

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 9, 2009 - 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 9, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michelle Brooks; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Lisa Bralts; Kelly Hartford

OTHERS PRESENT: David Monk; Brian Dolinar; Neil Parthun; Mark Mallon; E. Wayne Johnson; Dianna Visek; Belden Fields; Randall Cotton; 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 7:01 p.m.

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 12, 2009 - Ms Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 12, 2009. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

David Monk, 115 N. Market (Champaign), addressed the Committee regarding the Regional Recycling Center and his belief that it should be near a rail head (yard).

Brian Dolinar, 303 W. Locust, representing C-U Citizens for Peace and Justice, addressed the Committee with concerns about racial profiling and his opposition to it.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the criminal nuisance property ordinance:

Neil Parthun, 705 E. Colorado #105; Mark Mallon, 610 W. Stoughton; and Belden Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania (also opposed to racial profiling)

E. Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine Street, did not wish to speak but completed a public input card entering his opposition to the criminal nuisance property ordinance.

Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania, addressed the Committee with an announcement that the Champaign County Libertarian Party would be hosting a meeting on February 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Urbana Free Library Auditorium where Sally Wolf is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

5. **"MARKET AT THE SQUARE" ANNUAL REPORT**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) introduced Lisa Bralts (Economic Development Specialist/Market at the Square Director). Ms Bralts presented the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation depicting the Farmer's Market, people who attend, and the activities.

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) commented that 40 bike parking spaces would be added on the west side of Walnut Street north of Illinois Street. Four of the racks are going to be decorative, artistic in nature.

This item did not warrant Council action.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-02-007: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING FURTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2004-2005, FY 2006-2007, FY 2007-2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS; AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2008-2009 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02-003R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (WINDSOR ROAD - BOULDER DRIVE TO HIGH CROSS ROAD)**

Agenda items 7, 8 and 9 were acted on in omnibus fashion.

Chair Barnes acknowledged public input on this item at this time.

E. Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine Street, addressed the Committee in opposition to this item.

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report)

Mr. Roberts made a motion to send Resolution Nos. 2009-09-003R, 2009-02-004R, and 2009-02-005R to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02-004R: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WINDSOR ROAD (F.A.U. 7145) FROM BOULDER DRIVE TO HIGH CROSS ROAD**

[This item sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.]

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02-005R: A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (WINDSOR ROAD - BOULDER DRIVE TO HIGH CROSS ROAD)**

[This item sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.]

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02-006R: A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11-135, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION I OF THE URBANA CODE OF ORDINANCES (CRIMINAL NUISANCE PROPERTY)"**

[This item sent from January 12, 2009 Committee meeting.]

Chair Barnes acknowledged public input at this time from those wishing to address the Committee regarding this item.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to this ordinance:

Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania; and Randall Cotton, representing C-U Citizens for Peace and Justice, 1912 McDonald Dr.

Mayor Prussing presented the staff report. Michelle Brooks (Assistant City Attorney) gave a report on findings she obtained from other cities.

Following debate, it was the consensus of the Committee this item return after review by the Neighborhood Safety Task Force.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 23, 2009