

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014] - 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 11, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Carol Ammons; Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson; Diane Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: There were none.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: There were none.

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys; Patrick Connolly; Jennifer Gonzalez; William Gray; Natalie Kenny-Marquez; Kelly Mierkowski; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT: Gordon Henry; Cain Kiser; Esther Patt; Bishop King and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With there being a quorum present, Chair Madigan called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:01PM.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

Alderman Smyth made a motion to move agenda items 6 and 7 to the end of agenda to accommodate Chair, Madigan who would need to recuse himself at time items were presented. Seconded by Alderwoman Marlin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Prussing made a staff report informing committee that City of Urbana, Comptroller, Rich Hentschel will be leaving his position. The Mayor commended Mr. Hentschel for modernizing the accounting system, thereby finding 4.5 million dollars of city funds in a bank that had not been collateralized. Because banking transactions were made in violation of City policy, Mayor Prussing turned the floor over to Attorney, James Simon who was asked by Rich Hentschel to look into the matter.

City Attorney, James Simon made his staff report to committee concerning the 4.5 million. Mr. Simon gave an overview of situation surrounding funds, and then answered questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderwoman Ammons to approve minutes from previous meeting, July 28, 2014. Seconded by Alderwoman Marlin. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Bishop King and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood did not wish to speak, but wanted it to go on record that they are still concerned about sewer problems in the Dr. Ellis Sub-Division.

Cain Kiser wished to speak at time agenda item was presented.

Esther Patt wished to speak at time agenda item was presented.

Committee Member Input

There was none.

5. **Presentation: Digital Billboards** - After introduction by Chair Madigan, Cain Kiser of Adams Outdoor Advertising addressed committee in support of digital billboards. Item brought before committee in accordance with a previous proposal to re-evaluate item in the fall of the year. There was a discussion weighing pros and cons of implementing digital billboards within the city.

Following discussion, Elizabeth Tyler, Director of Community Development gave an update on progress with draft ordinance. Ms. Tyler answered questions and explained that Community Development is waiting for an outside review before ordinance goes to Plan Commission. Draft Ordinance could possibly be ready by first meeting in October 2014.

6. **Ordinance No. 2014-08-080: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 12.5 to Add a New Article Four (Regarding Relocation Assistance for Tenants)**

Presented by Elizabeth Tyler, Director of Community Development. After presentation, there were questions and a discussion. Public input came from Esther Patt in support of the ordinance, on behalf of the Champaign Tenant's Union. After Ms. Patt addressed the committee, there was further discussion and more questions. Afterwards, a motion was made by Alderwoman Marlin to move Ordinance No. 2014-08-080 to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Roberts. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Resolution No. 2014-08-043R: A resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Exclusive Consulting and Sales Listing Agreement (CBRE, Inc. 200 Block of South Vine Street).**

Presented by Brandon Boys, Economic Development Coordinator and Gordon Henry, First Vice President CBRE from Indianapolis, Indiana. Following presentation there were questions and a discussion. Afterwards, a motion was made by Alderman Smyth to move Resolution No. 2014-08-043R to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Resolution No. 2014-08-044R: A Resolution Approving Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana Home Consortium FY 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan. (HOME County TBRA Amendment)**

Presented by Jennifer Gonzalez; Community Development, Grants Coordinator II. Following presentation there were questions and a brief discussion. A motion was made by Alderman Smyth to move Resolution No. 2014-08-044R to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Jakobsson. Motion carried by voice vote.

***(Alderman Madigan recused himself for duration of meeting at 8:20PM due to conflict of interest. At that time, Chair was relinquished to Alderwoman Marlin).**

9. **Ordinance No. 2014-08-078: Ordinances Amending Chapter 3 (Alcoholic Liquor) of the Urbana City Code to Amend Urbana City Code Chapter 3, Article III, Section 3-42 Concerning Class T Liquor Licenses (Class T License Fee)**
10. **Ordinance No. 2014-08-079: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (T-3 Liquor Fee)**

Both Ordinances presented by Natalie Kenny-Marquez, Community Development, Marketing Coordinator. A discussion and questions followed presentation. Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to vote in omnibus fashion on Ordinances 2014-08-078 and 2014-08-079. Seconded by Alderman Smyth. Motion carried by voice vote.

Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to send Ordinances 2014-08-078 and 2014-08-079 to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Smyth.

Before motion was carried with vote, there was further discussion and more questions by committee concerning whether ordinances were ready for approval. Recommendation by Alderwoman Marlin not to send Ordinances to council for approval.

After further discussion, Alderwoman Ammons rescinded previous motion and then restated motion to send Ordinance 2014-08-078 and Ordinance 2014-08-079 to council without recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Smyth. Motion carried by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee,*Chair Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04PM.

Bridgitte J. Butler
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: September 08, 2014