

CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 14, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Curt Borman; Michael Bily; Rex Mundt; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; William DeJarnette; Kathy Larson; Douglas Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Rosalind Lewis; Members of the Media

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

Chair Stevenson called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:02 p.m. [*Point of Record: All members of the Committee were physically in attendance at time of roll call.*]

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**

April 23, 2007 - Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 23, 2007. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Rosalind Lewis, 803 N. Goodwin Ave., representing residents in the King School area, addressed the Committee with safety concerns about the mini-park at the southwest corner of Beslin Street and Goodwin Avenue. Ms Lewis read into record a petition from residents requesting that the mini-park be closed and reallocated for residential use.

Committee Member Input

Mayor Prussing introduced Curt Borman to the Committee and viewing audience. Mr. Borman began his position today as Assistant City Attorney.

5. **LIQUOR LICENSE AMENDMENTS:**

The following two items were acted on in omnibus fashion:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2007-05-042: An Ordinance Establishing a Class CA, Caterer's, Retail Liquor License; and**
- b. **Ordinance No. 2007-05-043: An Ordinance Establishing a University-Related Organization Liquor License**

Mayor Prussing presented the staff report.

Ms Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation or approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. Debate ensued.

Ms Barnes withdrew her motion to send this item to Council. Mr. Roberts was in agreement.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts moved to postpone this item to the next Committee meeting. Ms Chynoweth seconded.

The motion to postponed carried by a voice vote. This item will appear on the June 11, 2007 Committee agenda. [Note: The Committee meeting scheduled for May 28, 2007 was cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday.]

6. **DISCUSSION: MARKETING URBANA**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) presented the staff report. Kathy Larson (Economic Development Specialist) was present to assist.

Following debate, Ms Barnes moved to recommend that staff come back with a plan of how to implement an RFP or hire a professional marketing consultant to work with promoting Urbana's image. Ms Chynoweth seconded. Debate ensued.

The motion carried by a voice vote. No further action was warranted at this time.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-05-011R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CUNNINGHAM AVENUE (FAP ROUTE 800, U.S. ROUTE 45) AND CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE (CUNNINGHAM AVENUE AND CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE)**

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

Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-05-041: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM ANNUAL BUDGET (FY 2007-2008)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

9. **PRESENTATION: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report. Douglas Miller (Engineering Project Coordinator) was present to assist. Mr. Gray gave a slide presentation describing the Capital Improvement Plan that also depicted citywide improvement projects. (The Capital Improvement Plan is available on the City of Urbana website at www.city.urbana.il.us.)

This item did not warrant City Council action at this time.

The Committee took a brief break at 9:12 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:17 p.m.

10. **BUDGET PRESENTATION, OVERVIEW**

Mayor Prussing presented the staff report and gave a brief overview of the budget, reviewing major areas of spending. Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) did a slide presentation depicting the City's revenues, tax rates and infrastructure.

No action was warranted from the Council on this item at this time.

11. **DISCUSSION: CITY OF URBANA WEBSITE**

William DeJarnette (Information Services Manager) presented the staff report. Mr. DeJarnette gave a presentation on the City's website and recommendations for areas of improvements that would enhance the website, making it more user-friendly and easier for the public to find information.

No action was warranted from the Council on this item at this time.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: June 11, 2007