

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - October 25, 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, October 25, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Heather Stevenson

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Anthony Cobb; William Gray; Robert Myers; Ronald Eldridge; Thomas Carrino; Elizabeth Tyler; Patrick Pioletti; Bill DeJarnette

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Smeltzer; Xiao Jin Yuan; Anne Casey; Debra Levey Larson; Gina Pagliuso; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 11, 2010 - Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 11, 2010. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The minutes of October 11, 2010 were approved by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Debra Levey Larson, 207 W. California and Anne Casey, 407 W. California spoke to Committee about their concerns with the parking restrictions in their neighborhood. They would like the policy reviewed and both citizens made suggestions for improvement. Staff will review.

Gina Pagliuso, 806 S. Vine, spoke about her concerns regarding the proposed agreement for the purchase of the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel.

5. UPDATE: Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband Project (UC2B)

Mike Smeltzer gave an updated report. He announced the environmental assessment had been completed and they were in the process of selecting an engineering firm. They will bid construction in three phases and begin interviewing for the first employee. Discussion followed.

6. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-100: An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Xiao Jin Yuan (209 South Broadway Avenue/Former Historic Lincoln Hotel)**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2010-10-104.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) presented the staff report. Mr. Xiao Jin Yuan answered questions for Committee members. Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) provided additional information. Mr. Smyth stated that consideration will need to be given to Green Street development soon. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance Nos. 2010-10-100 and 2010-10-104 to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-104: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historic Lincoln Hotel)**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2010-10-100.

8. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-105: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Lincoln Square Respecting Parking**

Patrick Pioletti (Public Facilities Manager) presented the staff report. Mr. Lewis made a motion to send to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **Update: City of Urbana's Financial Condition**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the updated financial report. He included projections for the balance of this year and next fiscal year. Discussion followed.

10. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-102: Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2010-10-103 and Resolution No. 2010-10-029R.

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the staff report. Mr. Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance Nos. 2010-10-102, 2010-10-103 and Resolution No. 2010-10-029R to Council with recommendation for approval. Ms. Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-103: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 (FY 2010-11)**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2010-10-102 and Resolution No. 2010-10-029R.

12. **Resolution No. 2010-10-029R: A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance Nos. 2010-10-102 and 2010-10-103.

13. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-101: An Ordinance Amending Article III of Chapter 22 of the Urbana City Code (Bulk Motor Fuel Tax)**

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave the staff report. Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) provided additional information. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Gehrig announced he would be resigning from the Council effective after November 1, 2010 meeting.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

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