

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Dennis Roberts [Excused]

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Anthony Cobb; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Brad Bennett; Rebecca Bird

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol McKusick; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Stevenson called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:02 p.m. She noted that she had received an e-mail stating CM Roberts was still out of town and would be back on Wednesday.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda, and no staff report.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 26, 2011 - CM Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 26, 2011. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Carol McKusick addressed the Committee expressing concerns regarding the proposed Boneyard project.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10-032R: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX LEVY (2011)

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

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

6. **DISCUSSION: STORMWATER UTILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) and Brad Bennett (Sr. Civil Engineer) presented the staff report. Mr. Bennett gave a brief slide presentation responding to questions raised at the September 26, 2011 Committee meeting.

Following debate, CM Smyth made a motion citing three points and conditions:

- 1) accept the Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study and recommendations;
- 2) proceed with retaining AMEC to prepare the draft stormwater and utility fee rate and enterprise fund ordinances for Council review and vote in early 2012; and
- 3) proceed with retaining AMEC to prepare a credit/incentive program for the proposed stormwater utility fee.

CM Bowersox seconded. Debate ensued with review of the conditions.

CM Jakobsson moved to amend the last sentence in first paragraph of conditions to read, "...for critical staffing and infrastructure needs." CM Bowersox seconded. Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

After further debate, the vote on the main motion made by CM Smyth and seconded by CM Bowersox carried by voice vote.

[FOR THE RECORD: The first paragraph of conditions cited and amended reads as follows: "*Council will decide on the ultimate allocation of savings to the general fund, but asks staff to look at the impact of using up to 10% of savings to social service agencies and assist with utilities and related costs for Urbana residents; provide for an allocation from savings to rebuild reserve fund (\$200,000/yr. until \$2,000,000 reached); allocate funds to CIP for infrastructure work that primarily addresses sustainability such as bioswales, infiltration, bike lanes, efficient street lighting, and complete streets; and to use some funds for critical staffing and infrastructure needs.*"]

It was decided to bring this item back to the next Committee meeting with a review adding tiers as an option.

7. **DISCUSSION: GREEN STREET/CAMPUS BIKE PLAN**

Rebecca Bird (Planner) presented the staff report. Cynthia Hoyle (Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District) was present and available to answer questions. Staff is seeking a motion of support from Council of the concept of a bus/bike lane for Green Street between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue. This is part of a "Very Small Starts" grant application to the Federal Transit Administration.

CM Bowersox made a motion directing staff to proceed with CUMTD in the application for a "Very Small Starts" grant for the funding of the construction of a bus/bike lane on Green Street between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue. CM Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

This item was acted on in Committee forum and did not warrant forwarding to Council for action.

8. **DISCUSSION: WARD MAP**

Mayor Prussing presented this item and reviewed proposed maps that had been distributed earlier. She indicated ward map redistricting was necessary in order to meet legal standards because of the new population of Urbana (41,385) that includes the 2010 Census and annexations to date. Mayor Prussing noted that equal population in the wards is needed to bring them into legal standard.

Following debate, CM Bowersox suggested holding a public hearing in two weeks for the purpose of allowing public input so that citizens of Urbana could voice what they want to see in a new map. There were no objections.

A public hearing will be held in two weeks, prior to the Committee meeting.

9. **DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE NO. 2011-07-096: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (CONVENTION & VISITOR'S BUREAU FUNDING - FY 2011-2012)**

CM Bowersox reiterated on topics of a motion he had presented at last week's Council meeting which covered the following topics: 1) That the City have a contractual arrangement with the Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) that would clearly spell out what is expected of them and what the reporting would be; 2) That staff work with experts (such as the University of Illinois) to do an ROI to try and measure what the City would receive for the dollars put in to the CVB; and 3) That staff look into the question of the 40 North/88 West arts funding and how it is tied to the CVB or how a change in CVB funding affects the arts group.

CM Jakobson suggested also directing staff to research other CVB's around the world to see what fraction of them have significant funding from the industry itself; shared funding between the hotel industry and public.

Following debate, CM Bowersox moved to bring this item back to Committee in two weeks. CM Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.