

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 22, 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, October 22, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Heather Stevenson (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Scott Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Leslie H. Stratton; Carol McKusick; Peter Folk; Carletta Donaldson; Jerry Barrett; Tod Satterthwaite; Esther Patt; Kate Hunter; 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 7:02 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 8, 2012 - CM Bowersox-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 8, 2012. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The following people addressed the Committee on the topic of the Urbana Landmark Hotel:

Leslie H. Stratton (suggested complete review of the agreement that would include a public hearing to review the final development plans, project budget, developer's ability to pay for the cost, an audit report, the March 2011 hotel market study, current status of construction, and construction schedule; and Tod Satterthwaite (necessity to review Sec. 3 of agreement concerning developer's ability to pay for the cost of the development)

Carol McKusick addressed the Committee with concerns about boards and commissions.

Peter Folk addressed the Committee concerning co-op initiatives for broadband in Champaign-Urbana they are calling "Gigobit-coop". More information may be found on the internet at facebook.com/gigcoop.

Carletta Donaldson addressed the Committee in opposition to the ordinance on salaries for elected officials.

Jerry Barrett addressed the Committee with his opinions in opposition to future development of apartment complexes in Urbana.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10-100: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (2202 S. HIGH CROSS ROAD / BIRKEY'S FARM STORE, INC.)**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

CM Roberts 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. 2012-09-088: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE, FY 2012-13 (CAMPUS STREETLIGHTING ENGINEERING)**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report.

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

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10-099: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-183 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (URBANA AVENUE, MAPLE STREET, GROVE STREET)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report. Michael Dilley (Fire Chief) addressed the Committee with staff concerns with emergency vehicles not having passable access in this location during a time of crisis. He presented photographs of fire trucks trying to gain access while other vehicles were in the way.

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

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10-096: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF CITY OFFICERS WHO ARE ELECTED FOR A DEFINITE TERM (2013-2016)**

Mayor Prussing presented.

Chair Smyth acknowledged public input at this time.

Carletta Donaldson addressed the Committee in support of salary increases for the Mayor and City Clerk positions, but opposed increases for Aldermen/Alderswomen. She recognized the Mayor and City Clerk

positions as full-time salaried positions, and the Aldermen/Alderwomen volunteer service positions to their constituents.

Following debate, CM Jakobsson made a motion to send this item to Council. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **DISCUSSION: CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

Scott Tess (Environmental Sustainability Manager) presented the staff report. (This item was originally presented at the October 15, 2012 Council meeting.)

For the benefit of the viewing audience, Chair Smyth read into record the following message from Marya Ryan (Chair/Sustainability Advisory Commission), who was unable to be present at tonight's meeting:

"Dear Mayor Prussing and Urbana City Council Members:

I regret that I am unable to address you in person at the October 22 Committee of the Whole meeting. I want to respond to comments that Paul Debevec made at the October 15 City Council meeting. He is correct that the climate action plan should be reviewed. In fact, that is what the SAC is asking the Council to do by approving Phase I.

The SAC's intention in dividing the climate action plan into two phases is to create a review-and-input phase that does not unduly delay taking action on promising strategies for reducing Urbana's carbon footprint. Phase I is the review phase that you have before you.

The division into two phases allows the City to engage the community in taking action and simultaneously to get feedback, which can include anything from observations by residents to review of ICLEI tools and numbers by third-party experts. The idea is that such feedback would be evaluated and used to better inform Phase II. It is a core part of Phase I activity. By approving Phase I, you would not be glossing over such feedback but fostering it.

*Sincerely,
Marya Ryan
Chair, Sustainability Advisory Commission"*

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

10. **DISCUSSION: UC2B BYLAWS**

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) informed the Committee that the bylaws issue had been sent to the law firm of Holland & Knight in Chicago. He will inform the Committee when the first draft has been received.

Prior to the meeting CM Jakobsson distributed language he had put together in order to amend the Open Meetings Act (OMA) for public/private partnership in providing broadband. The following language drafted is an amendment to exception 23 of the OMA: "*The delivery within municipal boundaries of broadband services for internet, telephone and television, when the discussion involves contracts with private sector entities involving access to the public right-of-way.*" Debate ensued.

This item remains in Committee and did not warrant Council action at this time.

11. **DISCUSSION: RESIDENTIAL MIX**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report. He distributed housing occupancy rates for census periods 1980-2010.

Chair Smyth acknowledged public input.

The following people addressed the Committee with concerns about the residential mix:

Esther Patt (addressed high volumes of crime and "by the bedroom" design developments where there are problems with vacancy and the supply exceeds the demand); and Kate Hunter (opposed to granting permits for new apartment development)

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.