

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 8, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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The City Council Committee Of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, June 8, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Charlie Smyth (Chair); Brandon Bowersox; David Gehrig; Robert E. Lewis; Diane W. Marlin; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Dennis Roberts (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Patrick Connolly; Ronald Eldridge; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Rodney Fletcher; Gale Jamison; Robert Myers; John Schneider; Jeffrey Engstrom; Kelly Hartford

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Resnick; Jean Paley; Esther Patt; Mark Enslin; Danielle Chynoweth; David Pelton; Larry Brown; Susan Toalson; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda. Chair Smyth acknowledged reports and announcements from staff.

Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer) informed Committee Members and the viewing audience of two public meetings scheduled for this week: 1) Windsor Road project, June 9, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church located at 2106 Windsor Road; and 2) Goodwin Avenue project, June 11, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Krannert Center in the Krannert Room.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) also informed Committee Members and the viewing audience of two upcoming events: 1) House Unveiling Workshop, June 15, 2009 at 303 West High Street from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Rebecca Bird (Planner) for details at (217) 384-2440; and 2) This Saturday is "Second Saturday" in Downtown Urbana-Lincoln Square Village (Main Street at Broadway Avenue and Race Street), sponsored by the Urbana Business Association, which will include antiques, collectibles, art, and many more items.

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

**May 26, 2009** - Ms Marlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 26, 2009. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Public input was addressed at the time the item was presented at the request of those submitting Public Input Cards this evening.

**Committee Member Input**

Ms Marlin informed Committee Members and the audience that the annual meeting of the Southeast Urbana Neighborhood Association (SEUNA) will be held tomorrow evening (June 9, 2009) at 7:00 p.m. Representatives of the Public Works and Community Development Services Departments, the Mayor, and City Council will be present.

Chair Smyth noted that the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission has released "Greenways and Trails" maps for Champaign County. The maps will be available at the City's booth at the Farmer's Market, the Urbana Free Library, and other locations.

**5. PRESENTATION: BIG BROADBAND PROJECT**

Peter Resnick (Broadband Access Committee Chair/C-U Cable and Telecommunications Commission) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Big Broadband Project. Mr. Resnick mentioned a stimulus package that would include 4.7 billion dollars for broadband access to "unserved", "underserved", "rural", and "vulnerable" populations. Guidelines have not been received to date; however, it is believed bids for grants will start between July and September this year. The Broadband Access Committee is looking to provide fiber network between the cities of Urbana and Champaign.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

**6. ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06-057: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS (REZONING OF 714 WEST CALIFORNIA AVENUE FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-7, UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL / PLAN CASE NO. 2106-M-09 - KEVIN AND JULIA WEBSTER)**

No additional staff report was presented.

Kevin and Julia Webster were present and addressed the Committee in support of the proposed amendment.

Chair Smyth recognized public input regarding this item at this time.

Jean Paley, 706 W. California, addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Chair Smyth noted that Committee Members had received numerous e-mails in opposition to this proposal.

Following debate, Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for denial. Ms Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**7. DISCUSSION: TENANT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**

Chair Smyth recognized public input at this time.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of tenant relocation assistance:

Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler Avenue; Mark Enslin, 207 W. Indiana Avenue; and Danielle Chynoweth, 412 W. Illinois, representing herself and CUCPJ.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Department Director/City Planner) presented the staff report. City of Urbana and City of Champaign staff have met and plan to work together with representatives from Rantoul, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, and the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless to develop a unified action plan that would assist in residential and hotel condemnations resulting in displaced occupants. The goal for completion of this plan is fall 2009. City of Urbana staff does not recommend inclusion of hotels and motels in the City's rental registration program.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

8. **SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING/ALLOCATIONS**

Mr. Gehrig presented. Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) assisted with the presentation.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to send this item to Council. Ms Marlin seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

9. **RESOLUTION 2009-06-022R: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

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

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06-063: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-183 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (RAINBOW VIEW; STOUGHTON STREET)**

Mr. Jamison presented the staff report.

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

11. **DISCUSSION: ENERGY GRANT APPLICATION**

Rodney Fletcher (Environmental Management Division Manager) presented the staff report and an ordinance for the energy grant application. David Pelton (AmerenIP) was available to explain the "Act on Energy Program" and answer questions. Larry Brown (AmerenIP) distributed a packet of information to Committee Members.

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

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06-061: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BAKU N. PATEL (108 WEST UNIVERSITY AVENUE)**

Agenda items #12 and #13 were presented in omnibus fashion.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Ms Stevenson made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2009-06-061, "An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Baku N. Patel (108 West University Avenue)", and Ordinance No. 2009-06-064, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Site Improvements, 108 W. University Avenue / Baku N. Patel)", to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06-064: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (SITE IMPROVEMENTS, 108 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE / BAKU N. PATEL)**

This document was acted on in omnibus fashion with item #12 and sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.

14. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06-062: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROMOTION AND MARKETING SERVICES (URBANA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - FY 2009-2010)**

Mr. Carrino presented the staff report. Susan Toalson (Executive Director/Urbana Business Association) gave an update on upcoming events (i.e., Sweetcorn Festival, Second Saturday).

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: June 22, 2009