

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - February 13, 2012 - 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 13, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis D. Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Brian Nightlinger; Elizabeth Tyler; Jen Gonzalez; John Schneider; Robert Myers; Deborah Roberts; Clay Baier; Kelly Mierkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Cziko; Carol McKusick; Steve Burgess; Sheila Dodd; 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 7:07 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

Mike Monson asked for an additional item to be added to the agenda regarding an ordinance to revise the annual budget ordinance for consulting utility aggregation. Mr. Smyth made a motion to add the item to the agenda. Mr. Lewis seconded and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Staff Report

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director) announced Staff was working on a requested waiver regarding a conflict of interest with HUD. She stated Sheila Dodd, Director of Habitat for Humanity was present at the meeting.

Mayor Prussing praised the Public Works Department, especially the road crews, for their attention to keeping the roads and streets cleared during inclement weather.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 23, 2012 - Mr. Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2012. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. Bowersox asked for a correction to show his presence at the meeting. The minutes as corrected were approved by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Gary Cziko discussed his support of roundabouts to the Committee.

Carol McKusick spoke to Committee regarding her concerns on the hauler bill passed in July. She asked that a special committee be formed to

study this bill. She feels the bill should be rescinded. She also spoke to the Committee about her concerns with parliamentary procedure as it pertains to the unapproved minutes.

5. ***Ordinance No. 2012-02-012: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana, Illinois (2702 Somerset Drive / Victor and Laura Christman)***

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. This annexation fulfills an adopted annexation agreement with the developer of Somerset Subdivision which was adopted on July 18, 1994. Effective date of the annexation would be March 1, 2012 at noon. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. ***Resolution No. 2012-02-006R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois Concerning Certified Housing Inspections (Term of 2011 to 2014)***

John Schneider (Building Safety Manager) presented the staff report. Additional information was provided by Clay Baier (Housing Inspector). The City, in the past, has performed inspections to certify housing for the University of Illinois. This has been without a formal written agreement. Recent discussions with the University of Illinois have included the need to have a written agreement which specifies the services being provided and costs to be reimbursed to the City. In 2010-2011, the City received \$24,360 from the University for the inspections. Approval of the resolution will result in the following compensation to the City; \$25,400.00 for 2011-2012 (term of July 1st through June 30th); \$26,300.00 for 2012-2013; \$27,220.00 for 2013-2014. Payment would be made on February 28th of each year. Discussion followed.

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

7. ***Resolution No. 2012-02-007R: A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2011-2012 Through July 15, 2012 (Ecological Construction Laboratory, LLC)***

Jen Gonzalez (HOME Grant Coordinator) gave the staff report. Staff has worked with Eco Lab, LLC to ensure the qualifications to receive CHDO Project and Operating funds from the Urbana HOME Consortium have been met. Certifying will not impact the City budget. Staff recommends approval of the resolution. Discussion followed. Kelly Mierkowski (Grants Manager) answered questions. This project has been stalled and payments have not been made. If no qualifying buyer can be found for the project, it would have to be a rental property which the City is trying to avoid.

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

8. ***Resolution No. 2012-02-008R: A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2012-2013 (Homestead Corporation)***

Jen Gonzalez (HOME Grant Coordinator) gave the staff report. She reported this organization had several projects in development and were actively seeking an eligible buyer.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded and the motion carried by a voice vote.

9. ***Ordinance No. 2012-02-013: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1204 West Beech Street)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2012-02-014.

Jen Gonzalez (HOME Grant Coordinator) gave the staff report. Approval of these two ordinances will authorize the sale of two properties owned by the City located at 1204 West Beech Street and 1304 West Dublin Street to Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County for an affordable housing development. Habitat will construct two single-family homes that will be pre-sold to an income-qualified household. Discussion followed.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance Nos. 2012-02-013 and 2012-02-014 to Council for approval in omnibus fashion. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. ***Ordinance No. 2012-02-014: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1304 West Dublin Street)***

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2012-02-013.

11. ***Resolution No. 2012-01-005R: Resolution Supporting the Naming of the United States Courthouse in Urbana, Illinois, After James R. Burgess, Jr.***

Mr. Smyth presented the resolution to Committee. The resolution would show City support for naming the United States Courthouse in Urbana after James R. Burgess, Jr. Mr. Burgess served in World War II as a First Lieutenant and Commander of Charlie Company in the 761st Tank Battalion which was the first African-American armor unit to see combat in the European Theater of Operations. He was elected State's Attorney for Champaign County in 1972 and became the first African-American to be elected to a county-wide office in Champaign County. He was appointed United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois in 1978 and served in that position until 1982.

Steve Burgess, son of James R. Burgess, Jr. spoke to the Committee in support of the resolution.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Jakobsson seconded. Discussion followed.

Mayor Prussing read into the minutes a letter from Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk, regarding her interactions and praise of Mr. Burgess.

Several of the Committee members felt this item needed more review before they could undertake a vote. Mr. Smyth withdrew his motion and Mr. Jakobsson who seconded had no objections.

Mr. Jakobsson made a motion to defer indefinitely in Committee. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. ***An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Consulting Utility Aggregation)***

This item was added to the agenda earlier in the evening with no objections.

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave the staff report. A requested amount of \$6,000 is to pay for expenses which will be reimbursed by the retailer selected at a later date. Education will include bus billboards and a website which will be available on February 17, 2012. Discussion followed.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Joan M. Ryan
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 27, 2012