

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 - 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, September 12, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Charlie Smyth (Chair); Eric Jakobsson; Robert E. Lewis; Diane W. Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Heather Stevenson (7:06p); Brandon Bowersox (7:07p)

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Elizabeth Tyler; Gale Jamison; Robert Myers; Thomas Carrino; Rich Coyne

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol McKusick; Dave Monk; Gina Pagliuso; Members of the Media

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.

Mayor Prussing reminded Committee Members of the upcoming IML (Illinois Municipal League) Conference being held in Chicago, and informed them that she would be driving and invited them to attend.

CM Marlin expressed words of appreciation to Fire and Police Chiefs for their efforts in planning the 9/11 ceremony held in front of the Champaign County Courthouse yesterday. The ceremony was commendable and well-represented.

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) reported on properties owned by Canaan Baptist Church: 1) the Church has sold the Armory lot to the City, and the building has been demolished and the lot is vacant; 2) the Halberstadt House has been sold; and 3) there remains a request to landmark the Halberstadt House, which will be presented at the next Committee meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

August 22, 2011 - CM Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 22, 2011. CM Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Carol McKusick addressed the Committee with concerns regarding the City Council process (i.e., agenda material, work assignments, ordinance numbering), and the developments on Birch Street and Race Street.

Dave Monk addressed the Committee with concerns regarding the art grant.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09-110: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (2409 BROWNFIELD ROAD / TROY FLESSNER)**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report.

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

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09-111: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL PUBLIC ART PROGRAM OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT - 2012)**

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

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

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09-108: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS (ADDING A NEW SECTION VI-9 ENTITLED "PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS" - PLAN CASE NO. 2142-T-11)**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report. He noted new language that had been added to the ordinance.

Chair Smyth acknowledged public input regarding this issue at this time.

Gina Pagliuso addressed the Committee in opposition to portable storage containers.

CM Marlin made a motion to send this item to Council. CM Stevenson seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, CM Marlin moved to amend Section VI-9.C.2 to read, "...may extend time and/or additional containers." CM Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. Debate ensued.

CM Marlin moved to amend her original motion to send this item to Council to include a direction to staff to present new language in Section VI-9.C.5 that would indicate that the containers must have

identification and the City permit be displayed. CM Stevenson agreed to the amendment. Debate ensued.

CM Jakobsson moved to add an additional sentence to Section VI-9.C.6 to read, "This maintenance shall be the responsibility of the owner of the portable storage containers." CM Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The motion on the floor to send this item to Council, as amended, carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09-107: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER)**

Rich Coyne (Public Works Operations Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

9. **MOTION TO APPROVE POLICY FOR BIOSWALES AND RAIN GARDENS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer) presented the staff report.

CM Bowersox made a motion to approve the policy for bioswales and rain gardens in the public right-of-way. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Action on this item only required in Committee and does not warrant proceeding to Council.

10. **DISCUSSION: PUBLIC COMMENT BY GROUPS**

Chair Smyth asked CM Roberts to take the Chair (8:35 p.m.) and he presented this item for discussion.

CM Smyth explained that his intent regarding this topic was to streamline Council rules to show the public how they may speak to the Council as a group. With the passage of the recent ordinance regarding public comment, CM Smyth suggested that the City Attorney, Mayor and City Clerk get together to review the ordinance to see if there was some language that would merit additional clarification pertaining to groups. He requested that they present their findings at a future Committee meeting. There were no objections.

Chair Pro-tem Roberts returned the Chair to CM Smyth at 8:49 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.