



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
February 27, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox, Danielle Chynoweth, Robert Lewis (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Dennis Roberts (Chair), Charlie Smyth, and Heather Stevenson - 7.

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Acting Police Chief Mike Bily, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Finance Department Office Manager Delora Siebrecht, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

Others Present:

Members of the Media, Peter Alexander and Rick Atterberry

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Barnes moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2006 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

There was none at this time.

Resolution No. 2006-02-007R: Resolution to Endorse the Report and Recommendations of the Public Access Committee of the C-U Joint Telecommunications Commission

Rick Atterberry, Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Cable Television and Telecommunications Commission presented the report on the recommendations of the Commission which include having Public Access managed by a Community Media Center; Community Media Center and Public Access to be funded primarily by dedicated cable monies; secure the services of a consultant, and closely review future franchise transfers.

The Community Media Center would be permanent and governed by a representative board of directors, independent but accountable to local franchising authorities. One or more stand-alone Public Access channels would be established.

Following extensive debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved to forward **Resolution No. 2006-02-007R: Resolution to Endorse the Report and Recommendations of the Public Access Committee of the C-U Joint Telecommunications Commission** to Council with a recommendation for approval with two amendments. On the third **"WHEREAS"** at the end of the sentence change **"2005" to "2006"**. The second change would be to not mention a specific consulting company within the resolution and strike the references to **"the Buske Group"**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowersox. Following debate, Mr. Smyth requested to add **"Ask that the cities look to other area communities and the County to share in this franchise renewal and participate in the funding of the renewal process."** The change was acceptable to the mover and seconder. The motion as was approved by a voice vote, as amended.

Mr. Bowersox requested that **Ordinance No. 2006-02-025: An Ordinance Renaming North Lierman Avenue to Khan Drive** be moved to this point in the agenda as there are people present to give public input.

Peter Alexander, owner of Peter B's Automotive, located at 509 North Lierman Avenue, addressed the Committee in opposition to the renaming of North Lierman Avenue to Khan Drive. Mr. Alexander stated that he had requested that North Lierman be renamed because his business is the only parcel addressed on North Lierman Avenue and customers have complained about having problems finding the business.

While Mr. Alexander applauds the hard work Shahid Kahn has put into his endeavors, he feels that it is unfair to name the street after another person that also owns an automotive business in the same vicinity.

Following debate, Ms. Stevenson moved to postpone **Ordinance No. 2006-02-025: An Ordinance Renaming North Lierman Avenue to Khan Drive** until a decision

regarding the name is made. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Chair Roberts declared a short break at 8:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

Chair Roberts reminded the public that there will be a Forum to discuss smoking in public places on Thursday, March 9, 2006 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Pollard Auditorium at the Carle Forum.

Resolution No. 2006-02-008R: A Resolution Allocating and Reserving Private Activity Bond Volume Cap and Providing the Terms and Conditions of Such Allocation and Reservation, and Related Matters (Prairie Winds)

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented staff report. This is a request by Paul Tatman on behalf of Prairie Winds LLC for use of Urbana's 2006 private activity bond volume cap to finance in part the Prairie Winds supportive living facility.

This is in follow-up to the "Official Intent Resolution with Respect to Supportive Living Facility to be Developed by Prairie Winds of Urbana, LLC" approved by the Urbana City Council in October of 2005.

The developer must irrevocably commit to using the bond cap allocation by December 1, 2006 or the City can redirect the use of its bond cap allocation.

Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Resolution No. 2006-02-008R: A Resolution Allocating and Reserving Private Activity Bond Volume Cap and Providing the Terms and Conditions of Such Allocation and Reservation, and Related Matters (Prairie Winds)** with a recommendation for adoption. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-02-026: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 23 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code (Section 23-159 Handicapped Parking; Section 23-189 Parking in Excess of 72 Hours Prohibited; and Section 23-211 Parking Violation Procedures)

Finance Department Office Manager Delora Siebrecht presented staff report. Section 23-159 of this ordinance increases the penalty for unlawful use of disable parking spaces and parking placards from \$100.00 to \$250.00. It also changes erroneous references to the "Schedule of Fees" and replaces it with "Schedule of Fines."

Section 23-189 – Parking in Excess of 72 Hours requires that any vehicle parked on the street must be moved at least every 72 hours, but does not define "moving" the

vehicle. This makes it difficult for Parking Enforcement to enforce this ordinance.

Adding the following will clarify the section: "moving the vehicle is defined as 1) driving the vehicle at least .2 of a mile distance per the odometer reading taken by the officer at the time the vehicle is marked; or 2) driving the vehicle through or across a street intersection before re-parking the vehicle within the same block that it was previously parked."

Section 23-211. Parking Violation Procedures has an error in the format numbering. The letter (a) should be added to the first paragraph of the section.

Urbana Local Traffic Code Schedule of Fines revises the schedule to reflect the increase in the minimum disabled parking fine.

Following debate, Mr. Bowersox moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-02-026: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 23 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code (Section 23-159 Handicapped Parking; Section 23-189 Parking in Excess of 72 Hours Prohibited; and Section 23-211 Parking Violation Procedures)** to Council with a recommendation for approval, striking the changes to Section 23-189 Parking in Excess of 72 Hours Prohibited. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes. Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-02-027: An Ordinance Amending Section 1-10(j) of the Local Traffic Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fines (Disabled Parking)

Ms. Siebrecht presented staff report stating that this ordinance approves the fine schedule that changes the parking in disabled parking fine from \$100.00 to \$250.00.

Ms. Chynoweth moved to forward the ordinance to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Chair Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-02-023: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Griggs Street) and Ordinance No. 2006-02-024: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Establish a Parking Meter Zone on Certain Streets (Griggs Street)

Public Works Director presented staff report. These ordinances are for the addition of a no parking zone and four metered parking spaces on the south side of Griggs Street and Wood Street, near the Urbana School District Office. This was requested as a result of the loss of parking spaces after the construction of the Stratford apartment building. To provide sufficient visibility for the north-bound stop sign on Wood Street and to restrict parking on the Boneyard Creed bridge, which is part of Griggs Street, parking restrictions have been requested.

Mr. Smyth moved by omnibus motion to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-02-023: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Griggs Street)** and **Ordinance No. 2006-02-024: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Establish a Parking Meter Zone on Certain Streets (Griggs Street)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-02-028: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Engineering Technician, Windsor Road)

Mr. Gray stated this is a second position needed for the in-house design for Windsor Road between High Cross Road and Philo Road. The technician position would be a companion position with the Civil Engineering position.

Following debate, Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-02-028: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Engineering Technician, Windsor Road)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: March 13, 2006, as amended below.

AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 27, 2006 MINUTES

Mayor Prussing requested that she be listed with the Committee Members present. There were no objections.