

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 11, 2008 - 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, February 11, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Charlie Smyth (Chair); Danielle Chynoweth; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Heather Stevenson [7:10 p.m.]

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Lynne C. Barnes (excused); Brandon Bowersox (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; Ronald Eldridge; Larry Fredricks

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Williams; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chair Smyth called for five minutes of silence honoring those city officials who lost their lives as a result of an angry gunman who entered the council meeting held in Kirkwood, Missouri last Thursday evening.

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

January 28, 2008 - Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 28, 2008. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Roy Williams, 1304 W. Beach, addressed the Committee expressing his frustration of what he believed to be wrongdoings and a violation of his voting rights at a local polling place.

Council Member Input

Mr. Roberts informed the Committee and viewing public of the upcoming events celebrating Urbana's 175th birthday. The celebration kicks off on Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Champaign County Courthouse with an Open House and Public Tour, followed by a Grand Celebration/Birthday Party at 3:00 p.m. featuring music, skits and

songs, birthday cake, and children's art activities. This is a free event and the public is invited to attend.

5. **MIPLAN PRESENTATION BY C-U MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) introduced Cynthia Hoyle (C-U MTD). Ms Hoyle gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Mobility Implementation Plan, which is to implement the Long Range Transportation Plan. She presented a chart depicting a 3-year process. The plan is currently in Phase II. Anyone interested in more detailed information regarding this study may visit the website at www.miplan.com or through the MTD website.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

6. **INTEREST TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF ZOMBA, ZOMBA MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY, MALAWI, AFRICA, AND THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**

Dennis Roberts (Alderman Ward 5) gave a brief PowerPoint presentation depicting scenes of people of Malawi that he took during a visit there with a local church group. Mr. Roberts has maintained a relationship with the citizens of Malawi whereby he sends library books to them via a friend of his who works at the Embassy. With the Rotary Club, local church, and library book interaction with this country, Mr. Roberts indicated that he had talked to a couple of citizens of Zomba about the Sister City Program and they appeared to be in support of this venture. In a recent letter he received from the Chief Executive of the District of Zomba, Mr. Roberts said he expressed an interest in building a relationship with Urbana.

Prior to his presentation, Mr. Roberts distributed a copy of the application information he obtained from Sister Cities International. Mr. Roberts made a motion directing staff to begin the process of taking out an application for membership with Sister Cities International, indicating that Urbana would like to enter into a formal sister city relationship with the City of Zomba in the country of Malawi, Africa for mutual edification and learning exchange and economic benefit, and to support not only our application, but the application of Zomba as well. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02-002R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF URBANA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MITIGATION PLAN**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report.

Ms Chynoweth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02-003R: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS OF ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS (CHATHAM SUPREME COURT DECISION)**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report.

Ms Chynoweth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02-008: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (ART IN THE PARK)**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report. Michael Brunk (City Arborist) assisted. Mr. Gray explained that there is now no need for a budget amendment because money has been found in the TIF budget.

No action required.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02-009: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN, AND AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN (FIRE PROTECTION MUTUAL ASSISTANCE/FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES)**

Chair Smyth noted that he would continue to moderate the meeting on this topic, however, he would be recusing himself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

Michael Dilley (Fire Chief) presented the staff report.

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

11. **DISCUSSION: HYBRID VEHICLES**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report. Larry Fredrick (Fleet Manager) was available to answer questions. The City is in the process of replacing a subcompact vehicle. The City's goal is to reduce the fuel usage of city vehicles by purchasing more fuel-efficient vehicles. Two meter patrol vehicles were replaced with hybrid vehicles and another hybrid vehicle has been ordered to replace the Ford Taurus in the Community Development Services Department. There is also a need to replace a subcompact vehicle that is used by the inspectors. With the state purchasing cost of a new Ford Focus subcompact being remarkably lower than the hybrid, Mr. Eldridge is recommending purchasing the subcompact in this instance and continuing evaluating every vehicle purchase in the future.

The consensus of the Council and City staff is to continue with the goal of purchasing more fuel-efficient vehicles.

No action was required of Council at this time.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 25, 2008*

****See Correction Sheet attached.***

CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2008

At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held Monday, February 25, 2008, the following correction was made to the minutes of February 11, 2008:

Page 1, second paragraph under "Call to Order and Roll Call": Correct "five minutes of silence" to read "a moment of silence".

These corrections pertain to original debate in the minutes of February 11, 2008.

By attaching this correction sheet, the minutes of February 11, 2008 are hereby corrected to read as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary