

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 14, 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, April 14, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Heather Stevenson (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Brandon Bowersox; Danielle Chynoweth; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Gale Jamison; Thomas Carrino; Kate Gorman; Kelly Hartford; Janel Gomez; Lisa Karcher; Barbara Stiehl

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Langendorf; Berniece Lieberman; Elaine Jacobson; Robert Dunn; Mitchell Harris; Paul Mueth; Howard Jacobson; Paul Weichsel; David Gehrig; Judy Checker; Linda Lorenz; Cecily Smith; Walter Matherty; Darlene Kloepfel; Mark Enslin; Rodney George Peacock; Leslie Mason; Esther Patt; Karen Medina; Lee Melhado; Ivan Weiler; Ronna James; D. Berggren; David Berg; Joe Rotman; Linda Baur; Ondine Gross; Fred Jakes; Neil Parthun; Chana Bursztyn; Durl Kruse; Shirley Stillinger; Clark Bullard; Morris Leighton; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Stevenson called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were no additions to the agenda.

Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) reviewed the schedule for the Social Service Funding application presentations with Committee Members. This process will begin with a special meeting to be held next week at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to hear presentations by the applicants for new programs.

Mr. Roberts gave Committee Members and the viewing public an update on the schedule for the upcoming Boneyard Arts Festival that will take place April 18-20, 2008. (This event is part of Urbana's 175th Birthday Celebration.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 24, 2008 - Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 24, 2008. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people did not wish to speak, but completed public input cards wishing to have their position entered into the record in opposition to UPTV programming:

Michael Lanagendorf, 1508 Trails Dr.; Berniece Lieberman, 1304 Eliot; and Elaine Jacobson, 1 Greencroft Dr.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the UPTV programming:

Robert Dunn, 309 E. John; Mitchell Harris, 508 W. Oregon; Paul Mueth, 207 W. Illinois; Howard Jacobson, 1 Greencroft Dr.; Paul Weichsel, 2812 Salisbury Ct., on behalf of Jewish Community Relations Committee; David Gehrig, 304 W. Elm #5; and Judy Checker, 205 N. Gregory

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Boneyard Creek Beautification Plan:

Linda Lorenz, 409 W. High; and Cecily Smith, 1902 Fox Dr. #6, on behalf of Boneyard Creek Community Committee

Walter Matherty, 402 W. Nevada, addressed the Committee in support of public art.

Darlene Kloepfel, 1776 E. Washington, on behalf of CCRPC, addressed the Committee with information regarding LIHEAP Statistical Report.

5. **PRESENTATION: BONEYARD CREEK BEAUTIFICATION**

Gale Jamison presented the staff report and introduced the engineering consultants from Wenk & Associates. Greg Dorolek (Project Manager) and Jane Kulik made a brief presentation on the Boneyard Creek Beautification Plan.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

Mr. Smyth moved to have the Mayor and staff work with Council Members who are interested in developing a master plan for downtown. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION: PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM AND COMMISSION**

Chair Stevenson acknowledged public input.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Public Arts Program:

Mark Enslin, 207 W. Indiana; and Rodney George Peacock, 205 W. High #1

Ms Chynoweth made a motion to accept the Task Force proposals as presented. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03-013: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION AND PERMANENT PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM**

Ms Chynoweth made a motion to send the April 7, 2008 version of the ordinance that was presented in the packets to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Bowersox seconded. Debate ensued.

The following amendments were made:

1. Mr. Smyth made a motion to strike the language at the very end of the ordinance that begins "In the event that a program..." Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
2. Mr. Smyth made a motion to substitute Ms Chynoweth's item #6 under "Duties" and replace it with Mayor Prussing's item #5. Ms Barnes seconded.

Ms Barnes suggested replacing the wording "To submit recommendations" with "To submit for confirmation". Mr. Smyth accepted the wording as a friendly amendment.

Mr. Bowersox suggested adding the word "permanently" before "placed". There were no objections.

For clarity, item #5 shall read: "To submit, for confirmation, proposals to the Mayor and City Council regarding the receipt, purchase, maintenance, dispossession, and de-accession of works of art to be permanently placed on municipal property."

The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Mr. Smyth moved to substitute Mayor Prussing's "Whereas" clauses to replace Ms Chynoweth's. Ms Barnes seconded. Ms Chynoweth spoke in opposition to the motion. Mr. Smyth and Ms Barnes agreed to keep the first two "Whereas" clauses in Ms Chynoweth's version and drop the goals. Ms Chynoweth accepted. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Due to the lateness in the hour, Mr. Smyth made a motion to send the agenda item numbers 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, and 17 to Council without a recommendation. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

8. **DISCUSSION: URBANA PUBLIC TELEVISION (UPTV) PUBLIC ACCESS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL REVISIONS**

Kate Gorman (UPTV Station Manager) presented the staff report. Barbara Gladney (UPTV Commission Chair) was also present and available to answer questions.

Chair Stevenson acknowledged public input at this time.

Leslie Mason, 2505 St. Andrews Rd., also representing husband, Gary Mason, did not wish to address the Committee, but completed a public input card requesting that her position be entered into record in opposition to the UPTV policy and procedures.

Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler #3, representing American Civil Liberties Union, address the Committee with issues and concerns regarding the UPTV guidelines.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to UPTV programming:

Karen Medina, 2006 Winchester Dr.; Lee Melhado, 503 E. John St.; Ivan Weiler, 301 W. High; Ronna James, 410 Buena Vista Dr.; D. Berggren, 108 W. Holmes; David Berg; Joe Rotman, 2203 Edgewater Pl.; Linda Baur, 709 Scovill; Ondine Gross, 1101 Wilshire Ct.; Fred Jakes, representing Champaign-Urbana Jewish Foundation; Neil Parthun, 705 E. Colorado #105; Chana Bursztyn, 2709 Lakeview Dr.;

Shirley Stillinger, 1003 S. Busey Ave.; addressed the Committee in support of the proposed UPTV public access policies.

Durl Kruse, 2007 S. George Huff, UPTV Commission, addressed concerns regarding hate speech noting it is deplorable, but expressed the position of free speech.

Mr. Bowersox entered into record an email he received from Pam Olsen in opposition to the UPTV programming hate speeches.

Following public input, Chair Stevenson called for a motion to extend the meeting time.

Ms Barnes moved to extend the meeting time to 11:25 p.m. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was the consensus of the Committee that more information was needed on this issue. Mr. Bowersox suggested that the City Attorney do a legal research into the issues of defining hate speeches and things that are offensive that are shown on public television and present a summary at the next Committee meeting. Mr. Roberts also requested that the Human Relations Officer be present.

Ms Barnes made a motion to send this item to the next Committee meeting. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04-008R: A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS (MAIN STREET BIKE LANES AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS)**

[Sent to Council without a recommendation]

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04-009R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

[Sent to Council without a recommendation]

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04-027: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE N OF SECTION 23-193 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE LIMITING PARKING TIME ON CERAIN STREETS OR PUBLIC PARKING LOTS (BIRCH STREET)**

[Sent to Council without a recommendation]

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04-026: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (PUBLIC WORKS - SNOW REMOVAL OVERTIME)**

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

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04-025: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (3010 EAST WINDSOR ROAD/ILLINOIS POWER SUBSTATION)**

[Sent to Council without a recommendation]

14. **DISCUSSION: WHY STREAM NAMES MATTER**

Chair Stevenson acknowledged public input.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of stream names:

Clark Bullard, 509 W. Washington; and Morris Leighton, 302 Shermin Dr.

Mr. Smyth moved to direct staff to draft a resolution for approval at the next Council meeting. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Due to the lateness in the hour Chair Stevenson called for a motion to extend the meeting.

Mr. Smyth moved to extend the meeting to 11:15 p.m. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried.

15. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04-028: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2008-2009 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

[Sent to Council without a recommendation]

16. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04-006R: A RESOLUTION EVIDENCING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, CHAMLPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO ISSUE SINGLE-FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS; AND RELATED MATTERS (PRIVATE BOND CAP ALLOCATION - ASSISTURBANA, SERIES 2008)**

[Sent to Council without a recommendation]

17. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04-007R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SINGLE-FAMILY PROGRAMS (MCC PROGRAM AND MRB PROGRAM, SERIES 2008)**

[Sent to Council without a recommendation]

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: April 28, 2008