



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 25, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts (Chair), Charlie Smyth, Heather, and Stevenson

Committee Members Absent:

Danielle Chynoweth

Other Elected Officials

Mayor Laurel Prussing and City Clerk Phyllis Clark

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Mike Bily, Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Building Safety Manager Gordon Skinner, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

Others Present:

Cope Cumpston, Tyler Fitch, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mr. Smyth moved to removed **Ordinance No. 2006-09-121: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget (Landfill Remediation Costs, 2007)**. Staff has indicated that it is not ready for discussion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Prussing announced that there will be a Joint Study Session on Water with the Urbana and Champaign City Councils, Champaign County Board and the Savoy Village Board on Thursday, September 28, 2006 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Beckman Institute Auditorium.

Mayor Prussing read a Proclamation signed by the Mayors of the Cities of Champaign and Urbana proclaiming Wednesday, October 4, 2006 as International Walk to School Day.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Smyth moved to approve the September 11, 2006 minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Tyler Fitch, 503 East California, addressed the Committee in support of Ordinance No. 2006-09-123. Mr. Fitch also announced Victory Park Playground Build Day on Saturday, September 30, 2006.

Cope Cumpston, 402 West Nevada, addressed the Committee with comments regarding the TIF surplus and funding of the Urbana School District.

Mr. Smyth stated that he has a list of questions regarding the rental registration ordinance and will give them to Community Development Director Libby Tyler so they can be included in the report when the ordinance appears on the agenda again.

Mr. Smyth reported that he has asked the Council Members and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission to consider a cell phone ordinance due to a recent death caused as a result of a driver using a cell phone.

Mr. Smyth referenced an article in the News-Gazette regarding the tax increase in Champaign which is the same as the 12% increase passed by Urbana. The article regarding Champaign was reviewed with a very common sense and very clear fashion of what it is. The same 12% increase in Urbana made big headlines as a tax increase. Mr. Smyth views this as bias against Urbana.

Resolution No. 2006-09-024R: A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (2006)

Comptroller Ron Eldridge presented staff report. A review of future cash flows of Tax Increment Financing District One shows that \$210,820 is available to be considered and distributed to the various taxing body. Amounts to be distributed would be:

Urbana School District	\$110,266
City of Urbana	33,505
Champaign County	19,922
Urbana Park District	18,433
Parkland	12,197
M.T.D.	6,698
Cunningham Township	4,934
C-U Health District	2,776
Forest Preserve	2,089

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Resolution No. 2006-09-024R: A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (2006)** to Council with a recommendation for adoption. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-09-122: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Finance Dept. Personnel)

Mr. Eldridge presented staff report. This budget amendment will authorize an increase in the hours for two part-time positions. Funds for the additional hours will come from currently authorized overtime, reduction of outside professional computer services, and increasing the amount reimbursed from computer services by the Urbana Park District.

Following debate, Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-09-122: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Finance Dept. Personnel)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-09-119: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J Of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking At All Times On Certain Streets (Michigan Avenue)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report. This is a request to restrict parking on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Abercorn Street and Montgomery Street. The restriction will comply with the design of the Savannah Green subdivision to allow parking on one side of the street.

Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-09-119: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J Of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking At All Times On Certain Streets (Michigan Avenue)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-09-120: An Ordinance Amending Section 23-172 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Curb Loading Zones On Certain Streets (902 West Main Street, 904 West Main Street, 700 block of South Lincoln Avenue, 800 block of South Lincoln Avenue)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This is a request to install loading zones on Main Street and Lincoln Avenue. The St. Patrick's Church Food Pantry has request the loading zone to accommodate those who receive good from the good pantry. The 15 minute loading zone would be in effect from 4:40 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday while the food pantry is open. Loading zones are being requested on the west side of Lincoln Avenue near the commercial area south of Nevada Street and on the east side of Lincoln Avenue near the dormitory residences. Both of these loading zones will provide an area for commercial vehicles to load and unload outside the flow of traffic.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-09-120: An Ordinance Amending Section 23-172 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Curb Loading Zones On Certain Streets (902 West Main Street, 904 West Main Street, 700 block of South Lincoln Avenue, 800 block of South Lincoln Avenue)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-09-118: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Signal Equipment Grant)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. The City has received a grant for \$45,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to be applied towards installing countdown and audible pedestrian signal equipment at six (6) signalized intersections. The six intersections are: Vine Street and Main Street, Vine Street and Illinois Street, University Avenue and Coler Street, University Avenue and Orchard Street, University Avenue and McCullough Street, and University Avenue and Cunningham Avenue/Vine Street.

Following debate, Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-09-118: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Signal Equipment Grant)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2006-09-123: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Construction, Installation and Maintenance of a Fence in a Public Alley Right-of-Way (North/South Public Alley Right-of-Way Between E. Illinois and E. California Streets)

Mr. Gray stated that Luther Marlow, who owns the property at 404 and 406 East California Avenue, has requested that the City grant him permission via a license agreement to install a fence across the north-south alley between Illinois Street and California Avenue. The alley has been closed to through traffic for many years. There

will be no fiscal impact to the City.

Ms. Barnes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-09-123: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Construction, Installation and Maintenance of a Fence in a Public Alley Right-of-Way (North/South Public Alley Right-of-Way Between E. Illinois and E. California Streets)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Streetscape Improvements to South Philo Road

Ms. Barnes moved to make an FY 2007 budget amendment of up to \$10,000 to allow for the following: 7 garbage cans to be placed along Philo Road and Colorado between Colorado and Florida, do not litter signage posted, and mowing and trash pickup along Philo Road between Colorado and Florida. Following debate, the motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Following debate, Chair Roberts moved to amend the motion that the trash cans be approved and that if the City does do the mowing and trash pickup that it be done on a six month basis. The motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Barnes moved to direct staff to develop a comprehensive streetscape plan for Philo Road from Florida to Windsor Road for possible implementation in the FY 2008 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Following extensive debate regarding what would be involved in a streetscape plan for the Philo Road area, the motion to develop a comprehensive streetscape plan for Philo Road from Florida to Windsor Road for possible implementation in the FY 2008 budget carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: October 9, 2006, as amended on the following page.

AMENDMENT TH THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 MINUTES

1. Pg 1 -- Date of the minutes should read "September 25, 2006" rather than 2007.
2. Pg 1 -- Last paragraph, first sentence "removed" should be corrected to read "remove".