

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Brandon Bowersox (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Danielle Chynoweth; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; James Gitz; Michael Bily; Ronald Eldridge; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Kaufman; George Carlisle; Jack Opolka; Gary Mason; David Ellis; Eric Bazzell; Richard Gault; Janie Yairi; Jane Anderson; Members of the Media

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

Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:25 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

It was noted that the ordinance number and title of agenda item #6 was incorrect. It should read, "Ordinance No. 2006-09-115: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (306 East Thompson Street / Matthew Varble)." There were no objections.

This record will reflect the title change to agenda item #6.

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

August 28, 2006 - Ms Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 28, 2006. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to property tax increase:

S. Kaufman, 4 Burnett; George Carlisle, 406 E. Green #102; Jack Opolka, 2529 St. Andrews Rd.; Gary Mason, 2505 St. Andrews Rd.; David Ellis, 2414 S. St. Andrews Rd.; and Eric Bazzell

Richard Gault, 2521 St. Andrews Rd, addressed the Committee in opposition to a property tax increase and the City's proposed Rental Registration Program for residential property.

Janie Yairi, 100 E. McHenry, did not wish to address the Committee but completed a public input card requesting that her position be entered into the record in opposition to a property tax increase.

Jane Anderson, 1903 Trails Dr., addressed the Committee in support of the tax increase.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-09-021R: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX LEVY**

[Note: A public hearing was held prior to this meeting where the Comptroller described the tax levy and addressed concerns regarding the increase.]

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report. Mr. Eldridge reiterated that this resolution was not to raise property taxes, but to make a determination of the maximum amount to be considered to be levied as mandated by the State. The property tax levy ordinance, which will indicate the increase, will be presented later and must be approved, signed, and filed with the County Clerk by December 5, 2006.

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

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-09-115: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (306 EAST THOMPSON STREET / MATTHEW VARBLE)**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

7. **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 Services Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

This was a discussion item. No action was taken. The next public hearing on this item is scheduled for September 25, 2006 followed by a Committee meeting at which time consideration will be made to forward to Council.

8. **PHILO ROAD ACTION PLAN STATUS REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2005 - SEPTEMBER 2006**

Mr. Carrino presented the staff report, giving a brief overview of the developments and improvements.

No action was warranted from Council at this time.

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

[Note: This item sent to Council for approval from Committee meeting held August 28, 2006. At the request of Council members, it was placed on tonight's agenda for discussion.]

James Gitz (City Attorney) explained to Committee members that since this item had been sent to Council for approval, they could not make corrections or amendments but could discuss. If changes were desired, a motion would be necessary to reconsider action taken at the last Committee meeting. In order to reconsider, the motion must be made by 1 of 4 of the members who were present when this item was discussed and sent to Council.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth made a motion to reconsider. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. *[Note for clarity: A vote to reconsider supersedes the previous motion made at the last Committee meeting to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval.]*

Mr. Smyth made a motion directing staff to develop a new ordinance working with the Community Development Services, Public Works, and Legal Departments and to try to work in the permissiveness that was brought out in Ms Chynoweth's ordinance. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. *[Note for clarity: By this action, this item remains at Committee level until a new ordinance is submitted for consideration.]*

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: September 25, 2006