

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JULY 14, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

The City Council Committee Of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, July 14, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: [Ward 2 vacant]

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Ronald Eldridge; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers

OTHERS PRESENT: Diana Visek; Cynthia Hoyle; Members of the Media

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

Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

The following reports were presented by staff:

1. **Philo Road Action Plan Fiscal Analysis and Update** - Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) presented the staff report and gave a brief PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Carrino's report elaborated on the City of Urbana's progress in completing the goals and objectives of the Philo Road Action Plan adopted by the City Council. (See attached.) This item did not warrant Council action.
2. **Financial Reports on the City's Website** - Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) informed the Committee that he had conversed with Ms Visek, and that he agreed with her requests that financial reports be accessible to the public on the City of Urbana's website. This would also include copies of contracts the City has entered into being made available in PDF (Portable Document Format). Mr. Eldridge indicated that he also concurs with Ms Visek that the City should provide a resolution stating that it is our policy to provide this information on the internet. The process of putting the financial reports on the City's website has already taken place, and Mr. Eldridge informed the Committee that he will be presenting a resolution for Council approval at a later date.
3. **Filling the Vacancy of an Alderman** - At the request of Mayor Prussing, Ronald O'Neal (City Attorney) explained to the

Committee the process for filling a vacancy on the Council. This direction is taken from the Statutes.

Chair Roberts acknowledged public input from Diana Visek, 608 West Pennsylvania, at this time. Ms Visek commended the efforts of Mr. Eldridge to comply with her requests concerning placing financial reports on the City's website, and also indicated that it would be important that the resolution he is preparing indicate that the City of Urbana supports releasing copies of those supporting documents.

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

June 9, 2008 - Ms Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 9, 2008. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no additional public input.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06-051: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROMOTION AND MARKETING SERVICES (URBANA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - FY 2008-2009)**

Mr. Carrino presented the staff report.

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

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07-076: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (2111 AND 2105 WILLOW ROAD, 2110 HAGAN BOULEVARD, MARSH JONES)**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07-018R: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STUDY OF MOBILITY-ENHANCED DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CHAMPAIGN-URBANA (INCLUDING URBANA'S SPRINGFIELD AVENUE CORRIDOR)**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report. Cynthia Hoyle (C-U Mass Transit District) was available to answer questions.

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

Following debate, the motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07-075: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (CHURCH STREET BETWEEN GOODWIN AVENUE AND LINCOLN AVENUE)**

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

Ms Barnes requested to recuse herself from discussion and voting. Chair Roberts acknowledged.

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

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07-077: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (PUBLIC WORKS ARBOR AT&T LANDSCAPING)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07-017R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SRTS NEW SCHOOL ZONE SIGNAGE)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

11. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION ITEMS:**

These items were acted on in omnibus fashion.

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07-078: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE H OF SECTION 23-93 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE REQUIRING STOP SIGNS AT A CERTAIN INTERSECTION (BEACON HILL CIRCLE AT BERINGER CIRCLE; RUTHERFORD DRIVE AT BERINGER CIRCLE); and**
- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07-079: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE N OF SECTION 23-193 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE LIMITING PARKING TIME ON CERTAIN STREETS OR PUBLIC PARKING LOTS (SPRINGFIELD AVENUE)**

Ms Barnes made a motion to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. **DISCUSSION: MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AN RFP LEADING TO A MASTER PLAN DESIGN FOR LIGHTING**

Mr. Smyth presented. Mr. Gray gave staff input.

Mr. Smyth began the discussion by informing Committee Members of new information that had come to light in conversations he had with Jim Benya (lighting consultant) regarding a new way of classifying lights. The City's policy of using full cut-off and cut-off lights has been superseded by a new lighting standard by IESNA (Illuminating Engineering Society of North America) which allows a wider variety of lights.

Mr. Gray has met with Champaign and the University of Illinois and they have agreed to include the new information presented by Mr. Smyth in the RFP to present to Council.

No action was taken on this item at this time.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: September 8, 2008