



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 13, 2007

Elected Officials Physically Present:

Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Charlie Smyth, and Heather Stevenson (Chair)

Elected Officials Present by Teleconference

None

Elected Officials Absent:

Danielle Chynoweth and Dennis Roberts

Other Elected Officials Physically Present

Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and City Clerk Phyllis D. Clerk

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Mike Bily, Arborist Mike Brunk, Economic Development Director Tom Carrino, Environmental Control Manager Rod Fletcher, Fire Department Division Chief Tony Foster, Fleet Manager Larry Fredrick, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Assistant City Engineer Gale Jamison, Planning Department Manager Robert Myers, Acting City Attorney Ronald O'Neal, Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti, Assistant to the Public Works Director Barbara Stiehl, and Community Development Manager Libby Tyler

Others Present:

John Aquino, Sam Banks, Catherine Connor, Mike Doyle, Dr. Don Greeley, Cynthia Hoyle, Pat Johnson, James Kuypers, Andy Manzer, Linda Myette, Phillip Myette, John Snyder, Paul Wiese, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Barnes moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Carle street and alley vacations:

John Aquino, 2513 Bedford Drive, Champaign
Sam Banks, representing Cunningham Children's Home
Dr. Don Greeley, 2206 Cureton
Cynthia Hoyle, 1101 East University
Andy Manger, 1411 Brookhaven Drive, Mahomet
Linda Myette, 3206 Baronry, Drive
John Snyder, 508 Crescent Drive, Mattoon
Paul Wiese, Brookbank Road, Downers Grove

Pat Johnson, 105 Meadow Drive and Philip Myette, 3206 Baronry Drive, were present in support of the Carle Street and alley vacations but did not speak.

James Kuypers, 302 North Orchard, addressed the Committee in opposition to the closing of Coler.

Discussion: Carle Foundation Request for Street and Alley Vacations (Coler Avenue, Busey Avenue, and Park Street)

Ms. Barnes recused herself from discussion on this agenda item due to a conflict of interest.

John Snyder, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Carle Foundation stated that representatives from Carle would be answering questions the Committee had at a previous meeting. John Aquino of HGR addressed the questions the Committee had regarding the location of the mechanical rooms and their functions. Paul Wiese from J&J discussed the bicycle, pedestrian, and MTD routes. Andy Manzer, representing Carle Foundation Support Services, discussed the parking, use of remote lots at Vineyard and the Champaign County Fair Grounds, and the use of shuttles from the remote lot.

Following debate, Mr. Bowersox moved to request staff to prepare the ordinance for these vacations and present them at the City Council meeting on September 4, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth suggested that there be an ordinance for each separate vacation. This was acceptable to the mover and seconder. The motion, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-08-094: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Rental Registration Program for Residential Property and the Schedule of Fees

Comptroller Ron Eldridge presented staff report. The proposed amendment eliminates an inconsistency between Section 15(a) of the Rental Registration and Inspection Program Ordinance, which establishes a minimum fine of \$135 for each violation, and the Schedule of Fees Subsection B(11), which establishes a \$100 fee for failure to register a rental property and \$50 fees for late and incomplete registrations. It also resolves a conflict concerning continuing violations.

Following debate, Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-08-094: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Rental Registration Program for Residential Property and the Schedule of Fees** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2007-08-018R: Resolution Approving Proposed Change of Control Of Local Cable Franchise from Insight Communications Midwest, LLC to Comcast Corporation

Acting City Attorney Ron O'Neal presented staff report. This resolution proposes a change of control of the local cable franchise from Insight to Comcast. The City has the right to legal, technical and financial consideration.

There is a partnership between Insight and Comcast and they have decided to split some of the holdings. Comcast will be the controlling entity for the cable franchise.

This change of control has been reviewed by outside legal consultants and no problem has been found regarding the transfer.

Following debate, Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Resolution No. 2007-08-018R: Resolution Approving Proposed Change of Control Of Local Cable Franchise from Insight Communications Midwest, LLC to Comcast Corporation** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Sustainable Urbana Report

Mr. Gray presented staff report reviewing different aspects of the report including:

- Building Maintenance
- Building and Regulation
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Fleets
- Incentives
- Infrastructure and Transportation
- Landscapes and Open Space
- Municipal Buildings
- Regional Food System
- Outreach and Education
- Procurement
- Residential Buildings
- Boneyard Creek
- Water
- Waste and Recycling

Mr. Gray reviewed the accomplishments, opportunities, and challenges of the different aspects. Staff present to give input where needed were: Arborist Mike Brunk, Environmental Control Manager Rod Fletcher, Fleet Manager Larry Fredrick, Assistant City Engineer Gale Jamison, Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti, and Assistant to the Public Works Director Barb Stiehl.

No action was required on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: September 10, 2007