

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - February 22, 2010 - 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 22, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

Brandon Bowersox entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis Clark [Excused]

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Gordon Skinner; Gale Jamison; Brad Bennett; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Deborah Roberts; Clay Baier; Stephen Chrisman

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Patt; Sally Stocks Essfeldt; Kip Pope; Reverend Troy A. Burks; 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 7:00 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Staff Report

Mayor Prussing announced the Market at the Square Strategic Planning public input meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center. She also announced two public input meetings for the Climate Action Plan on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 and Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center.

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

February 8, 2010 - Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 8, 2010. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Kip Pope, 1806 Maynard Dr., Champaign and Sally Stocks Eissfeldt, Champaign both voiced their concerns of how the human rights ordinance

would make it harder for property managers to avoid potential penalties with the proposed aggravated public nuisance ordinance.

Ester Patt, 326 Illini Union, voiced her concern with some of the time frames allowed before housing inspection penalties are assessed and implemented with property owners.

5. **Report: Annual Report on Housing Inspections**

Gordon Skinner (Building Safety Division Manager) gave the staff report with additional information from Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner). Discussion followed. No action was taken.

6. **Ordinance No. 2010-02-016: An Ordinance to Adopt a Private to Public Sanitary Sewer Conversion Program**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Additional information was given by Brad Bennett (Civil Engineer). After discussion, Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. **Traffic Commission Items:**

a. **Ordinance No. 2010-02-012: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Nevada Street at Walnut Street)**

This ordinance was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2010-02-013.

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

b. **Ordinance No. 2010-02-013: An Ordinance Amending Schedule I of Section 23-94 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Yield Signs at a Certain Intersection (Nevada Street at Walnut Street)**

This ordinance was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2010-02-012.

c. **Ordinance No. 2010-02-014: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Milford Drive, Goodfield Drive, Walnut Street)**

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

d. **Ordinance No. 2010-02-015: An Ordinance Amending Schedule K of Section 23-184 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Limiting Parking Time on Certain Streets or Public Parking Lots (Springfield Avenue)**

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

8. **Discussion: Storm Water Utility Fee Feasibility Study**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report with additional information provided by Brad Bennett (Civil Engineer). Discussion followed. Mr. Bowersox made a motion to direct staff to proceed with a storm water feasibility study. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **East Urbana Interceptor Sewer Project Update**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report. He stated Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District recommended this be placed on indefinite hold until economic conditions improve. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

10. **Ordinance No. 2010-02-011: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Article IV of the Urbana Code of Ordinances (Aggravated Public Nuisance)**

Reverend Troy A. Burks, 904 N. Division Avenue, addressed the Committee and voiced his objection to remarks made earlier by a citizen speaking about this ordinance. Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler Avenue, stated her opposition to prohibiting housing to law offenders.

Mayor Prussing updated the staff on the ordinance and related it was based on an ordinance being used by the City of Champaign. Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave additional information. Michael Bily (Police Chief) answered questions. Debate followed. Staff was directed to revise language as suggested and bring back for review by Committee.

11. **Closed Session: Property Acquisition Issues, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**

Mr. Smyth made a motion to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120//2 (c)(5). Mr. Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Gehrig - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	Mayor Prussing - aye

The motion carried by roll call vote (8-aye:0-nay)[MAYOR VOTING].

The Committee of the Whole went into closed session at 9:23 p.m.

*The Committee of the Whole resumed its regular session at 10:35 p.m.
with all members present.*

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair
Gehrig declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.
Minutes Approved: March 8, 2010