

**CITY OF URBANA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - AUGUST 14, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charlie Smyth (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Danielle Chynoweth; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Heather Stevenson (via teleconference); Brandon Bowersox (7:04 p.m.)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; James Gitz; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Gordon Skinner; Thomas Carrino; Jeff Engstrom; Patrick Pioletti

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alan Gleghorn; Bruce Monaco; David Bertauski; Kimberly Eickmeier; Allison Jones; Paul Mueth; Stan Summers; Paul Debevec; John Hawn; Tiger Swan; Linda Lorenz; Esther Patt; Theresa Michelson; Members of the Media

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**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 7:00 p.m. *[Note: The record will show Ms Stevenson present via teleconference.]*

Chair Smyth acknowledged representatives of Christie Clinic.

Alan Gleghorn (Chief Executive Officer, Christie Clinic) gave a presentation on a proposed ambulatory surgical center. Mr. Gleghorn expressed the need for this project and urged the City of Urbana's support in this quest.

Also addressing the Committee in support of Christie Clinic's proposed ambulatory surgical center was Dr. Bruce Monaco (Christie) and David Bertauski (Provena Covenant Medical Center).

Dr. Kimberly Eickmeier (Christie) did not wish to address the Committee, but wanted her position entered in support of the proposal.

Allison Jones, 602 W. Springfield (Champaign), addressed the Committee in opposition to the Christie Clinic proposal.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) reported on O'Brien's Auto Park and noted that the move to their new location was successful and that demolition is now underway at the old site. He also reported that the closing on the Troxell property took place last week.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) did not have a report, but was also available to address economic development issues.

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

July 24, 2006 - Ms Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 24, 2006. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Paul Mueth, 207 W. Illinois, addressed the Committee on the topic of the Water Company and concerns he had about billboards (censorship).

Stan Summers, 406 E. Mumford Dr., addressed the Committee in opposition to rental registration.

Paul Debevec, 708 W. California, addressed the Committee in support of the proposed rental registration program.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08-109: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF URBANA**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report and reviewed provisions of the program and the process.

Chair Smyth acknowledged public input at this time from members of the audience.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the rental registration program:

John Hawn, 1410 E. Ford Harris Rd.; and  
Tiger Swan, 508 W. Elm St. (Mr. Swan also wanted the record to show that he was opposed to agenda item #9 which pertained to an amendment to the nuisance ordinance regarding indoor furniture used outdoors.)

Linda Lorenz, 409 W. High, did not wish to speak but requested that her position be entered into record in support of the rental registration program.

Esther Patt, representing the Tenant Union, addressed the Committee in support of the rental registration program, but opposed to certain sections of the ordinance.

Theresa Michelson, 2013 Silver Ct. W, addressed the Committee with concerns about Section 13 of the ordinance.

Chair Smyth entered into record an email from Peter March, owner of a 3-bedroom home in Urbana occupied by two of his children and their friends who are students at the University of Illinois. Mr. March's correspondence expressed his opposition to the proposed rental registration program.

Mr. Roberts and Mr. Lewis entered into record email correspondence received from Ginny Dewar of 308 W. High expressing her opposition to rental registration.

No action was taken on this item by the Committee at this time.

6. **CONSOLIDATED FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report. Other staff members who were present to assist in this presentation were Patrick Pioletti (Facilities Manager) and Larry Fredrick (Fleet Manager). Staff is requesting direction to proceed with soliciting proposals to perform a feasibility study, select a consultant, and provide an intergovernmental agreement identifying agency costs. The estimated cost for a feasibility study is \$40,000, to be split with the City of Champaign on a proportional basis.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Ms Barnes to direct staff to proceed with the feasibility study. The motion carried by voice vote.

This item acted on at Committee level and does not need to be forwarded to Council.

7. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION ITEMS:**

The following items were acted on in omnibus fashion:

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08-107: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE H OF SECTION 23-93 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE REQUIRING STOP SIGNS AT A CERTAIN INTERSECTION (MICHIGAN AVENUE AT SMITH ROAD; RAINBOW VIEW AT SMITH ROAD; COUNTRY SQUIRE DRIVE AT SMITH ROAD; LANTERN HILL DRIVE AT SMITH ROAD; MARC TRAIL AT MYRA RIDGE DRIVE; MEMORY LANE AT MYRA RIDGE DRIVE; WILLARD STREET AT LYNN STREET)**
- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08-108: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-183 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

Ms Barnes made a motion to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **URBAN LEAGUE SUMMER YOUTH FUNDING REQUEST**

*[Note for Record: Ms Stevenson in attendance in person from this point on (9:48 p.m.).]*

Ms Tyler presented the staff report. The Urban League of Champaign County is requesting that the City of Urbana reconsider the social service grant application they submitted previously for their Summer Youth Employment Program. The original funding request for this

program was \$15,000 and the Urban League is now asking for \$8,300 to be used to provide employable skills, job training and employment opportunities for community high school students ages 16 through 18 years. Tracy Parsons (Executive Director, Urban League) was present to answer questions.

No Council action was requested at this time.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08-110: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING NUISANCES (INDOOR FURNITURE USED OUTDOORS)**

Ms Tyler presented the staff report.

Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval, striking the first two sentences of Section 4 and replacing them with ones he provided in a revision he distributed to Committee Members prior to tonight's meeting. Ms Barnes seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, Mr. Bowersox reconsidered his motion and requested this item come back in two weeks. There were no objections.

This item postponed to August 28, 2006 Committee meeting.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08-111: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (C-U HUMANITARIAN AWARD PROGRAM)**

Mayor Prussing presented the staff report. This program would be partnered with the City of Champaign.

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

11. **MOTION ACCEPTING COUNCIL GOALS UPDATE**

Mr. Walden presented the staff report.

Ms Stevenson made a motion to accept the Council goals update. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

This item acted on in Committee forum and not sent to Council.

12. **DISCUSSION: SISTER CITY UPDATE**

Mr. Roberts gave a brief update on the previous request made by Jia Gu (Student, University of Illinois) concerning establishing a sister city partnership with his native home (EMei) in China. EMei is not interested in establishing a sister city partnership with the City of Urbana at this time.

This item did not warrant Council action.

13. **CLOSED SESSION: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUES PURSUANT 5 ILCS  
120/2 (c) (2)**

Chair Smyth called for a motion to go into closed session.

Mr. Bowersox moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2). Ms Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

The motion carried by roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Requires Mayor vote.*]

The Committee went into closed session at 10:30 p.m.

The Committee resumed its regular session at 11:12 p.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: August 28, 2006\*\*

\*\*See correction sheet attached.

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## CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2006

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At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held Monday, August 28, 2006, the following corrections were made to the minutes of August 14, 2006:

- 1) Page 3, Section 8 ("Urban League Summer Youth Funding Request"), second sentence: Add "because most of the young people served will be from Urbana." Thus reading, "The Urban League of Champaign County is requesting that the City of Urbana reconsider the social service grant application they submitted previously for their Summer Youth Employment Program, because most of the young people served will be from Urbana."
  
- 2) Page 4, Section 12 ("Discussion: Sister City Update"), second sentence: Amend sentence to read, EMei has expressed interest, but has not received approval from the Provencal Government."

These corrections pertain to original debate in the minutes of August 14, 2006.

By attaching this correction sheet, the minutes of August 14, 2006 are hereby corrected to read as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary