

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - February 23, 2015 - 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 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Aaron Ammons; Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson; Michael P. Madigan; Diane Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charles Smyth; Phyllis Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Laurel Lunt Prussing

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Beaty; Brandon Boys; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Natalie Kenny Marquez; Mike Monson; Philip Edwards; James Simon; Miles Thomas; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Evans; Belden Fields; James Kilgore; Stewart Levy; Don Owens; Tracy Parsons; Carol Spindel; Benjamin Stone; Bishop King James and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Brian Vura-Weis; Joan Walls; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Eric Jakobsson called the meeting of the Committee of The Whole to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

1. Presentation: Community Coalition

Joan Walls, Deputy City Manager, City of Champaign, Tracy Parsons, ACCESS Initiative Director, and Donald Owen, Superintendent of Urbana School District #116 presented an overview of the Community Coalition's purpose and goals, and how the Community Coalition's partners are working together toward developing our community's youth and improving community/law enforcement relations and communications.

Discussion with the Committee ensued following the presentation. Alderman Jakobsson relinquished the Chair to Alderman Ammons from 7:30 to 7:38 to participate in the discussion. Ms. Walls, Mr. Parsons and Mr. Owens addressed the Committee's questions and concerns.

2. Presentation: Market at the Square Annual Report - 2014 Season

Natalie Kenny Marquez, Director of Urbana's Market at the Square gave an oral and visual presentation of the 2014 Market at the Square, and a projection of what to expect for 2015. Ms. Kenny Marquez discussed the Market's 2014 success, along with offering information about the types of vendors that participated and the vendors and programs that were new to the Market. Ms. Kenny Marquez also gave an overview of the revenue earned and operating expenditures associated with operating the Market.

Discussion with the Committee ensued following Ms. Kenny Marquez's presentation. Ms. Marquez participated in the discussion and addressed the Committee's questions.

3. Presentation: Review of 2014 Curbanas Pilot Program

Economic Development Intern Miles Thomas gave an update on the Curbanas Pilot Program, and discussed the results of the public survey regarding the same. Discussion with the Committee ensued following the presentation. Mr. Thomas and Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys participated in the discussion, addressing the Committee's comments and questions.

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

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve the February 9, 2015 minutes. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Urbana resident Brian Vura-Weis addressed the Committee in support of the proposed criminal justice resolutions pertaining to the mental health court and incarceration alternatives.
2. Benjamin Stone with Stone Robot Enterprises did not wish to address the Committee, but asked to go on record in support of the proposed resolution regarding incarceration alternatives.
3. Urbana resident Belden Fields addressed the Committee in support of the proposed resolutions pertaining to the mental health court and incarceration alternatives.
4. Urbana resident James Kilgore addressed the Committee in support of the proposed resolution regarding incarceration alternatives.
5. Carol Spindel, President of the ACLU of Champaign County addressed the Committee in support of the proposed resolutions pertaining to the mental health court and incarceration alternatives.
6. Stuart Levy did not wish to address the Committee, but asked to go on record in support of the proposed resolutions pertaining to the mental health court and incarceration alternatives.
7. Chris Evans addressed the Committee in support of the proposed resolution regarding incarceration alternatives.

5. **Ordinance No. 2015-02-018:** An Ordinance Vacating an Alley (South of Hill Street between Romine Street and Mathews Avenue) - PW

Public Works director William Gray discussed the vacation of the alley South of Hill Street between Romine and Matthews Avenue for the benefit of Crisis Nursery. Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-018 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Discussion with the Committee then ensued. Mr. Grey

and Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler participated in the discussion, addressing the Committee's questions and concerns.

Following discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-018 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

6. **Ordinance No. 2015-02-019:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (908 East Oregon Street, Urbana, Illinois) - CD

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler gave an overview of how the City obtained the property located at 908 East Oregon Street, Urbana Illinois, and gave reasons in support of the City selling the property, with the purchaser intending to construct a new single family home on the property. A brief discussion with the Committee ensued.

Following discussion, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-019 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Further discussion ensued following the motion.

Following discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-019 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2015-02-020:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (Live Scan fingerprinting fee) - FIN

Finance Administrative Services Manager Elizabeth Beaty gave a brief overview of the Live Scan Fingerprinting System that was purchased by the Urbana Police Department, and the City's desire to charge the public a \$40.00 fingerprinting fee for providing the service. Discussion ensued with the Committee and Ms. Beaty, following Ms. Beaty's presentation.

Following discussion, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-020 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Ammons seconded. The motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-020 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

8. **Resolution No. 2015-02-008R:** Resolution in Support of Establishing a Mental Health Court for Champaign County - Mayor Prussing

Alderman Roberts presented Resolution No. 2015-02-008R in Mayor Prussing's absence. Alderman Roberts then made a motion to send Resolution No. 2015-02-008R to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Ammons Seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued with the Committee following the motion. After discussion, the motion to send Resolution No. 2015-02-008R to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

9. **Resolution No. 2015-02-009R:** Resolution Regarding Incarceration and Incarceration Alternatives in Champaign County - Eric Jakobsson; Ward 2

Alderman Jakobsson relinquished the Chair to Alderman Smyth at 9:10 p.m. to present Resolution No. 2015-02-009R. Following Alderman Jakobsson's presentation, Alderman Smyth addressed the remaining public

input cards that the parties requested be addressed at the time Resolution No. 2015-02-009R was heard. Additional public input was then heard. Discussion with the Committee resumed following public input. Alderman Jakobsson moved to send the original version of Resolution No. 2015-02-009R to Council. Alderman Roberts seconded. Discussion continued with the Committee regarding friendly amendments to the language of Resolution No. 2015-02-009R. Following discussion, the motion to send Resolution No. 2015-02-009R to Council with the friendly amendments that were agreed upon by the Committee was carried by voice vote.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Eric Jakobsson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Vicky A. Osborn
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: March 23, 2015