

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Monday, April 28, 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 28, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis Clark [Medical Leave]

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Roberts; Todd Rent; Thomas Carrino; Jeffrey Engstrom; Kate Gorman; Anthony Cobb; Anna Hochhalter; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; William Gray; Robert Myers

OTHERS PRESENT: Morton Brussel; Michael Langendorf; Tauby Shimkin; Robert Silverman; Ray Spooner; Rabbi Norman Klein; Rudiger Laufhutte; Wayne Johnson; Lee Melhado; Robert Dunn; Stuart Levy; Gary Storm; Jamie Storm; Frank Baker; Esther Patt; Carol Mizrahi; Matthew Murray; Ruth Wyman; Al Kagan; Gary Mason; Marc J. Ansel; Ronald Cossman; Ondine Gross; Andrea Klein; Shirley Stillinger; Ben Grosser; Perry Davidson; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Barnes called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 14, 2008 - Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 14, 2008. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The following people did not speak before the Committee, but wished to have their position entered into the record in support of unrestricted programming on UPTV.

Ben Grosser, 2106 S. Race St.; Shirley Stillinger, 1003 S. Busey.

The following people addressed the Committee in favor of restricting programming at UPTV:

Carol Mizrahi, 1606 S. Staley; Frank Baker, 1909 S. Vine Street; Gary Mason, 2505 St. Andrews Road; Ronald Cossman, 1004 Wilshire Court; Ondine Gross, 1101 Wilshire Court, Champaign; Andrea Klein, 2601 Lakeview Drive, Champaign.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of not restricting programming:

Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler, #3; Morton Brussel, 2003 George Huff Drive; Matthew Murray, 606 E. High Street; Ruth Wyman, 706 S. Coler, #6; Al Kagan, 310 W. Hill Street, #1E, Champaign; Marc J. Ansel, 102 W. Pennsylvania

Committee Member Input

Mr. Smyth was contacted by Carol Inskeep in support of open programming at UPTV. He was also written by Dean Stewart in support of banning cell phones while driving.

5. DISCUSSION: PHILO ROAD SIDEWALK

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report and made the recommendation to not replace existing sidewalks at this time in a wider width, but to address the issue when needed due to construction or disrepair. The Committee was in agreement and no vote was taken.

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03-023: AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE USE OF MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING IN THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (Acting City Attorney) presented staff report. Staff made a request to delay action on this item to give more time for review of two cities with current programs in place. After discussion, the Committee agreed to delay item to next Committee of the Whole meeting. They requested Staff to also address text messaging and the use of cell phones while bicycling.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04-029: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, "ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS (TEMPORARY LICENSES)

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (Acting City Attorney) presented staff report. Staff is requesting an amendment to existing ordinance to create a third category of licensing (T-3) which would allow for temporary licenses to be awarded to private promoters of special events. Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded.

Perry Davidson, 334 Logan Street, Mahomet, addressed the Committee in support of amending the ordinance to include this category.

After discussion, Ms. Stevenson withdrew her motion. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval with amendments in wording to address the waiting period and cost. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (Acting City Attorney) presented staff report. Additional information was given by Todd Rent (Human Relations Officer) and Kate Gorman (UPTV Manager). Ms. Chynoweth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded.

The following people spoke to the Committee in favor of restricting programming:

Lee Melhado, 612 W. Ohio Street; Rudiger Laufhutte, 1614 Harrington Drive; Rabbi Norman Klein, 2601 Lakeview Drive, Champaign; Ray Spooner, 507 W. Nevada; Robert Silverman, 501 S. Cottage Grove.

The following people spoke to the Committee in favor of not restricting programming:

Stuart Levy, 1108 Foley Avenue, Champaign; Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine; Robert Dunn, 309 E. John Street, Champaign.

The following people did not want to address the Committee, but wished to have their position entered into the record in favor of restricting programming:

Tauby Shimkin, 607 Sunnycrest Court East; Michael Langendorf, 1508 Trails Drive.

The following people did not address the Committee, but requested their position be entered into the record against restricting programming:

Gary Storm, 304 E. George Huff; Jamie Storm, 304 E. George Huff.

After debate, Mr. Roberts made a friendly amendment to include additional wording which would contain information about converting VHS programming.

The vote on original motion with amendments carried by a voice vote.

Chair Barnes called for a recess at 9:55 p.m.

Chair Barnes reopened the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04-030: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Prussing presented staff report. Ms. Chynoweth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **DISCUSSION: SUSTAINABLE URBANA**

Anna Hochhalter (Public Arts Coordinator) presented staff report with caveat that this program was not at the stage of a strategic plan and it was important to establish goals. After discussion, Committee was favorable in proceeding with focus especially on paper, lighting, and water usage, as well as possibly an idling ordinance and using waste oil as biodiesel for City vehicles. It was also discussed that the City should support the Kyoto Protocols. Education was deemed important and Mr. Bowersox exhibited a flier which was sent to homes recently which addressed these issues.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: May 27, 2008