Council for approval. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. ***Ordinance No. 2011-12-135: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget (Tourism Promotion)***

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave the updated staff report. Council had earlier requested staff to review to see if it was possible for Community Development staff to handle some of the functions that are currently handled through Champaign County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. After review, it appears necessary to allow for additional staffing to handle the expanded efforts in tourism. Specific additional tasks would include brochure and publication development, social media, business district promotion, Krannert promotion, City website, convention and meeting promotion, Urbana Public television and Sister City coordination. It is recommended that two staffing changes and possible redirection of UBA focus would allow the City to handle the additional tourism activities. The Public Arts Coordinator position would be increased from three-quarters time to full-time which would require additional funding of an estimation of \$14,120 annually split between Market at the Square and General Funds. The other proposed staffing change would result in hiring a 25 hour per week, part-time Community Marketing associate at approximately \$23,200 annually split between TIF and General Fund. Staff would work with UBA to focus on new activities which would result in the need for a modified agreement. Discussion followed.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. ***Ordinance No. 2012-01-007: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Squad Video Cameras)***

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report. Police found it necessary to replace 14 video cameras in police vehicles earlier this year. The older versions were purchased in FY 07-08 and expected to last for five years, but several of them were requiring significant repairs. The replacements were at a good price and the decision was made to replace the older models instead. Monies from a Department of Justice grant of \$27,460 will be used as well as County DUI seizure funds in the amount of \$29,624 will be used to pay for them. Discussion followed.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. Ordinance No. 2012-01-008: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historical Podcast Grant)

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. In December, the City was awarded a \$6,650 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to create five podcast tours featuring Urbana's 100 most significant buildings. The Preservation Commission had composed a list of the most significant structures with the help of the public. The tours will help with public education and awareness, community marketing, promotion and sense of community. The tours will include three walking tours, one biking tour, and one driving tour. The City's matching share to this grant is \$2,850 which will be paid through Planning Division and UPTV staff hours.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. Staff Update: Modern Roundabout Feasibility

Joe Smith, (Senior Civil Engineer) gave the updated staff report with additional input from William Gray (Public Works Director). In August, Mark Lenters of Ourston Roundabout Engineering presented a study for roundabouts at the Race Street and Windsor Road and Philo Road and Florida Avenue. Public input from disabled citizens lead Council to ask Staff to research options to accommodate the visually impaired. Summaries of the Federal Highway Administration, National Cooperative Highway Research Program and Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee were reviewed. Discussion followed. Consensus of Committee was additional review was needed to look at other locations for a possible roundabout.

The following people spoke to Committee in support of roundabouts: Gary Cziko; Bill Volk; Matt Childress; Jeff Yockey; Rick Langlois; Chris Wilcock; Carl Stewart; and Audrey Ishii.

Carl Stewart and David Willcox did not speak to Committee but asked that their position be entered into the record as in support of roundabouts.

Marya Burke did not speak to Committee but asked that her position be entered into the record in opposition to roundabouts.

The following people spoke to Committee in opposition to roundabouts: Terry Townsend; Kay McGuire; Eric Trusner; Kim Martinie; Victoria Roistrick; Barbara Prtichard; Paula Vanier; Hadley Ravencroft; Alan Thomas; and Dwight Redding.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to defer definitely in Committee and bring back for consideration later.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. Chair Roberts asked for a show of hands as two-thirds would be needed for passage. The vote was 5 ayes and 2 nays and the meeting was extended.

10. ***Staff Update: Municipal Aggregation Consultant Selection***

Bart Hagson (Environmental Sustainability Manager) gave the updated staff report. Council passed a resolution on December 19, 2011 to place a referendum on the March 20, 2012 ballot which would, if approved, allow the City to undertake municipal electrical aggregation. This would allow the City to bundle electric accounts from residences and small businesses in order to receive bids from retail electric suppliers. The process of municipal electric aggregation is governed by Illinois State law (Illinois Power Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3855/1-92). The City has been in contact with several companies to provide consulting services. There are three proposed types of consulting services to consider: consulting services paid by program participants over the life of the resulting electric supply contract; limited consulting services which are paid through a set amount; selecting a sole source provider which would provide consulting services and then become the electric supplier. Staff is asking for approval of a resolution to execute a consulting agreement with a recommended firm, Intelligent Power Partners, LLC. Discussion followed. Staff asked for additional information in the memo for Council consideration to include the costs.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to authorize execution of a professional services agreement with Intelligent Power Partners, LLC for municipal electric aggregation consulting and send to Council for approval. Ms. Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. ***Discussion of a resolution to support the naming of the United States Courthouse in Urbana, Illinois after James R. Burgess, Jr.***

This item was added to the agenda earlier in the meeting. Mr. Smyth made a motion to defer definitely to the next Committee meeting in two weeks. Mr. Bowersox seconded and the motion carried by a voice vote.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: February 13, 2012