

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - March 22, 2010 - 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, March 22, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Michelle Brooks; John Schneider

OTHERS PRESENT: Eugene Ziegler; Mary Ziegler; Dave McKay; Howard Erlandson; Leslie Cooperband; Mary Atkinson; Bill Ziegler; Virginia Ziegler; Terry Townsend; Michael Fuerst; Lori Kingery; Susan Taylor; Carol Osgood; Laura Huth; William Cope; Janet Scharlau; Jacqueline Hannah; Eric Thorsland; Steve Kyser; Ralph Langenheim; Suhail Barot; Andy Bruns; Mike Tague; 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 7:01 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Staff Report

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) announced an open house regarding East Urbana Design Guidelines on March 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers. She also announced May 4, 2010 is C-U Bike to Work Day.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced April 10, 2010 is the Boneyard Creek Community Day. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. at Scott Park in Champaign.

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

March 8, 2010 - Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 8, 2010. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following citizens addressed the Committee of their opposition to the Olympian Drive extension: William Cope, 4018 N. Lincoln Avenue; Janet Scharlau, 3610 N. Lincoln Avenue; Eric Thorsland, 480 CR 2500 N, Newcomb; Lori Kingery, 3412 E. University Avenue; Suhail Barot, 901 W. Springfield Avenue, #7.

Laura Huth, 506 S. Webber and Jacqueline Hannah, 105 Grossbach Drive discussed their support for economic development in Urbana.

Steve Kyser, 1108 W. Green, discussed his archeological research in the area of Olympian Drive and presented some Indian artifacts found at the site.

Andy Bruns and Sarah Frohardt, 206 W. High Street, #1, did not address the Committee, but asked that their positions be entered into the record in opposition to the Olympian Drive expansion.

Ralph Langeheim, 401 W. Vermont, spoke of his support of the Olympian Drive project.

Mr. Roberts read an email he received from Tyler Fitch in support of the Olympian Drive expansion.

5. **Ordinance No. 2010-03-019: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1410 West Eads Street)**

John Schneider (Grants Manager) presented the updated staff report. Mike Tague, attorney for Champaign Unit 4 Schools, answered questions. Additional information was given by Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner). Discussion followed.

Terry Townsend, 2806 Rachel, spoke to the Committee in opposition to the proposed use of the property after the sale is completed.

Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. **Resolution No. 2010-03-006R: A Resolution of Support for Community Room Improvements to King School as a Tax Increment Finance District Three Project Allocation**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report. Additional information was provided by William Gray (Public Works Director). Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. **Resolution No. 2010-03-007R: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Champaign and the County of Champaign for the Design of Olympian Drive**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Resolution No. 2010-03-008R and Ordinance No. 2010-03-020.

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report. Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented additional information and answered questions. Discussion followed.

The following citizens did not address the Committee, but wished to have their position entered into the record in opposition to the Olympian Drive expansion: Virginia Ziegler, 4704 N. Willow Road; Bill Ziegler, 4704 N. Willow Road; Mary Atkinson, 3600 N. Lincoln Avenue; Leslie Cooperband, 4410 N. Lincoln Avenue; Howard Erlandson, 4132 N. Lincoln Avenue; Dave McKay, 4102 N. Lincoln Avenue; Mary Ziegler, 4808 N. Lincoln Avenue; Eugene Ziegler, 4808 N. Lincoln Avenue.

The following citizens spoke to the Committee of their opposition to the Olympian Drive expansion: Michael Fuerst, 802 N. Broadway; Lori Kingery, 3412 E. University Avenue; Susan Taylor, 606 W. Michigan Avenue; Carol Osgood, 404 S. Birch Street.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to keep these items in Committee and directed staff to review for discussion again at the next Committee meeting on April 12, 2010. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. **Resolution No. 2010-03-008R: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement between the City of Urbana and the Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Olympian Drive**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Resolution No. 2010-03-007R and Ordinance No. 2020-03-020.

9. **Ordinance No. 2010-03-020: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Olympian Drive Engineering/Land Acquisition)**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Resolution No. 2020-03-007R and Resolution No. 2010-03-008R.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: April 12, 2010