



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 23, 2007

Mayor Prussing request a moment of silence for Deputy Tommy Martin of the Douglass County Sheriff's Department, who died as a result of a wound received in the line of duty.

Elected Officials Physically Present:

Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox (Chair), Danielle Chynoweth. Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, and Stevenson

Elected Officials Present by Teleconference

None

Elected Officials Absent:

None

Other Elected Officials Physically Present

Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and City Clerk Phyllis D. Clerk

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Mike Bily, Economic Development Division Manager Tom Carrino, Personnel Manager Vacellia Clark, Executive Department Assistant Liz Davis, Planner Jeff Engstrom, Fire Department Division Chief Tony Foster, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Planning Department Manager Robert Myers, Acting City Attorney Ronald O'Neal, Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti, Human Relations Officer Todd Rent, and Community Development Manager Libby Tyler

Others Present:

John Thies, Julie Cox, Chuck Plotner, Larry Sapp, Sean Williams, Micki Mannino, Andrea Antolov, Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Julia Watkins, Eric Sculley Andrews, Ricky Baldwin, Neil Parthun, Robert Dunn, Rick Stewart, Dean Hazen, Shannon Wolfe, Barak Rosenshine, John Snyder, Andy Manzer, Tom Jordan, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2007 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Carle Street vacation:

John Thies, 2005 Morrow Court
Julie Cox, 1700 Magnolia, St. Joseph
Chuck Plotner, 611 West Park Street
Larry Sapp, 611 West Park Street
Sean Williams, 201 West Springfield, Champaign
Micki Mannino, 807 North Orchard

Andrea Antolov, 810 North Busey, addressed the Committee in opposition to the Carle expansion.

Presentation: Carle Medical Center Facility Expansion and Street Closure Request

Ms. Barnes recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

John Snyder, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Carle Foundation, Andy Manzer, Support Services, Carle Foundation Hospital, and Tom Jordan, Project Director, Foth, Infrastructure & Environment, LLC were present for a presentation which included an overview of the Current Master Planning Approach; a Review of the 1996 Master Site Plan Agreement; Immediate Need: Heart and Vascular Institute/Future Hospital; Site Selection; Traffic Impact Analysis; Parking Accommodation within the MIC; Neighborhood and a summary of needs and improvements.

A traffic study found closing Coler Avenue would have an acceptable impact on the overall traffic patterns of the community. The study also made recommendations to

improve overall traffic flow and safety for all community members traveling in and around Carle Foundation Hospital.

The following infrastructure improvements are recommended to enhance traffic flow and safety:

- Adding a dual left turn lane in the eastbound and westbound directions at University and Lincoln Avenues (IDOT initiated project)
- Closing the north leg of the intersection at University Avenue and Busey Avenue, allowing service vehicles only
- Closing the north leg of the intersection at University Avenue and Coler Avenue to all vehicles except emergency vehicles
- Adding a traffic signal at Church Street and Lincoln Avenue and additional left lanes
- Closing the south leg of the intersection at Church Street and Coler Avenue and adding a stop sign at the north leg on Coler Avenue.

Debate followed the presentation. No action was required on this item at this time. Carle will present a request on August 13, 2007.

Chair Bowersox declared a three minute break at 9:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

Ordinance No. 200706-051: An Ordinance Establishing a Civilian Review Board for the City of Urbana, Illinois

Mayor Prussing stated that the main reason for having a Civilian Review Board (CRB) is to provide a systematic means by which to achieve continuous improvement in police/community interaction. Urbana has an excellent police force and excellent Police Chief and they function best with the full cooperation of the community. There were a number of suggestions from people that have been incorporated into this new document.

Human Relations Director Todd Rent presented the changes requested at the last presentation. General questions were regarding why the hybrid version from the Task Force report was not retained. The hybrid version involved investigating and also in reviewing the actions of the Police Chief. It was also questioned why subpoena power was not retained, and why was there language that threatens or warns against those who willfully file false reports. And finally, why was the advocate provision deleted.

Basically, in regard to the hybrid investigatory review model, the FOP Agreement provided in part, that the CRB will not conduct independent third party investigations of an officer's conduct.

Subpoena power is a derivative of investigatory power. A subpoena is an investigative mechanism. It was questioned whether there would be a net benefit of authorizing the access to information via subpoena power as opposed to the other mechanism.

After consideration, subpoena power has been retained.

The following people were present in support of the Civilian Review Board:

Dr. Evelyn Underwood, 1309 West Tremont
Julia Watkins, 805 East Green Street
Eric Skully Andrew, 805 Philo Road
Ricky Baldwin, 801 East California
Neil Parthun, 712 West Elm, #1

The following people were present in opposition to the Civilian Review Board:

Robert Dunn, 804 South Urbana Avenue
Rick Stewart, representing Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council
Dean Hazen, 1606 Bunker Court
Shannon Wolfe, 401 Winston Drive, St. Joseph

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 200706-051: An Ordinance Establishing a Civilian Review Board for the City of Urbana, Illinois**, including the language in 19.28 be changed to willful or intentional, to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth. Mr. Smyth requested that it be clarified that “no officer shall appear before the CRB or be subpoenaed”. This was acceptable to the mover.

Ms. Barnes requested that the review date be changed to March, 2009 so the present Council reviews it rather than a new Council. This was acceptable to the mover and the seconder.

Following debate, the motion to send **Ordinance No. 200706-051: An Ordinance Establishing a Civilian Review Board for the City of Urbana, Illinois**, as amended, to Council with a recommendation for approval carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Smyth moved to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Philo Road Beautification Plan

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented the following action list for Committee consideration.

A proposed plan and project list follows:

- Employ a professional landscape architectural firm and streetlight consultant.

Phase I—*Plan* (\$5,000)
Phase I—*Design* (\$20,000)
Phase II--*Design* (\$10,000)

- Landscaping.

Add mature four-inch diameter trees (\$30,000)

Expand parkway prairie plantings with irrigation (\$70,000)

Partner with property owners to enhance signage/landscaping (\$50,000)

Add benches, trash receptacles, etc. (\$20,000)

Provide an allowance for art sculpture(s) and banners (\$10,000)

Removal and replacement of defective sidewalk (\$65,000).

Upgrade existing streetlight fixtures and possibly add decorative street lighting at key locations (\$120,000).

Resurface and stripe a three lane cross section with bike lanes on Philo Road between Florida Avenue and Colorado Avenue (\$150,000).

Provide Arbor Division staff and equipment to maintain landscaped areas and parkways (\$20,000 annually).

The one time cost total is \$550,000, plus the annual \$20,000 cost of maintenance that will increase annually with inflation and cost-of-living adjustments.

Barak Rosenshine, 2013 Cureton, addressed the Committee with his suggestions for the beautification of Philo Road.

Following debate, Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Philo Road Beautification Plan** to Council on August 6, 2007 with direction for staff to come back with a budget ordinance for funding. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-06-051: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City Of Urbana (1714 East Airport Road/Gregory and Denise Reynolds)

Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-06-051: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City Of Urbana (1714 East Airport Road/Gregory and Denise Reynolds)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-07-090: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census for a Partial Special Census

Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino presented staff report. The City of Urbana has seen significant residential permit growth and activity since the year 2000. City staff has discussed whether the official 2000 Census population figure of 37,742 significantly underestimates the actual population of Urbana.

This special census is coordinated by the U.S. Census Bureau and funded by the local jurisdiction. A partial special census allows the local government to target specific census tracts and blocks for updating.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-07-090: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census for a Partial Special Census** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-07-088: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Lease with Carl Riesman (Five-Year Term Commencing March 1, 2008 / 212 West Green Street – Marro Building)

Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti presented staff report. The lease on this property expires February 2008. The tenant desires to make longer range plans for his business and therefore would like a new lease to ensure no interruption.

Following debate, Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-07-090: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census for a Partial Special Census** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-07-089: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Smith Road at Michigan Avenue)

Mr. Gray stated the motion is self-explanatory and all that is need is a motion to send it to Council.

Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-07-089: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Smith Road at Michigan Avenue)** to

Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: August 13, 2007