

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - September 26, 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 26, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Eric Jakobsson

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Curt Borman; Tom Carrino; Robert Myers; Elizabeth Tyler; Brad Bennett; Courtney Rushforth; Ronald Eldridge

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Noel; Rod Fletcher; Clark Bullard; John Peisker; Jayne DeLuce; Brian Adams; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There was none.

Staff Report

Courtney Rushforth (Recycling Coordinator) gave a short presentation of the highlights of the U-Cycle Program which was started 25 years ago. She recognized Rod Fletcher who was the previous Recycling Coordinator who shared his thoughts regarding the program. Mayor Prussing announced that regular citizens started recycling in the 70's before the official program began.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director) gave an updated status report regarding the placement of community groups at the Market. They will be brought back into the main space of the Market beginning this weekend.

Leaf collection will be on the following dates this year: October 27-21, October 31- November 4, November 14-18, and November 28 - December 2nd. Pick-up will be on regular U-Cycle day and bags should be out by 6:00 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 12, 2011 - Ms. Marlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 12, 2011. Mr. Roberts seconded. The minutes of September 26, 2011 meeting were approved by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none as the public wished to address Committee at the time of the item.

5. ***Presentation: Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study***

Brad Bennett (Civil Engineer) gave the presentation. He introduced Doug Noel (AMEC representative) who was available to answer questions. This study was prepared by AMEC Earth and Environmental and is available online at the City website for review. Paper copies are available in Public Works and at the Urbana Free Library. The study was done to review stormwater program goals, needs, resources, funding and proposed utility fee structure as well as establish an input group from those impacted. Staff would like to proceed with retaining AMEC to prepare a draft stormwater utility fee rate and enterprise fund ordinance for Council to review in early 2012. Staff would also like approval to proceed with retaining AMEC to prepare a credit/incentive program for the proposed fee. The estimated cost is \$10,000 which is available in the Stormwater Utility Fee Implementation Phase budget. Discussion followed. Additional information was provided by William Gray (Public Works Director).

John Peisker and Clark Bullard spoke to Committee of their concerns regarding the proposed program.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to postpone item definitely to next Committee meeting so give more time for review. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. ***Ordinance No. 2010-09-080: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (104 North Central Avenue, "Eli Halberstadt House"/Historic Preservation Case No. HP2010-L-02)***

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. The property is now owned by Norman and Carolyn Baxley having been sold to them in July from Canaan Baptist Church. Brian Adams has applied for landmark status on the property. The owners are also requesting landmark status.

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

7. ***Discussion: Ordinance No. 2011-07-096: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Convention & Visitor's Bureau Funding - FY 2011-2012)***

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director) gave the staff report. Information was provided in response to Mayor Prussing's request and that of Council regarding tourism in Champaign County and CVB's direct involvement. Additional information was given by Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager). Discussion followed. Jayne DeLuce, President of CVB, answered questions.

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

8. ***Ordinance No. 2011-09-112: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Eads Street at Wright Street; Wright Street at Eads Street)***

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. The ordinance would place stop signs on Eads Street at Wright Street and Wright Street at Eads Street which are near the newly reconstructed Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Champaign. The signs were requested by the City of Champaign as part of a proposed traffic plan to help with safety of students.

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

9. ***Resolution No. 2011-09-030R: A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (2011)***

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the staff report. The resolution authorizes distribution of surplus funds from TIF 1 for 2011. An agreement was made with School and Park Districts to distribute any surplus yearly.

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

10. ***Resolution No. 2011-09-031R: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with Jack Mackie for Public Art Design Services for the Boneyard Creek Beautification Project***

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) presented the staff report. Plans were made to incorporate public art into the Boneyard Creek Beautification Project. Jack Mackie has submitted designs for the proposed work which greatly exceeded criteria established earlier. The costs for the art are included in the project budget for the Boneyard Creek Beautification plan which is funded from TIF 2 funds.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send the resolution to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. ***Ordinance No. 2011-09-113: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter One, Section 1-17, Concerning Issuance of Notices to Appear***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Resolution No. 2011-09-029R.

Chief Connolly provided the staff report. On occasion, Police require the assistance of other police agencies to assist with calls in Urbana. The proposal is to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2011-09-113 and Resolution No. 2011-09-029R to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. ***Resolution No. 2011-0009-029R: Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for Law Enforcement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2011-09-113.

Chief Connolly presented the staff report. Staff is requesting an

amendment to the Urbana City Code that would allow other police agencies to issue "notices to appear" if authorized by the Urbana Police Chief. Any monies collected through this procedure would be returned to the City of Urbana.

14. ***ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox 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: October 10, 2011