

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - October 13, 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, October 13, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Charlie Smyth (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Brandon Bowersox; David Gehrig; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Heather Stevenson

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Laurel Lunt Prussing, Phyllis Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; William Gray; Ronald Eldridge; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Curt Borman; Deborah Roberts; Ryan Brault

OTHERS PRESENT: Carolyn Baxley; George Boyd; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Smyth 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 no additions to the agenda.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated presentation of the ongoing downtown projects. Ryan Brault (Redevelopment Specialist) provided additional information. They stressed it was important to balance revenue generating projects equally with non-revenue generating projects in the coming years. They advised the Committee to review information and provide feed-back on their recommendations.

He also announced the upcoming Cunningham Beautification Plan open house which is scheduled for October 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Alderman Roberts announced the City float was included in the University of Illinois Homecoming Parade last weekend and was shown on national television. He thanked Jim Kelly and the staff of Public Works for their help in creating the float. He mentioned that two students had helped to spot the float during the parade.

Chair Smyth announced there would be a presentation given by Rich and Associates regarding the recent parking study and bike master plan on October 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. The public is invited to attend.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

September 22, 2008 - Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 22, 2008. Ms. Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-122: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Washington Street Right-Of-Way)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report. Ms. Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10-021R: A Resolution Determining the Amounts of Money Necessary to be Raised by the Tax Levy (2008)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report. Ms. Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-124: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the Urbana City Code to Prohibit Nuisance Parties**

Curt Borman (Assistant City Attorney) presented the staff report with additional input from Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) and Michael Bily (Police Chief). After debate, Ms. Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-123: An Ordinance Approving a Third Amendment to a Redevelopment Agreement with Allen Strong (395 N. Race Street)**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) presented the staff report. Additional comment was given by Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) and Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner). Mr. Roberts made motion to defer this item to the next Committee meeting in two weeks. Mr. Bowersox seconded.

After debate, Ms. Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was not seconded.

The motion to defer item to next Committee meeting on October 27, 2008 was approved by a voice vote.

9. **Discussion: City Assistance for Urbana Development Group**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) presented the staff report with additional information given by Elizabeth Tyler (Community

Development Director/City Planner) and Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney). Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main, representing the Urbana Development Group answered questions from the Committee. After discussion, staff was instructed to draft an agreement for Council to review.

Telecommunications connection with Heather Stevenson ended at 8:45 p.m.

10. **Discussion: Resolution No. 2008-10-022R: A Resolution Allowing a Memorial Plaque to the Memory of the Chinese Goose of Crystal Lake Park**

Alderman Roberts gave a report to the Committee. George Boyd, 3705 E. Airport Road, answered questions and provided history and personal recollections. William Gray (Public Works Director) and Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) answered questions. A recommendation was made to have the newly formed Arts Commission oversee the design of the plaque. Mr. Gehrig made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **Closed Session: Pending Litigation Issues, Pursuan 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)**

Mr. Roberts made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The Committee went into closed session at 9:03 p.m.

The Committee resumed its regular session at 10:01 p.m.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 27, 2008