

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - October 27, 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 27, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Ronald Eldridge; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Gordon Skinner; Stephen Chrisman; Clay Baier; Patrick Pioletti

OTHERS PRESENT: John Revell; Allen Strong; Carolyn Baxley; Alice-Anne Kingston; Susan Toalson; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Gehrig 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

Gordon Skinner (Building Safety Manager) gave an updated review of the rental registration program with additional information provided by Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner). Staff made a recommendation to continue the program.

Elizabeth Tyler also gave a brief updated report regarding the agreement with the Housing Authority and Crystal View Townhomes development.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 13, 2008 - Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 13, 2008. Ms. Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main, spoke to the Committee with her concerns regarding the parking format currently in place for downtown Urbana and the plans for future arrangements. She stressed the need to continue to enhance shopping in the area by addressing the bike path routes and enabling diagonal parking in the downtown area. She also commended William Gray (Public Works Director) and Jennifer Selby (Civil

Engineer), as well as their staff, for the work they have done thus far on the issue.

5. **Presentation: Downtown Parking Study**

Patrick Pioletti (Public Facilities Manager) presented John Revell of Rich and Associates who gave the updated report. Susan Toalson, representing the Urbana Business Association, also addressed the Committee with her concerns regarding parking in the downtown area.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the parking plan and instructed staff to begin working on long-term and short-term goals for implementing the study proposals. Ms. Barnes seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

6. **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 updated staff report. This item had been deferred from the October 13, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alice-Anne Kingston, 402 N. Lake Street, spoke to the Committee regarding her concerns about the redevelopment agreement and voiced her commitment for flexibility in working out some of the arrangements regarding her property and how its relationship to the overall plan.

Allen Strong answered questions from the Committee and discussed his concerns about the proposed development.

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

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-126: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Cyprus Pointe at Stone Creek Boulevard; Stillwater Landing at Stone Creek Boulevard; Pebblebrooke Lane at Stone Creek Boulevard; Stonebrooke Court at Stone Creek Boulevard; and Prairie Winds Drive at Colorado Avenue)**

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

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-127: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Alley (Block Between California Avenue, Urbana Avenue, Illinois Street, and Maple Street)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report. Mr. Roberts made motion to approve and send to Council for approval. Ms. Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **Ordinance No. 2008-10-128: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Truck Purchase - 2008)**

Ronald Eldridge(Comptroller) presented the staff report with additional information given by Michael Dilley (Fire Chief). Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms. Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Gehrig declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.
Minutes Approved: November 10, 2008