

CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 23, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Roberts (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Brandon Bowersox; Danielle Chynoweth; Robert E. Lewis; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Eddie Adair; Michael Bily; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Rodney Fletcher; Gale Jamison; Douglas Miller; Erin Bullok; Kelly Hartford

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Wyman; Umesh Thakkar; Members of the Media

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Smyth requested to add an inquiry about battery recycling to the agenda following item #6. There were no objections. This item will appear in the record as item #6a.

There was no staff report.

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

May 9, 2005 - Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 9, 2005. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ruth Wyman, 502 W. Main #213, and Umesh Thakker, 300 S. Goodwin #209, addressed the Committee on the topic of "Race for Peace and Social Justice" and expressed their support for this event. This is planned to be an annual event with a kick-off in May 2006.

Committee Member Input

There was none.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-05-072: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-7 "SCHEDULE OF FEES" (VEHICLE INSPECTION FEE)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-05-073: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA DISPOSAL SYSTEM ANNUAL BUDGET (FY 2005-2006)**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) introduced Rodney Fletcher (Environmental Control Officer) to Committee Members. Mr. Fletcher presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6a. **INQUIRY CONCERNING BATTERY RECYCLING**

Mr. Smyth mentioned that while sitting at a booth at the Farmer's Market last Saturday, the question of battery recycling came up. There is a bin set-up at the Farmer's Market for rechargeable batteries and there was an inquiry about doing the same for household batteries. Mr. Fletcher explained that the Rechargeable Battery Council has a municipal program wherein municipalities can collect batteries and send them back at no cost. In researching approximately a half dozen firms, the lowest cost to process alkaline or household batteries was on the average of \$.85 a pound. At present, the City has no money budgeted to perform this program.

In response to Mr. Smyth's inquiry concerning notification to the public about bringing their rechargeable batteries to the bin at the Farmer's Market, Mr. Fletcher said that he would talk to Kathy Larson, who is the staff person in charge of the Farmer's Market, to discuss more advertising. He also noted that it could be mentioned in an upcoming mailing of the City's regular U-Cycle programs.

Mr. Bowersox inquired if the collection of these batteries could be done curbside as well as the Farmer's Market. Mr. Fletcher explained that that there are very few, if any, curbside programs that accept batteries because processing facilities are not set-up to pull them out.

No Council action was needed for this item.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-05-074: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL IMPOUND SERVICES**

Michael Bily (Assistant Police Chief) presented the staff report.

Ms Barnes moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCES FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:**

It was the consensus of the Committee to act on these items in omnibus fashion.

Mr. Bowersox moved to send the following items to Council with a recommendation for approval:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2005-05-069: An Ordinance Amending Schedule C of Section 23-73 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Left Turns During Certain Hours on Certain Streets (Mathews Avenue at Springfield Avenue);**
- b. **Ordinance No. 2005-05-070: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H OF Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Sunny Lane at Washington Street); and**
- c. **Ordinance No. 2005-05-071: An Ordinance Amending Schedule K OF Section 23-184 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking During Certain Hours on Certain Streets (Division Street)**

Ms Chynoweth seconded.

Chair Roberts asked for a presentation from staff. Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth moved to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2005-05-069 to be weekdays and 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The motion to send these ordinances to Council with a recommendation for approval carried with a voice vote, as amended.

9. **UPDATE ON BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION**

Mr. Bowersox distributed a flyer titled "Bicycle Friendly Urbana" to Committee members. Mr. Bowersox gave a brief background about the program. This program is a relatively new program that awards and recognizes communities that actively support bicycling. (See attached.)

No Council action was needed for this item.

10. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL RULES**

Mr. Bowersox mentioned he had inquiries concerning Appendix 1 and Appendix 3, but would be willing to defer this to the next Committee meeting when legal counsel could be present to answer questions.

Mr. Smyth read an email correspondence he received from Jack Waaler (Special Counsel) concerning the Rules Committee. Mr. Smyth suggested reconstituting the Rules Committee.

Mr. Smyth moved to change the wording of the order of the reporting of the minutes of the Committee to Council. Ms Barnes seconded. [Note: Current Committee chair is presenter to Council next week.]

Mr. Bowersox suggested amending the wording in Appendix 1, Rule 7(b) to read, "The Chair shall be in office from the *scheduled time of the Committee meeting until the scheduled time of the next Committee*

meeting." In other words, Chairs for Committee would be the Chair from start of Committee until a future Committee meeting was started.

Mr. Smyth suggested the wording should be "**is Chair through the subsequent Council meeting**", because the new chair should take over after the Council meeting to prepare the agenda for the following meeting. Mr. Bowersox concurred.

Mr. Smyth noted that he would accept Mr. Bowersox's wording as a friendly amendment with the correction to end of Council as the motion. Ms Barnes agreed.

For clarity, Chair Roberts asked Mr. Bowersox to repeat the wording. Mr. Bowersox responded, "The Chair shall be in office from the adjournment of the Council meeting until the adjournment of the subsequent Council meeting."

The motion to change the wording in Appendix 1, Rule 7(b) carried by voice vote. This change is effective immediately.

Following debate concerning the Rules Committee, Mr. Bowersox moved to defer to the next Committee meeting.

This item stays in Committee and was not forwarded to Council.

11. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Gray mentioned that this item was discussed a couple of weeks ago and that he, Doug Miller and Gale Jamison were available to answer questions. Staff is requesting a motion to send the resolution approving the 2005 update to the Capital Improvement Plan to Council.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to send "A Resolution Approving the 2005 Update of the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Urbana" to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Chair Roberts called a 5-minute break at 9:01 p.m.

The Committee resumed its regular session at 9:12 p.m.

12. **SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING DISCUSSION**

Ms Chynoweth presented her report to Committee (see attached). Elizabeth Tyler, Erin Bullok and Kelly Hartford were present to answer questions. Staff noted that due to the NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) deadline Council must take action on this portion of the budget at its June 6, 2005 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Smyth and seconded by Ms Chynoweth to send to Council the appropriate language that will allocate \$15,000 to A Woman's Fund and \$10,000 to Salvation Army in lieu of using Social

Service Funding from the City's Sink Fund. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Following further debate, Ms Chynoweth moved to send the averages to Council without a recommendation. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

13. **BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) noted that Council Members had requested that staff review the possibility of adding a one-half time Code Enforcement position using existing Community Development funds or un-programmed funds from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant).

Mr. Smyth moved to incorporate this position request into the Annual Budget. Ms Chynoweth seconded. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Prussing addressed the issue of hiring three police officers and reviewed budget adjustments with the Committee.

Mr. Smyth moved to recommend three police officer positions be addressed by Chief Adair and added to the budget. Ms Barnes seconded. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smyth moved to adjourn. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: June 13, 2005