



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
February 26, 2007

Committee Members Physically Present:

Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox, Danielle Chynoweth, Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, and Heather Stevenson

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Elected Officials Present

Mayor Laurel Prussing and City Clerk Phyllis Clark

Staff Members Present:

Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino, Assistant Police Chief Pat Connolly, Information Services Manager Bill DeJarnette, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Economic Development Specialist Kathy Larson, Planning Department Manager Robert Myers, Grants Management Manager John Schneider, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

Others Present:

Charlie Parks, Paul Berg and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the February 12, 2007 minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes. Mr. Bowersox requested to amend the spelling of Mayor Prussing's name under **ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**, and in the last paragraph on page one to change the spelling of "Holmes" to "Helms". There were no objections. The minutes were approved as amended.

Public Input

There was none.

Ms. Stevenson moved to have item 10. **Champaign-Urbana Water Group Goals** moved to the first item of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote

Champaign-Urbana Water Group Goals

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Champaign Assistant City Manager, and Clark Dietz Senior Project Manager Charlie Parks presented an update on the Champaign-Urbana Water Group goals and progress.

Following extensive debate, Mr. Roberts moved a motion of support for the direction that the Champaign-Urbana Water Group has taken to this point and to further those efforts on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes.

Ms. Chynoweth moved to amend the motion that we request that the C-U Water Group provide the Council with some first building thought pieces of information in terms of ownership and the scope of ownership. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowersox.

Following debate, the amendment carried by a voice.

Mr. Roberts requested that staff ascertain the rights of the City in regard to the franchise agreement and whether it precludes the City from doing any well drilling on its own?

The main motion, as amended carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-02-027: An Ordinance Revising the January 2007 Amendments to the Urbana Benefits Program

Mr. Walden presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-02-027: An Ordinance Revising the January 2007 Amendments to the Urbana Benefits Program.**

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

Ordinance No. 2007-02-028: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Orchard Street at Oregon Street)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. The placement of a stop sign on Orchard Street at Oregon Street is required due the visibility at the intersection.

Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-02-028: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Orchard Street at Oregon Street)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowersox. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-02-026: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District for Design Engineering Services for the East Urbana Interceptor Project

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This ordinance would authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement for engineering design services and easement acquisition for the East Urbana Interceptor Project with the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District. The project will consist of:

- A new regional pump station to be located east of High Cross Road
- A new 36-inch interceptor sewer between the existing Myra Pump Station and the new regional pump station
- New 30-inch force main to the Northeast Waterwaste Treatment Plant
- Abandoning the existing Myra Pump Station
- Stub out 30-inch and 21-inch sanitary sewer interceptors north, south, and east of the new regional pump station

Following debate, Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-02-026: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District for Design Engineering Services for the East Urbana Interceptor Project** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 2007-01-003, An Ordinance To Repeal Section XIII-3, Planned Unit Developments, Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, And To Adopt A Reinstatement Of Section XIII-3, Planned Unit Development, Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Planned Unit Development Text Amendment – Plan Case No. 2020-T-06)

Planning Manager Robert Myers presented staff report. This items was deferred to the March 5, 2007 City Council meeting and sent to tonight's meeting for further discussion.

Discussion centered on procedures and legalities for those procedures.

Following debate, Mr. Bowersox moved to direct staff to prepare an amendment based on the following three principles with the details of how could this public engagement of required steps to the PUD application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth.

1. Make the study session required.
2. Adding public notice of the study session using the same public notice requirements that we would use elsewhere in other steps of the process so that this study session is something that all the neighbors know about.
3. Require the applicant to submit some key, the most important key materials, but not a full application when they come to the study session, and if the study session materials have an abbreviated set of things that later become a part of the full application, but not every single document that we require for the full application, because it's 20 or more documents that you have to turn in for the full application.

Following very extensive debate, Chair Smyth suggested that the people who put the motion together and the Mayor discuss this with staff so that we have final version of this for next Monday.

Following further debate, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2007-02-004R: An Intergovernmental Agreement for Negotiation of the Renewal of Cable Franchises with Insight Communications Midwest, LLC

Information Services Manager Bill DeJarnette presented staff report. This resolution will authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Champaign.

The current agreement expires February 28, 2007 and staff from both cities feels additional expertise in needed to renegotiate the agreement. This agreement commits the City of Urbana to pay for 1/3 of the proposed maximum cost of the consultant or \$46,330.

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved to forward **Resolution No. 2007-02-004R: An Intergovernmental Agreement for Negotiation of the Renewal of Cable Franchises with Insight Communications Midwest, LLC** to Council with a recommendation for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: March 12, 2007