

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 12, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; James Gitz; Michael Bily; Elizabeth Tyler; Ronald Eldridge; Erin Bullok; Kelly Hartford; Joseph Smith; Thomas Carrino; Barbara Stiehl

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laura Huth; Eric & Bevin Page; Linda Lopez; Mary Dennis; Alex Ruggieri; Christopher Alix ; Members of the Media

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

Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:03 p.m. *[Ms Chynoweth was present via teleconference.]*

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

There was no staff report.

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

May 22, 2006 - Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 22, 2006. Mr. Lewis seconded.

Mr. Bowersox noted a correction to the minutes, indicating that the minutes should be corrected to show him as chair and not Mr. Smyth. Ms Barnes moved to amend the minutes with this correction. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The motion to approve the minutes carried by a voice vote, as amended.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Laura Huth (Executive Director/Habitat for Humanity), 111 N. Market (Champaign), addressed the Committee in support of the "2006 Homebuilders Blitz" and its success, and expressed Habitat's enthusiasm for a "2007 Homebuilders Blitz". Four houses are now complete. Ms Huth introduced Bevin Webb-Page and her husband, Eric, who will soon occupy their new home at 1403 N. Walnut in Champaign with their children. Mr. & Mrs. Page both addressed the Committee expressing their gratitude for the program and the City's support to Habitat.

Linda Lopez, 801 Burkwood, addressed the Committee in support of traffic lights for Meadowbrook at Vine. Ms Lopez suggested a traffic light that would stay green, except when activated by a pedestrian; and warning signs indicating children crossing.

**Committee Member Input**

Ms Barnes informed Committee Members and the viewing audience of the "Don't Mess with Urbana" second annual clean-up day scheduled for this Saturday (June 17<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (See attached flyer.)

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-078: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROMOTION AND MARKETING SERVICES (URBANA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, FY 2006-2007)**

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) presented the staff report.

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

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-080: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM ANNUAL BUDGET (FY 2006-2007)**

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

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-073: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (1711 AND 1715 E. AIRPORT ROAD, JAMES AND PRISCILLA FITZGERALD)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

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

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-06-015R: A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2006-2007 (ECOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTION LABORATORY)**

Erin Bullok (HOME Grants Coordinator) presented the staff report.

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

9. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS**

The following agenda items were presented in omnibus fashion:

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-074: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH A WOMAN'S PLACE;**

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-075: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION; and**
- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-076: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH SALVATION ARMY SERVICES**

Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) presented the staff report.

Mr. Bowersox made a motion to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

- 10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-06-016R: A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING PREVAILING WAGES (2006-2007)**

Mr. Walden presented the staff report.

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

- 11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-077: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-1 OF THE URBANA MUNICIPAL CODE (HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILER'S AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX)**

Ron Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report. Mr. Eldridge distributed a revised ordinance and noted that the effective date would be January 1, 2007.

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

- 12. **DISCUSSION: PERMANENT STREETLIGHT [TRAFFIC LIGHTS] MEADOWBROOK AT VINE STREET**

Chair Roberts recognized public input from the audience.

Christopher Alix, 301 E. George Huff, addressed the Committee with concerns about medians and traffic lights at this location, expressing opposition to both proposals because of the safety risks to children crossing the street. He did support stop signs at this location and encouraged the Council to take action on this issue and not prolong it.

Ms Barnes presented input on this issue and gave a brief background of safety issues and concerns of the community. She also noted that she had received information from the Urbana Park District which indicates that the State had recently passed a new law concerning transportation and the protection of school-aged children at recreational and educational facilities. This law impacts a 20-mile speed limit. She later suggested that making adjustments at this intersection may be an endeavor the City may want to partner with the Park District.

Following debate, Ms Barnes moved to forward to Council a motion for staff to develop a plan and cost by the July 10, 2006 Committee Of The Whole meeting for the crosswalk at Meadowbrook and Vine. The following should be considered: a single crosswalk; an appropriately placed raised median; additional and instructional striping; speed limit considerations and stepped-up enforcement; a flashing yellow light; appropriate signage warning pedestrians; and other traffic calming devices. Ms Chynoweth seconded.

Following further debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

13. **DISCUSSION: ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP WITH EMEI, SICHUAN (SZECHWAN) PROVENCE, CHINA**

This item was presented by Chair Roberts. Chair Roberts indicated that a University of Illinois student, Jia Gu, had approached him to see if the City of Urbana would be interested in establishing a sister city partnership with his native home (EMei) in China. Chair Roberts indicated his support on this issue and urged Committee Members to consider this proposal.

Chair Roberts moved to extend an invitation to Mr. Gu to make a presentation to the Council on this issue. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

14. **SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

Ms Chynoweth moved to send her motion distributed to Council Members via e-mail dated May 31, 2006 to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Barnes seconded.

Mayor Prussing suggested the following changes, totaling \$7,150:

- a. A Woman's Fund - Add \$2,000 [tot. \$15,000];
- b. Habitat for Humanity - Add \$500 [tot. \$3,000];
- c. Illinois Radio Reader - Add \$1,650 [tot. \$3,300]; and
- d. Parkland College Project READ - Add \$3,000.

There were no objections.

Mr. Lewis made a friendly amendment to the motion to add \$2,150 to the \$268,170 funds. Ms Chynoweth accepted.

Chair Roberts made a friendly amendment to add \$800 to fund the Marilyn Queller Child Care Center. Funding would come out of the Parkland College Project READ. Ms Chynoweth accepted.

The motion carried by voice vote, as amended.

15. **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Committee Members discussed this issue jointly with agenda item #16.

Mr. Smyth noted the five changes made in the previous agenda item regarding social service funding allocations and made a motion that the budget include these amendments, and that the ordinance be sent to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

16. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06-079: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET (FY 2006-2007)**

This item sent to Council with a recommendation for approval. (See agenda item #15.)

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: July 10, 2006