



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
March 27, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Lynne Barnes (present by teleconference), Brandon Bowersox (Chair), Danielle Chynoweth, Robert Lewis (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Dennis Roberts, Heather Stevenson, and Mayor Prussing.

Committee Members Absent:

Charlie Smyth.

Staff Members Present:

Acting Police Chief Mike Bily, IS Manager Bill DeJarnette, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Finance Department Office Manager Delora Siebrecht, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

Others Present:

Members of the Media, Bernard Ramos, Eduardo Ramos, and Mark Toalson

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Prussing reported on the legislation regarding purchasing the water company. An agreement on a bill was reached that gives the Courts the choice of what valuation would be used for the company. The legislation has passed the House Local Government Committee on Thursday with a vote of 10 to 1.

City Attorney Jim Gitz stated there is legislation being considered on pensions which would allow fire and policemen to receive their pension after they are vested for a certain number of years while also being full time employees. This has been

represented to the General Assembly as being cost neutral. Its true financial impact is going to depend upon each pension system. This is something to which each municipality should close pay attention.

Mr. Gitz further stated that he has given Mr. Walden a suggested draft of the Upper Deck Proposal you will see in the future. Keep in mind that this an honest attempt to get all the issues out front.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Chynoweth moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts. Chair Bowersox requested to change the spelling of "Kelmer" to "Kalmar" in the two instances it appears in the minutes. There were no objections. The minutes, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of John Lee Johnson. Mr. Johnson was very active in the concerns of the Champaign-Urbana community.

Bernard and Eduardo Ramos addressed the Committee with their objection to the nuisance abatement process in the City of Urbana.

Ordinance No. 2006-03-032: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007)

Finance Department Office Manager Delora Siebrecht presented staff report. License, permit and service fees are reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis to keep place with the cost of providing the services. The Urbana City Code requires that the Schedule of Fees be reviewed by the City Council and filed with the City Clerk thirty (30) days before final action by the City Council. During that period the Schedule of Fees is available for public inspection and comment. The only action at this time is Committee direction to place the items on file.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts moved to place the Schedule of Fees on file for 30 days for public inspection. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion of 72 Hour Parking Ordinance

Ms. Siebrecht presented staff report in response to a request by Council to reevaluate the policy reflected in Section 23-189 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code, Section 23-189. Parking in Excess of 72 Hours Prohibited.

Ms. Siebrecht's report discussed Council members' concerns that individuals who use alternative transportation modes will on occasion leave their vehicles parked on the street in excess of 72 hours. Council's concern was that having to move their vehicle every 72 hours would discourage the use of alternative transportation.

Public Works Director Bill Gray discussed the disadvantage of having cars parked on the streets for extended periods during leaf and snow removal.

Ms. Siebrecht reviewed options for Council and presented background on the City of Boulder Parking Study.

No action was required on this item.

Ordinance No. 2006-03-033: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Campus Areas Transportation Study, Phase 3 (Cats III)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. The CATS Phase 3 Intergovernmental Agreement's purpose is to continue the relationships and committees with the City of Champaign, the University of Illinois and the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, and further develop the design to improve safely cooperatively within the University District. The agreement does not specify a particular project but does list seven tasks to accomplish in Section 1 of the Agreement. It is anticipated that a consultant will be employed by CATS to address those tasks. Of particular interest to the City of Urbana is the development of a bike plan within the University District and beyond. When a future project is defined and the costs identified, the project costs will be split based on the benefit of each agency. This would result in future amended intergovernmental for CATS III and would require Council approval.

In addition to this agreement, the University of Illinois is having a consultant conduct a separate Intermodal Transportation Study.

There is no fiscal impact to the City at this time. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Mr. Lewis moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-03-033: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement For The Campus Areas Transportation Study, Phase 3 (Cats III)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-03-034: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at all Times on Certain Streets (Federal Drive)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This ordinance prohibits parking at all times on Federal Drive. The location is on the west side of Federal Drive, south of Cardinal. This restriction is requested by Squad Fitters at 1897 Federal Drive, to provide ease

when maneuvering in and around the loading docks at 1812 Federal Drive. This action would lessen damage to the City's right-of-way.

Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-03-034: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at all Times on Certain Streets (Federal Drive)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2006-03-010R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Lincoln Avenue)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This project consists of resurfacing Lincoln Avenue from Delaware Avenue to California Avenue and from Green Street to the Boneyard Creek Bridge. Other side streets including Pennsylvania Avenue, Green Street and Gregory Street will also be resurfaced. The resurfaced pavement on Lincoln Avenue will be re-stripped to a 3 lane configuration between Pennsylvania Avenue and Nevada Street.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts moved to forward **Resolution No. 2006-03-010R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Lincoln Avenue)** to Council with a recommendation for adoption. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Consideration to Direct Publication of a Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (801 E. Kerr Avenue) and **Consideration to Direct Publication of a Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2507 E. Washington Street)**

Planner Matt Wempe presented staff report. These properties are wholly surrounded and are less than 60 acres in size. Under Illinois State Statute, the City can involuntarily annex such properties.

Staff has decided to involuntarily annex the property at 801 E. Kerr since an owner has been located.

Staff has attempted to contact the owner of 2507 E. Washington, but has not received a response. As a result, staff has decided to involuntarily annex the property. A letter has been sent to the owner to inform him of this action.

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved by omnibus motion to forward **Consideration to Direct Publication of a Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (801 E. Kerr Avenue)** and **Consideration to Direct Publication of a Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2507 E. Washington Street)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-03-035: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (801 Beverly Drive / Bruce Johnson)

Mr. Wempe presented staff report. This property is located on Beverly Drive immediately north of Bradley Avenue and is wholly surrounded by the City. While this property could be annexed involuntarily by Illinois State Statute, the owner has agreed to sign an annexation agreement.

Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-03-035: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (801 Beverly Drive / Bruce Johnson)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Chynoweth moved to recall **Consideration to Direct Publication of a Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (801 E. Kerr Avenue)** and **Consideration to Direct Publication of a Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2507 E. Washington Street)** for reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Chynoweth moved to publish a **Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (801 E. Kerr Avenue)** and a **Notice of Annexation for Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2507 E. Washington Street)**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Chair Bowersox announced that there will be a meeting this Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Historic Lincoln Hotel regarding the Upper Deck Entertainment Venue Proposal for use of the parking deck in downtown as an outdoor music and bar event.

Ordinance No. 2006-03-036: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (AmerenCILCO, AmerenCIPS and AmerenIP) and **Ordinance No. 2006-03-037: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Ameren/IP Rate Case Intervention)**

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden and City Attorney Jim Gitz presented staff report. Staff is requesting that the City of Urbana join the City of Champaign to intervene in the electrical rate setting case before the Illinois Commerce Commission. Peoria was previously involved with the intervention but has decided to opt out.

The City of Champaign has prepared a detailed background report on this matter. The first action is to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Champaign for the purpose of financing the costs of protecting the interests of our municipalities.

The total cost of the intervention action is anticipated to be \$125,000, to be split by the participating municipalities on a population basis. A budget amendment for \$17,250 is needed at this time.

Mr. Walden recommended that **Ordinance No. 2006-03-036: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (AmerenCILCO, AmerenCIPS and AmerenIP)** be postponed at this time and returned for action at a later date.

Staff recommends approval of the budget amendment at this time.

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-03-037: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Ameren/IP Rate Case Intervention)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

GIS Presentation

IS Manager Bill DeJarnette introduced Mark Toalson, Champaign County GIS Consortium Coordinator, who gave a technical overview that covered the status of the program from the beginning, where it is at the present and what is planned for the future. Great strides are being made in mapping subdivisions, outlying areas, sewers and many other areas.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: April 10, 2006