

CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 13, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Charlie Smyth (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Brandon Bowersox; Danielle Chynoweth; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Laurell Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Heather Stevenson *[via teleconference]*

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; John Schneider; Gordon Skinner; Thomas Carrino; Jeff Engstrom

OTHERS PRESENT: Edward Bland; Linda Fulkerson; Joan Zagorski; Sally Eissfeldt; Justin Cajindos; Sophie Doroba; Members of the Media

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

Chair Smyth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:05 p.m. *[Note: Ms Stevenson was present via teleconference.]*

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

There was no staff report.

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

October 23, 2006 - Mr. Bowersox made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 23, 2006. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joan Zagorski, 1605 S. Race, addressed the Committee on behalf of Ms Georgia Morgan, who was unable to attend the meeting this evening, regarding the proposed rental registration program for residential properties. Ms Zagorski read into record a letter from Ms Morgan expressing her support for this program. (See attached.)

Sally Eissfeldt, Central Illinois Apartment Association, addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed rental registration program and expressed concerns.

Committee Member Input

Chair Smyth mentioned that a trip to China is being planned for members of the City Council and Economic Development Commission at the member's own expense. The trip is planned for April 2007.

Mayor Prussing informed the Committee and viewing public that the last session of "Big, Small, All" will be held tomorrow from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11-029R: RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (LIERMAN AVENUE)**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report.

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

6. **LAKESIDE TERRACE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

John Schneider (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report. Mr. Schneider introduced Edward Bland (Housing Authority of Champaign County) and Linda Fulkerson (Brinshore Development, LLC) who were present to answer questions. Staff is requesting City Council's support of the project proposed with a less dense 70-unit mixed-income complex. Staff is willing to provide subsequent updates as the project plans proceed and will look into additional funding measures as a part of the FY 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan process to begin in early January 2007.

Following debate on this issue, Chair Smyth called for a show of hands from Committee Members to direct staff to proceed with the updates as proposed. By a show of hands*, it was the consensus of the Committee that staff be directed to provide updates on the progress of this project and explore measures for additional funding as part of the FY 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan process. [*The record will show that 6 Committee Members raised their hands in support, and Ms Stevenson expressed her support via teleconference.*]

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11-027R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR FY 2005-2009, AND THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR FY 2007**

Jeff Engstrom (Planner) presented the staff report.

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

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11-028R: A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE BUILD URBANA TAX REBATE PROGRAM FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS (TO DECEMBER 1, 2008, BUILD URBANA)**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) presented the staff report. Staff is requesting Council action prior to December 1, 2006.

Ms Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Stevenson seconded. Debate ensued.

Mayor Prussing expressed concern about the statement indicated on page 4 of the staff report under "Fiscal Impacts" which read, "The initial cost of the rebates (five year period) leverages eight times the return

on investment over all districts." Mayor Prussing indicated that she believed 8 to be incorrect and suggested that staff provide a better analysis, matching the table adding 1988-2005 giving the interest rates.

Following debate, the motion was corrected to leave this item in Committee to come back in two weeks. The motion carried by voice vote. This item will appear on the November 27, 2006 Committee agenda.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-11-136: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2005 (ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - PLAN CASE NO. 1993-CP-06)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Ms Chynoweth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval with one change, to strike the new wording with the emphasis on downtown. Mr. Bowersox seconded. Following further debate, the motion seconded by voice vote.

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

Ms Tyler presented the staff report.

Chair Smyth acknowledged public input from members of the audience regarding this item.

Justin Cajindos, 705 W. Stoughton, and Sophie Doroba, 907 S. Wright Street (Champaign), representing the University of Illinois Student Senate, addressed the Committee in support of the rental registration program and entered into record a resolution passed by the Student Senate. (See attached.)

Esther Patt, representing the Tenant Union, addressed the Committee expressing support and concerns for this program.

Chair Smyth noted e-mail correspondence from Glenn Berman expressing his support for this program. (See attached.)

Messrs. Bowersox and Roberts distributed proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Mr. Bowersox moved to incorporate his amendments into the ordinance and keep this item in Committee to come back in two weeks in order that the proposed amendments could be reviewed. Ms Barnes seconded.

Chair Smyth called for a 5-minute break at 9:40 p.m.

The Committee resumed its meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote. This item will appear on the Committee's November 27, 2006 agenda.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-11-137: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER FOURTEEN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, ADDING REGISTRATION FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES BEING RENTED WITHIN THE CITY OF URBANA TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Ms Tyler presented the staff report.

Mr. Roberts moved to send this to the next Committee meeting with a recommendation to change the registration fee to \$45.00. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. This item remains in Committee.

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11-030R: RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE MAHOMET AQUIFER STUDY**

Mayor Prussing presented.

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

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11-031R: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC ARTS TASK FORCE TO CREATE A PERMANENT PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM AND STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**

Ms Chynoweth presented.

Ms Chynoweth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval, striking the last sentence of Section 2, which read, "At least seven (7) members shall be residents of Urbana." Ms Barnes seconded.

The motion carried by voice vote.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

[Note for Record: It was noted prior to adjournment that the teleconference with Ms Stevenson had ended some time ago. Since Ms Stevenson failed to request to be excused and the Chair did not recognize her departure, the record will assume Ms Stevenson was present for all action taken on issues presented on this agenda resulting in a vote.]

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: November 27, 2006**

**See correction sheet attached.

**CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held Monday, November 27, 2006, the following correction was made to the minutes of November 13, 2006:

Page 3, item #8 regarding Resolution No. 2006-11-028R: Correct last paragraph to show this item being sent to Council, not Committee. Thus reading: "Following debate, the motion to send this item to Council carried by voice vote."

These corrections pertain to original debate in the minutes of November 13, 2006.

By attaching this correction sheet, the minutes of November 13, 2006 are hereby corrected to read as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary