

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - July 12, 2010 - 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, July 12, 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; Heather Stevenson; Charles Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Phyllis Clark, City Clerk [excused]

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Ronald Eldridge; Lisa Karcher; Patrick Pioletti; Gale Jamison; Curt Borman; Deborah Roberts

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pat Cardenas; Gina Pagliuso; Reverend Troy A. Burks; Scott Dossett; Wade Morehead; Jennifer Hagen; Angela Wade; Members of the Media

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

Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:22 p.m.

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

Mr. Roberts announced Staff had asked that item #15 be removed from the agenda and postponed due to a request by the petitioner. He also mentioned items #12 and #16 would be moved up in the agenda to accommodate guests present for these items. There were no objections.

**Staff Report**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) announced several ribbon cuttings; Crystal View Townhomes, Elements of Design Salon & Spa, and Einstein Brothers Bagels. He mentioned the Downtown Plan survey was available on the City website for public review. He announced there would be a re-use of the Walgreen's building. Mr. Carrino discussed a revision of the Philo Road Business District Incentive Plan and possible re-use of the Baskin Robbin's building. He stated a Campus/Medical District Neighborhood Business Meeting will be held on July 21, 2010 at Einstein Brothers Bagels, 901 W. University Avenue at 3:00 p.m.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced a bike rodeo this Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 9:00 am to noon during Market at the Square. Ed Barsotti from the League of American Bicyclists will acknowledge Urbana's status as a bicycle friendly community in a ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

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

**May 24, 2010, June 7, 2010 - special meeting** - Mr. Bowersox made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 24, 2010 and special meeting held June 7, 2010 in omnibus fashion. Ms. Marlin

seconded. The motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2010 and June 7, 2010 carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Scott Dossett, 501 E. High, spoke to the Committee in opposition to the changes proposed regarding the open burning ordinance. He also stated he was in favor of landmarking the Lincoln Hotel and allowing felons to participate on the Civilian Police Review Board which they are currently excluded.

Reverend Troy A. Burks, 904 N. Division Avenue, addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed towing fees.

Gina Pagliuso, 806 S. Vine Street, addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed changes for the open burning ordinance. She also stated she was in support of landmarking the Lincoln Hotel. She is opposed to anything other than the shorter route recommended in the High Cross Road plan and supportive of paring down costs in the Capital Improvement Plan.

5. **Ordinance No. 2010-06-046: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (209 S. Broadway Avenue, "Urbana-Lincoln Hotel" - Historic Preservation Case No. HP2010-L-01)**

Staff recommended that this item be postponed definitely until the next Committee meeting due to a request by the petitioner to allow more time for research. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to postpone this item until the next Committee meeting. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. **Ordinance No. 2010-07-055: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (203 South Dodson Drive / Angela Wade)**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) gave the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2010-07-056: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (Annexation of Three Lots in Somerset Subdivision No. 3 / 2412, 2502 and 2505 Somerset Drive)**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) gave the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2010-07-054: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Article XIV, Section 23-192 of the Urbana Code of Ordinances (Parking Permits / Amending Hours and Area of Enforcement)**

Mr. Smyth gave an updated report. It was requested that the hours be adjusted to an earlier start time of 7:00 a.m. to allow citizens who have to work at 8:00 a.m. time to park on the street before leaving for

work and making the permits valid only within a three block distance from the address of the resident. Mr. Bowersox asked that language be clarified to mention the streets adjacent to the high school. Discussion followed.

Pat Cardenas, 204 W. Iowa, spoke to the Committee of her concerns regarding the parking permits.

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

9. **Discussion: Ordinance 2010-07-053: An Ordinance Adding Section 45.1 to Chapter 22 of the Urbana Municipal Code (Municipal Gas Use Tax)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) discussed with Committee. He stated a recent change in the law will allow Ameren to collect tax on a per-therm basis which will include those residents who get their natural gas from a source other than Ameren. The proposed amount is 3.5 cents per therm which is estimated to bring in \$186,200 annually in extra revenue for the City. Discussion followed. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send this to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **Discussion: Local Motor Fuel Tax**

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave the staff report with additional information provided by Mayor Prussing. Discussion followed. Mr. Munson announced the Pekin City Manager would be attending the next Council meeting to give a presentation on this issue.

11. **Update: High Cross Road**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the updated staff report regarding the multi-use path proposed along the west side of High Cross Road from Windsor Road to University Avenue. A grant has been issued for partial costs and a preliminary design is complete. The City's share of the costs will be funded in a combination of Capital Replacement and Improvement funds and motor fuel tax funds. He presented several implementation options for consideration. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of Committee to select option which would build a smaller project using the grant monies. The path would be built from Windsor Road to Po' Boys Restaurant and Sport Complex entrance. Mr. Smyth made a motion to proceed with this option. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. **Program Modification to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

*This item was handled out of sequence after item #7.*

Patrick Pioletti (Facilities Manager) gave the staff report with additional information provided by William Gray (Public Works Director). Wade Morehead, Act on Energy Program Manager and Jennifer Hage, Ameren Community Relations Coordinator, answered questions from Committee. Mr. Smyth made a motion to proceed with the proposed plan

modifications. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

13. **Resolution No. 2010-07-021R: A Resolution for Improvement by Municipalities Under the Illinois Highway Code (North Lincoln Avenue / Bridge Replacement Construction)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the updated staff report. Mr. Gehrig made a motion to send the resolution to Council for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

14. **Resolution No. 2010-06-020R: A Resolution Approving the 2010 Update of the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Urbana**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the updated staff report. Discussion followed. Staff was directed to discuss possible cost sharing with University of Illinois. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

15. **Ordinance No. 2010-06-048: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances (Allowable Open Burning)**

Mr. Smyth made a motion to postpone indefinitely to allow staff more time to review. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion passed by a voice vote.

16. **Ordinance No. 2010-07-052: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Urbana City Code to Establish an Administrative Fee for Towing of Vehicles Used in the Commission of Certain Offenses**

*This item was handled out of sequence after item #7.*

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave the staff report. There will be five offenses which will generate the increased fee of \$250 to tow a vehicle; DUI, felony drug, revoked license, registration revoked, cancelled or suspended and fleeing and eluding. This fee is estimated to generate an extra \$31,000 annually in revenues. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

17. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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Joan M. Ryan  
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: August 9, 2010