

CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 9, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Smyth (Chair); Brandon Bowersox; Danielle Chynoweth (*via conference call*); Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Heather Stevenson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynne Barnes (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; James Gitz; Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; John Schneider

OTHERS PRESENT: Alice Novak; Members of the Media

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 8:27 p.m. [*Note: Ms Chynoweth was present via conference call.*]

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

Chair Smyth indicated that there was a small modification to agenda item #8. Mr. Roberts had a resolution to go along with this item. There were no objections.

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) gave a brief report on the economic development progress in Urbana. (See attached.)

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

December 12, 2005 - Ms Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 12, 2005. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

Committee Member Input

There was none.

5. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS:**

- a. Resolution No. 2006-01-001R: ***A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2005-2006 (Homestead Corporation)***

John Schneider (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

- b. Ordinance No. 2006-01-003: ***An Ordinance Approving a Second Extension of a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Agreement (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA), Project No. 0405-01)***

Mr. Schneider presented the staff report.

Mr. Lewis moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

- c. Ordinance No. 2006-01-004: ***An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Family Service of Champaign County, Project No. 0405-07)***

Mr. Schneider presented the staff report.

Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **DISCUSSION: ACCEPTANCE OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION'S FIVE-YEAR REPORT**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report. Alice Novak (Chair, Historic Preservation Commission) was present to answer questions. Staff distributed a copy of the Historic Preservation Commission Report with Council packets. The report demonstrates the achievements of the Commission over the past seven years. It was the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission and staff that the City Council accept this report as evidence of the Commission's accomplishments in carrying out the Council's direction.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **DISCUSSION: WATER COMPANY ACQUISITION**

Mr. Walden presented the staff report.

Following debate, Mr. Lewis moved to send to Council. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01-002R: RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE WEST URBANA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (WUNA) DOCUMENT ENTITLED "PRESERVING AND REVITALIZING THE WEST URBANA NEIGHBORHOOD"**

Chair Smyth indicated that there had been some discussion to address concerns raised by Mr. Roberts about a document that the University Neighborhood Committee put together, which is a working group between WUNA, students, and University of Illinois representatives. Mayor

Prussing also had some concerns and it was suggested that this item be postponed for two weeks. The resolution distributed earlier by Mr. Roberts also goes along with the tax erosion study. With this in mind, Chair Smyth requested that Mr. Walden be prepared to discuss the tax erosion study as part of these two resolutions at the next Committee meeting. Chair Smyth will meet with the WUNA group to fine-tune their language so that it meets with some of the concerns raised by Mayor Prussing and Mr. Roberts.

This item will come back to Committee in two weeks.

9. **DISCUSSION: B-3U (GENERAL BUSINESS-UNIVERSITY) ZONING**

Chair Smyth began this discussion with a motion directing staff to begin discussions with all the related parties (i.e., University of Illinois, residents, Plan Commission, City Council, Mayor, etc.) in the B-3U area to determine how B-3U development should proceed. The goal is to define acceptable development within the spirit of the Comprehensive Plan of 2005, taking into account future transportation, housing, business development, and office space needs in the B-3U area between University Avenue, Harvey Street, Green Street, and Lincoln Avenue. There was no second to the motion. Debate ensued.

Following debate, Ms Chynoweth made a motion directing staff to move more quickly with updating the Zoning Ordinance in a timeframe of January 2006 to January 2007. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Attachments

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: January 23, 2006