



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 11, 2007

Committee Members Physically Present:

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

Committee Members Present by Teleconference

Danielle Chynoweth

Committee Members Absent:

Lynne Barnes

Elected Officials Present

Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing

Elected Officials Absent

City Clerk Phyllis D. Clerk

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Mike Bily, Economic Development Division Manager Tom Carrino, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Grants Coordinator Kelly Hartford, Economic Development Specialist Kathy Larson, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Planning Department Manager Robert Myers, Acting City Attorney Ronald O'Neal, Deputy Clerk Debbi Roberts, and Community Development Director Libby Tyler.

Others Present:

Tom Abram, Justin Cajindos, Mary Dennis, Carl Hill, Durl Kruse, Gabe Omosagie, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Prussing stated that the City had been thanked by Steve Carter of the City of Champaign for the Urbana Police helping the Champaign Police in the recent shooting of members of the Champaign Police Department.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2007 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Gabe Omo-Ossagie, 2409 North High Cross Road, addressed the Committee regarding rental registration, code enforcement, and inspection of buildings.

Justin Cajindos, 705 W. Stoughton #1, introduced himself as the new District Director for State Senator Mike Frerichs and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council on an issues on which that office could be of assistance.

Presentation: Citizens for Instant Runoff Voting

Durl Kruse and Tom Abram, representatives of Citizens for Instant Runoff Voting, introduced the concept of Instant Runoff Voting. Instant runoff voting would change the method of voting from single plurality winner to instant runoff voting. Mr. Kruse and Mr. Abram discussed the concept of instant runoff voting.

Presentation: Urbana Business Association Contract

Economic Development Specialist Kathy Larson introduced Mary Dennis, Business Manager for the Urbana Business Association (UBA), and Carl Hill, Member of the Board. Ms. Dennis and Mr. Hill presented an overview of the services UBA provides to the City and stated their hope for continued support from the City of Urbana.

Resolution No. 2007-06-012R: A Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wages (2007-2008)

Comptroller Ron Eldridge stated that this Resolution is an annual occurrence that

is required to be filed in compliance with the Illinois Department of Labor and the Office of the Secretary of State.

Ms. Stevenson moved to forward **Resolution No. 2007-06-012R: A Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wages (2007-2008)** to Council with a recommendation for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2007-06-052: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (General Reserve Fund, 2007)

Mr. Eldridge stated that this Ordinance revises the Annual Budget to add the expense Employee Termination Benefits of \$63,971 and reduce the Fund Balance by \$63,971 to provide for termination benefits of an employee.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-06-052: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (General Reserve Fund, 2007)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Budget Presentations/Review

Urbana Free Library – Executive Director Deb Lissak presented the budget review for the Library stating that one of the major goals is to strengthen the collections. Due to lack of space before the renovation, the collection had not had as much attention as is now possible.

Community Development Services – Director Libby Tyler stated that the Community Development Services budget does not have many changes. Ms. Tyler reviewed the past year's changes and improvements.

Executive – Mayor Prussing stated that the Executive Department has had a lot of staff changes and the department has a very good staff. The new Personnel Director Vacellia Clark is doing very well with a great staff. The new Human Relations Director is doing a good job. The Legal Department has new attorneys and clerical people who are all really great. And Jack Waaler is still helping out. Mayor Prussing stated that she is very grateful to have such a good group of department heads and a very good secretary.

Finance Department – Mr. Eldridge stated the Finance Department budget is almost identical to last year's. His total increase was a 3.6% increase, most of which was the cost of living increase for personnel.

City Clerk – Mr. Eldridge stated there was no significant change in the City Clerk's budget.

Chair Smyth declared a five minute recess.

Social Service Allocations

Grants Coordinator Kelly Hartford stated that the compilation of Committee Members choices for distribution of social service funds as prepared by Ms. Chynoweth is before the Committee for consideration.

Ms. Chynoweth explained the rationale behind the distributions and following debate moved to forward the **Social Service Allocations** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowersox.

Mr. Bowersox moved to add \$3,000 to the Family Service lines to bring them up to their requests, the total of all the Family Service lines would then be \$44,250; to increase the Greater Community Aids Project line to \$7,000. These would be offset by decreasing the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club line by \$2,000 down to \$12,000 and decrease the Mental Health Center Homeless Youth Program down \$1,000 to \$9,000 and the TIMES Center down \$1,000 to \$10,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

The main motion, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Liquor License Amendments:

Mayor Prussing presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-05-042: An Ordinance Establishing a Class CA, Caterer's Retail Liquor License**. This ordinance is to establish a caterer's liquor license. There were two versions of this ordinance presented by the Legal Department, one with markings controls made by the caterer on the liquor bottles and one without markings by the caterer.

Following debate, Mr. Lewis moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-05-042: An Ordinance Establishing a Class CA, Caterer's Retail Liquor License** (the one with the marking controls on the liquor bottles) to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Lewis moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2007-05-043: An Ordinance Establishing a University-Related Organization Liquor License** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Further Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquors") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana (Granting the Liquor Commission Authority to Revoke Liquor Licenses Due to Riotous or Uncontrolled Civil Unrest)

Mayor Prussing stated that this ordinance was created because from time to time the City has had problems with crowds getting out of control and an officer had to shut down a club. The ordinance needs to be revised.

Acting City Attorney Ron O'Neal stated that he reviewed ordinances from some

of the college towns in the Midwest, as well as Champaign. Champaign has a provision for the Commissioner, with reasonable belief that the continued operation of a particular premise will immediately threaten the welfare of the community, to issue a seven day suspension, and then a hearing to be held within that seven day period. The hearing gives the licensee the opportunity to be heard.

The City is empowered by the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 to give the liquor commissioner those powers to suspend or revoke an establishment's liquor license.

This amendment anticipates something more short term and an emergency nature.

Following debate, Mr. Lewis moved to forward **An Ordinance Further Amending Chapter 3 ("Alcoholic Liquors") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana (Granting the Liquor Commission Authority to Revoke Liquor Licenses Due to Riotous or Uncontrolled Civil Unrest)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: June 25, 2007