

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - May 23, 2016 - 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, May 23, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Aaron Ammons; Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson; Michael P. Madigan; Dennis Roberts; Charles Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis D. Clark; Diane W. Marlin

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Bautista; Brad Bennett; Celeste Choate; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Wendy Hundley; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; James Simon; Scott Tess; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Arbiter; Anna Barnes; Melinda Carr; Paul Debevec; Durl Kruse; Gautam Patel; Christian Scherer; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; Kathy Wicks; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Michael P. Madigan called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:41 p.m. **Meeting started late due to prior public hearing and special City Council meeting.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Bill Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 9, 2016. Alderman Jakobsson seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Paul Debevec spoke to committee members in opposition to Green Street Realty's Lincoln Plaza Proposed Planned Unit Development.

Bishop King James and Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood did not wish to speak, but asked that their position be entered into the record regarding the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues.

Melinda Carr did not wish to speak, but asked that her concerns about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer problems and the historic impact be entered into the record.

Robin Arbiter and Anna Barnes did not wish to speak but asked that their opposition to additional G2 licenses being issued.

Alderman Roberts read an email from Mark Fitzgerald opposing the addition of a G2 license at 1509 E. Washington Street.

Gautam Patel, the owner of the properties at 1509 and 1511 E. Washington Street, spoke to committee members about the improvements he has made on the 1511 E. Washington property and the G2 licensing for the 1509 E. Washington property.

Alderman Jakobsson read a text from Janet Lund asked about the possibility of sidewalks on the east side of Washington Street and street lights on Scottswood Drive.

5. **Presentations - Budget Reviews**

a. **Police Department**

Police Chief Patrick Connolly and Assistant Police Chief Sylvia Morgan presented the 2016-2017 police department budget. Alderman Smyth suggested hiring a social worker. There was discussion during which Chief Connolly and Assistant Chief Morgan answered questions and concerns from committee members.

b. **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Brian Nightlinger presented the Fire Department budget for 2016-2017. Chief Nightlinger answered questions from committee members as they discussed the budget.

c. **Public Works**

Public Works Director William Gray presented the annual budget for 2016-2017. He answered questions and concerns from committee members as they discussed various aspects of the budget.

d. **Library**

Celeste Choate, the Executive Director of the Urbana Free Library presented the 2016-2017 budget for the library. Ms. Choate responded to questions and concerns from committee members during discussion of the budget.

6. **Staff Report**

a. **Financial Policies**

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan went over the current financial policies and explained how they should change in the future to help improve city finances. Discussion ensued and Ms. Hannan responded questions and concerns from committee members.

b. **Boneyard Creek Community Day Report**

Assistant City Engineer Brad Bennett recognized two of his staff, Beth Reinke, Civil Engineering Tech II and Justin Swinford, Civil Engineer II for organizing the Boneyard Creek Community Day activities, as well as the volunteers who helped with it. He stated that the event was a success.

c. **IDOT Task Force Update**

Human Relations Officer Alex Bautista updated committee members on the IDOT Task Force. He went over additions to the City website with links for the Human Relations Office and the Civilian Police Review Board. Discussion ensued and Mr. Bautista answered questions and concerns from committee members.

d. **Consolidated Service Funding Allocation**

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler told committee members that she was hoping they would be able to vote on the allocations June 6 at the regular City Council meeting.

7. **Resolution No. 2016-05-030R: A Resolution Ascertainning Prevailing Wages (2016 - 2017)**

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan presented this resolution to committee. Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-05-030R to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Ammons and carried by voice vote.

8. **Resolution No. 2016-05-031R:** A Resolution Approving the Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System Annual Budget (FY 2016-2017)

Assistant City Engineer Brad Bennett presented this resolution to committee. Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-05-031R to council. Motion seconded by Alderman Jakobsson and carried by voice vote.

9. **Resolution No. 2016-05-032R:** A Resolution Approving the Capital Improvement Plan (2016)

Assistant City Engineer Brad Bennett presented this resolution to committee. Discussion ensued. Alderman Brown made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-05-032R resolution to council. Motion seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by voice vote

10. **Ordinance No. 2016-05-042:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer and Assignment of West Country Club Road Overflow Pipe

Alderman Smyth made a motion to send this ordinance to city council with recommendation for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jakobsson and carried by voice vote.

****At 10:28pm Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:00pm. Motion seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by voice vote.****

****NOTE: At 10:34pm Alderman Madigan recused himself from the rest of the meeting, and asked Alderwoman Smyth to present the following two items due to possible conflict as he is a liquor license holder in the City of Urbana, Illinois.****

11. **Ordinance No. 2016-05-043:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class G-s liquor licenses for Ohm Shiv, Inc., d/b/a Vegas Places, 501 S. Vine Street)

Mayor Prussing presented this ordinance and the following ordinance. Discussion ensued. Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to forward this ordinance to council. Motion seconded by Alderman Smyth. Motion defeated due to lack of votes.

12. **Ordinance No. 2016-05-044:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class G-2 liquor licenses for Hey Ram, Inc., d/b/a Poker Room, 1509 E. Washing Street)

Ordinance No. 2016-05-044 failed due to lack of motion.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 11:02pm.

 Kay Meharry
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: June 13, 2016