

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 26, 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 Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ronald Eldridge; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; John Schneider; Anna Hochhalter; Kelly Hartford; Rebecca Bird; Patrick Pioletti; Gale Jamison; Barbara Stiehl; Rich Coyne; Rod Fletcher; Mike Brunk; Doug Miller; Kent Jepsen; Bryant Seraphin; Anthony Cobb; Rusty Chism; Tony Foster

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 7:20 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

Staff requested items #10 and #11 be removed from the agenda. Mr. Roberts asked that a discussion of fees be added to the budget review.

Barb Stiehl (Assistant to Public Works Director) gave a presentation on the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network and showed pictures from the recent clean-up which Urbana Public Works staff participated in Southern Illinois on May 17, 2009.

Mayor Prussing announced she had just returned from a conference in Korea on climate change. She was the only U.S. mayor attending the conference and had the pleasure of meeting the President of Korea during her stay.

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

May 11, 2009 - Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 11, 2009. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

5. **Budget Review/Presentations:**

a. **Police** - Chief Bily gave the staff report. The budget is very similar to last year and there are no new personnel in the plans. He announced the department was actively

seeking any grants that are available to help offset costs. Committee asked for an update on the school resource officer program for a future date.

- b. **Fire** - Chief Dilley gave the staff report. He announced the budget had been kept to a minimum this year as well. He expressed a desire to obtain an additional education prevention position in the future to help with the Risk Watch Program. He also stated the City would need to address station locations in the future as development increases in the east. His department is also obtaining any and all grants available.
- c. **Public Works** - William Gray, Director, gave the staff report. He announced a possible personnel change to replace one electrician with a utility locator position. He announced there had been increases in salt, street lighting supplies, asphalt and concrete and nuisance abatement which had to be considered in the budget. He said projects include improved street lighting including parking lots and signage. He also said they were seeking as many grants as possible to help offset costs. He reviewed contractual agreements.
- d. **Community Development Services** - Elizabeth Tyler, Community Development Director, gave the staff report. She discussed staffing changes, grants, educational and certification changes of staff, TIF projects and a proposed market study.
- e. **Discussion of Fees** - Mr. Roberts asked staff to reconsider a proposed increase in the liquor license fees for next year. Discussion about a graduated license fee followed.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send the request to staff to review a tiered fee for next year and freeze the current fees for this year. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. **SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATIONS**

Mr. Gehrig and Kelly Hartford, Grants Coordinator, presented the updated staff report. They advised that more time was needed to complete the spread sheets for review. They stated the information would be ready for the next Council meeting on June 1, 2009.

7. **Resolution No. 2009-05-021R: A Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wage (2009-2010)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) asked for this item to be sent to the next Council meeting for review. Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve sending this to Council on June 1, 2009 for consideration. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-056: An Ordinance Requiring Payment of a Sanitary Sewer Service Lateral Connection Fee Relating to Certain Parcels (North Shore Drive)**

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

9. **Motion Approving the Public Arts Plan (FY 2009-2010)**

Anna Hochhalter (Public Arts Coordinator) presented the staff report. Mr. Gehrig made a motion to approve. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **Discussion: T-Mobil USA, Inc. Historic Preservation Donation**

This item was removed from the agenda.

11. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-049: An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Frederic Beaugeard for the Design and Installation of a Newspaper Rack Located at 101 East Main Street / Champaign County Courthouse Site**

This item was removed from the agenda.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: June 8, 2009