

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - AUGUST 13, 2012 - 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, August 13, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Dennis Roberts (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: Heather Stevenson

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; William DeJarnette; Kelly H. Mierkowski; Jenell Hardy; Craig Shonkwiler

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Mueth; Carol McKusick; Janae Wright, Aisha and Francine; Lizzie Carter; Robin Arbiter; Peter Folk; Pete Resnick; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) distributed an electronic copy of his report previously to Committee Members and highlighted the following:

1. Installation celebration of 3 murals on glass in Downtown Urbana (2 on parking deck and 1 at the UBA office);
2. Sweetcorn Festival August 24-25;
3. Pygmalion Music Festival September 28th to include a downtown concert in the City of Urbana;
4. El Toro Restaurant moving to larger space on North Cunningham Avenue and a new restaurant opening in their current location;
5. Award-winning developer experienced with student housing and developments in college towns is looking to purchase what was formerly the Trammel Crow development on University Avenue;
6. City of Urbana Marketing Coordinator Natalie Kenny-Marquez has been working on marketing activities

related to the City's website ("Resident Welcome Center" and "Getting Around Town"), and also partnering with the Urbana Fire Department to distribute marketing materials to new students and their families as they get moved in;

7. The installation of 3 new sculptures are forthcoming (2 in Downtown Urbana and 1 on Philo Road near CVS Pharmacy); and
8. Sign unveiling related to Joseph W. Royer held at Urbana High School on July 28th.

Mayor Prussing complimented the Urbana Police Department on their quick action in locating a car that was stolen from the University of Illinois garage (after the license plates had been changed). She also informed the Committee that she, Dennis Roberts and Chris Stohr met with Chinese Sister City Advisor Dr. Chin regarding a proposal to submit an award for "good practices for good government". There is also a proposal from Sister Cities International proposing a partnership between an American city and Chinese city to partner with an African city. The City of Urbana is one of a few cities, if not the only one, that has a sister city in Africa and China. This proposal is for a development project funded by the Gates Foundation.

Jenell Hardy (Grants Coordinator) previously distributed an electronic copy of her memo to Committee Members regarding an update to the emergency family shelter. In response to the Council's goal of expanding homeless shelters, family shelters and single room occupancy, the Grants Management Division staff has been involved in three key groups:

1. the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care;
2. the Local Funders Group; and
3. the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless.

Ms Hardy gave a summary of her report.

Kelly H. Mierkowski (Grants Management Division Manager) announced that the Continuum of Care is having a visioning session to facilitate plans for homeless services in the County. This will take place October 19th and staff has been encouraged to bring a board member, council member, or client.

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

July 23, 2012 - CM Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2012. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Paul Mueth addressed the Committee with concerns about civic dimension of buildout and UC2B.

Carol McKusick addressed the Committee with concerns about municipal aggregation and the follow-up.

Janae Wright, representing Lead4Life, read a letter of thanks to the Mayor and Council for their support. She was accompanied by two youth, Aisha and Francine, who both expressed words of gratitude and also extended an invitation to a carwash fundraiser to be held August 18th. The carwash will start at 10:30 a.m. and a bar-b-que at 4:30 p.m. at Lighthouse Church located at 1808 S. Philo Road in Urbana.

Lizzie Carter and Robin Arbiter, representing Lierman Neighborhood Action Committee, addressed the Committee regarding conditions on South Lierman Avenue and what their organization is trying to do to improve the neighborhood. They also informed the Committee of a community garden recently developed and showed pictures.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-08-056R: RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (WASHINGTON STREET RESURFACING PROJECT)**

Craig Shonkwiler presented the staff report.

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

6. **SOCIAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

Agenda items #6.a, #6.b and #6.c were presented in omnibus fashion.

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08-080: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - SENIOR SERVICES, PROJECT NO. 1213-CSSP-01)**
- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08-081: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (COMMUNITY ELEMENTS - ROUNDHOUSE YOUTH SHELTER, PROJECT NO. 1213-CSSP-02)**
- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08-082: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (GREATER COMMUNITY AIDS PROJECT (GCAP), PROJECT NO. 1213-CSSP-03)**

Jenell Hardy (Grants Coordinator) presented the staff report.

CM Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance Nos. 2012-08-080, 2012-08-081 and 2012-08-082 to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08-083: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO, SECTION 22-123 (MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING TAX)**

Curt Borman (Interim City Attorney) presented the staff report.

CM Bowersox-Johnson made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **DISCUSSION: UC2B**

a. **UPDATE ON OPTIONS**

William DeJarnette (Information Services Manager) presented the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Roberts acknowledged public input.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of UC2B:

Peter Folk (open access and business plan); and Pete Resnick

b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07-049R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UC2B BUSINESS AND STRATEGIC PLAN**

Following debate, CM Smyth made a motion to keep this item in Committee. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

c. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-08-055R: A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF URBANA TO PROVIDING OPEN ACCESS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY IN THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN BIG BROADBAND SYSTEM**

CM Marlin made a motion to send this item to Council with amendments. CS Smyth seconded. Debate ensued.

CM Jakobsson made a motion to strike #5 of the resolution. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

CM Jakobsson made a motion to strike all of the "Whereas" clauses and replace with one "Whereas" to read: *"Whereas, the Urbana City Council recognizes that ubiquitous open access fiber broadband buildout is critical to individuals, businesses, and nonprofit institutions in Champaign, Urbana and Savoy."* CM Bowersox-Johnson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

CM Jakobsson made a motion to modify nos. 6 and 7 of the resolution to read: *"6. Provide briefings to the Urbana City Council and other stakeholders on all incentives offered to prospective service providers; 7. Provide full disclosure to the Urbana City Council and other stakeholders on the personal and professional relationships among prospective providers and*

contractors and UC2B consultants and representatives." CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Following further debate, it was the consensus of the Committee that it was important to have an operations/general manager on board immediately since installations were scheduled to start. CM Marlin moved to keep the provision to "*immediately hire a general manager to oversee operations and maintenance of the grant-funded network.*" CM Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The main motion made by CM Marlin and seconded by CM Smyth to send to Council with amendments carried by voice vote.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.