

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 9, 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, April 9, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Brandon Bowersox (Chair); 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: Eric Jakobsson (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Kelly H. Mierkowski; Jenell Hardy; Jennifer Gonzalez; Matthew Murphy

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Arbiter; Caitlin Drake; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

Mayor Prussing announced that "Art in the Park" was almost complete and asked William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) to give the Committee an update. Mr. Gray informed Committee Members that, after twenty years in the making, the sculpture created by artist John David will be delivered in three pieces. The delivery will take place this Wednesday and one lane of traffic, northbound on Vine Street, will be closed during this process. Mr. Gray proceeded to show pictures of the sculpture broken down in pieces at one of Mr. David's studios and where it will be located when delivered to Urbana. The structure will have LED lighting.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) distributed a brochure about the Public Arts Program to Committee Members prior to the meeting and gave a brief update about the program. She also announced that the third "Annual Champaign-Urbana Ride Your Bike to Work" day will be held May 1, 2012. To register and see where locations are for staging, go to www.cubiketowork.com.

Kelly H. Mierkowski (Grants Management Division Manager) introduced new staff member, Jenell Hardy, who will be in charge of the Supportive Housing Program and Community Development Block Grant, including the consolidated social service funding. Ms Hardy informed the Committee that applications for the consolidated social service funding pool were made available March 8th through April 5th. She distributed packets to Committee Members that contained a CD which included all of the applications and spreadsheets. There will be a joint City/Township meeting on April 23rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Council

Chambers, where new agencies and agencies requesting additional funding will make their presentations. Ms Hardy proceeded with the timeline for this process.

Ms Mierkowski also introduced new staff member Matthew Murphy (Community Development Intern Associate). Mr. Murphy informed the Committee of "National Community Development Week", which is April 9th through April 14th and gave a brief history of the event. Mayor Prussing read a proclamation into record for this event.

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

March 26, 2012 - CM Marlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 26, 2012. CM Lewis seconded.

CM Stevenson inquired about her vote regarding the tax levy, stating that she had voted "no" and it was not shown in the record. City Clerk Phyllis Clark noted that this action was by voice vote and the majority heard by voice is the action taken. In this instance, the "ayes" were the majority, with only one person voting "nay". Ms Clark explained for future reference, in order to have a vote counted, a roll call vote should be requested.

The motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2012 carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Robin Arbiter, representing Lierman Neighborhood Action Committee (LNAC), addressed the Committee in support of the City's draft budget, particularly the City's commitment to set aside funds to be used for the installation of new streetlight or existing ones in target area neighborhoods, which includes Lierman. Ms Arbiter indicated that LNAC also urges the City to install lights at Hunter and Austin Drives and Hunter and Lanore Drives as a measure to improve public safety in the area. She closed with expressions of thanks to staff and the Council for their time and efforts in answering questions of people in the neighborhood.

Caitlin Drake, representing CUVolunteer.org, addressed the Committee regarding National Volunteer Week, which begins April 16th. Busey Bank, in partnership with CUVolunteer.org and a number of charitable organizations, will be organizing some community involvement activities including the "Austin's Day" celebration on April 14th, which is done every year in memory of Austin Cloyd who was a Champaign native who perished in the Virginia Tech shootings. They are encouraging all community members and leaders to come out and find out new ways to get involved in the community and hopefully some good networking ideas with local organizations.

Committee Member Input

CM Roberts commented on a news item that has made national attention concerning the death of Malawi President Bingu wa Mutharika, who died

of a heart attack last week. He indicated there had been a sudden change in leadership in the nation of Malawi. Urbana has a sister-city partnership with Zomba Malawi. CM Roberts explained that projects underway in Zomba are still on schedule, some nearing completion. Continued good relationships are anticipated through the Sister-City Program.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-037: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS (INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF TWO PROPERTIES LOCATED IN SOMERSET SUBDIVISION NO. 2 AND ONE PROPERTY LOCATED IN SOMERSET SUBDIVISION NO. 3, WHOLLY SURROUNDED BY URBANA'S CORPORATE LIMITS / 2409, 2607 AND 2609 SOMERSET DRIVE)**

Ms Tyler presented the staff report.

CM Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council. CM Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-038: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (FY 2012-2013)**

Ms Mierkowski presented the staff report. Jennifer Gonzalez assisted. A revised version of the ordinance and Annual Action Plan were distributed to Committee Members earlier.

CM Roberts made a motion to send this item, as corrected, to Council. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-039: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2009-2010 AND FY 2010-2011 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS (SPRING 2012 HOME COUNTY TBRA)**

Ms Gonzalez presented the staff report.

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

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-040: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND RELATED MATTERS (ASSIST MCC PROGRAM 2012)**

Ms Gonzalez presented the staff report.

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

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-018R: A RESOLUTION EVIDENCING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO TRANSFER VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES, Multi-SINGLE-FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS; AND RELATED MATTERS (PRIVATE BOND CAP ALLOCATION - EIEDA, SERIES 2012)**

Ms Gonzalez presented the staff report, noting a change in the title from "single-family" to "multi-family".

CM Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council with the corrected title. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-020R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (HOMESTEAD CORPORATION OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA CHDO OPERATING FY 2012-2013)**

Ms Gonzalez presented the staff report.

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

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-019R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO PETITION THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO DESIGNATE THE MAHOMET AQUIFER AS A SOLE SOURCE AQUIFER**

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) presented the staff report.

CM Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council, along with a budget amendment. CM Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.