

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - April 25, 2016 - 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, April 25, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Aaron Ammons; Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson; Mike Madigan; Diane W. Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charles Smyth; Phyllis D. Clark; Laurel Lunt Prussing

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys; Alex Bautista; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Kelly Mierkowski; Brian Nightlinger; Matt Rejc; John Schneider; Craig Shonkwiler; James Simon; Pauline Tannos; Scott Tess; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT: Durl Kruse; Dr. Phoebe Lenear; Esther Patt; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Eric Jakobsson called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 11, 2016. Alderwoman Marlin seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Esther Patt addressed the committee regarding her concerns about the public notices for Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.

Durl Kruse addressed the committee to express his concerns regarding disparity in traffic stops and gun violence.

Alderman Roberts announced the death of Mayor Anne Grommerch who was the mayor of Urbana's Sister City Thionville France. He informed the committee that it was the wish of Mayor Grommerch that any donations go to a social service organization in France for cancer survivors.

Alderman Ammons reminded everyone about the Round Table discussion at the Accord addressing the decriminalization of marijuana, Tuesday, April 26 at 6:00pm.

5. Presentations

a. Consolidated Social Service Funding Presentations - CD

Community Development Specialist Matt Rejc introduced Dr. Phoebe Lenear, the President and CEO of CEESTEM, The Center for Educational Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Dr. Lenear explained the program, which is a non-profit organization for fifth through twelfth grade students, and focuses mainly on African American and Latino students. She gave a PowerPoint presentation which gave committee members more

detailed information about the program, and answered questions from committee members.

6. **Staff Report**

a. Public Arts Annual Report

Pauline Tannos, Public Arts Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the accomplishments of the Public Arts program over the past year. She also went over plans for the program for the upcoming year and answered questions and concerns of committee members.

b. IDOT Traffic Study Priorities Update

Human Relations Officer Alex Bautista presented the results of the survey that was sent to committee members. He clarified some of the results of the survey and answered questions and concerns from committee members. Committee members gave recommendations on how to approach handling the areas of the most concern as shown in the survey. The importance hiring of a statistician by police was discussed.

c. Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler informed the committee that the Food Truck Rally will begin tomorrow at the Civic Center.

Alderman Dennis Roberts enquired about a day for trash hauling disposal of personal items at Leal School and the Dart Company this spring. Ms. Tyler informed him that there would be a date for collection this spring and also one in the fall.

Building Safety Manager John Schneider presented the annual Building Safety Division report. Mr. Schneider answered questions and concerns from committee members.

7. **Discussion Summary - Hauler Operating Hours**

Scott Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager, gave a summary of the discussion at Special meeting held at 6:00pm, prior to the current committee meeting. He stated that there was some interest in zones, especially in the areas with the most complaints. There was discussion by committee members about how to deal with the problem. No clear action for the situation was decided.

8. **Discussion - Drug Paraphernalia**

Alderman Ammons began the discussion of drug paraphernalia. He stated he wants to see the current fine of \$300.00 for possession of paraphernalia used for cannabis lowered to a fine amount more in line with the new fine for possession of cannabis. Alderman Jakobsson relinquished the chair to Alderman Smyth from 9:46pm to 9:50pm to join in the discussion. Committee asked that an ordinance be drafted to charge a lesser fine for cannabis paraphernalia.

9. **Resolution No. 2016-04-024R:** A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Specialist Matt Rejc presented this resolution, along with Grants Management Division Manager Kelly Mierkowski and Community Development Manager Elizabeth Tyler. There was discussion during which concerns and questions from committee members were addressed. Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-

04-024R to Council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Ammons and carried by voice vote.

10. **Resolution No. 2016-04-025R:** A Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Tiger VI Grant Champaign-Urbana Multimodal Corridor Enhancement (Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for MCORE project)

Public Works Director William Gray presented this resolution along with Assistant City Engineer Craig Shonkwiler. They responded to questions and concerns from committee members. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Smyth to send Resolution No. 2016-04-025R to Council with recommendation for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ammons and carried by voice vote.

11. **Resolution No. 2016-04-026R:** A Resolution to Approve a Letter of Understanding with Illinois American Water to Install Water Main (Letter of Understanding Regarding Relocation of Illinois American Water Main In Green Street as During Construction of MCORE Project)

Mr. William Gray presented this resolution. He responded to questions and concerns from committee members, after which Alderman Ammons made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-04-026R to Council with recommendation for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Marlin and carried by voice vote.

12. **Ordinance No. 2016-04-029:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule K of Section 23-184 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking during Certain Hours on Certain Streets (Division Avenue)

Mr. Shonkwiler presented this ordinance. He responded to questions and concerns from committee members. Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-04-029 to Council with recommendation for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by voice vote.

13. **Ordinance No. 2016-04-030:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule N of Section 23-193 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Limiting Parking Time on Certain Streets or Public Parking Lots (400 Block of West Main Street)

This ordinance was presented by Mr. Shonkwiler. Mr. Shonkwiler answered questions from committee members. Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-04-030 to Council with recommendation for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by voice vote.

14. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Jakobsson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22pm.

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Recording Secretary

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This meeting was broadcast on cable television.