



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**August 22, 2005**

**Committee Members Present:**

Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox, Danielle Chynoweth, Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, and Heather Stevenson - 7.

**Committee Members Absent:**

None.

**Staff Members Present:**

Police Chief Eddie Adair, Arborist Mike Brunk, City Clerk Phyllis Clark, Assistant City Engineer Gale Jamison, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Personnel Manager Mona Shannon, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden

**Others Present:**

Edward Bland, Aaron Ammons, Martel Miller, George R. Carlisle, and Members of the Media

**Meeting Location:**

Urbana City Council Chambers

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There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**

There were none.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mr. Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2005 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

## **Public Input**

Edward Bland, representing the Housing Authority of Champaign County, addressed the Committee with an update answering questions asked by the Committee regarding the Champaign-Urbana Area Project.

Aaron Ammons, 1108 N. Busey, and Martel Miller, 114 E. Park, addressed the Committee with their concerns regarding the alleged misconduct of a police officer.

George R. Carlisle, 406 E. Green, addressed the Committee to request that the Canopy Club be made smoke free, at least for the event that the Krannert Center plans to hold there.

Alderman Dennis Roberts stated his position regarding the use of Chief Illiniwek as the mascot for the University of Illinois.

Alderman Bowersox announced that the Sweet Corn Festival will be held starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2005 through 11:00 p.m., Saturday, August 27, 2005.

### **Ordinance No. 2005-08-132: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Demolition Costs, K-Mart Site)**

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented staff report. This ordinance accompanies the K-Mart site redevelopment agreement and the funds for demolition would come from the Economic Development Reserve fund.

Mr. Bowersox moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-08-132: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Demolition Costs, K-Mart Site)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

### **Ordinance No. 2005-08-129: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Lydia Court West at Myra Ridge Drive)**

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report stating that the stop sign is required due to the new street construction in this area and is warranted under Section 2B-5 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-08-129: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Lydia Court West at Myra Ridge**

**Drive)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2005-08-130: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Romine Street at Hill Street)**

Mr. Gray presented staff report. A resident expressed concern regarding vehicles parking too close to Romine Street on Hill Street. Staff measured the current yellow zone and recommended that the yellow zone be extended to provide better visibility for approaching traffic Hill Street looking both ways on Romine Street.

Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-08-130: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Romine Street at Hill Street)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2005-08-125: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)**

Mr. Gray presented staff report. No formal record of the ownership and maintenance responsibilities can be found for the pedestrian bridge at the Urbana Parking Deck.

The pedestrian bridge is in disrepair and needs to be replaced. Replacement estimates are over \$60,000. The City proposes to replace this bridge and the property owner agrees to own and maintain the bridge once the construction is completed. Funds will come from the Motor Vehicle Parking System fund. Mr. Omo-Osagie, owner of the property at 123 West Main Street, is indemnifying the City against any future losses, claims, etc. resulting from the pedestrian bridge.

Following debate, Mr. Lewis moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-08-125: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Following further debate, Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2005-08-125: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)** to Council with no recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

### **Study Session: Employee Retention and Recruitment**

Discussion centered on how the list of annual appointments might be reduced, providing employment agreements to those on the appointment list and providing a longer initial appointment for new employees.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding how agreements should be structured and which employees should be removed from the list of appointments. Following this discussion, Ms. Barnes moved to remove the Finance Office Manager and Public Works Operation Manager, Facilities Manager and Fleet Manager from the list of appointments and request staff to bring back sample agreements to be reviewed at a future Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Lewis moved to enter into **Closed Session to consider appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee of the City.** The motion was seconded by Heather Stevenson and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: September 12, 2005, as amended

### **AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 22, 2005 MEETING**

Mayor Prussing requested that her name be added to the list of Committee Members present. There were no objections.