

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - July 13, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, July 13, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Aaron Ammons; Eric Jakobsson; Michael P. Madigan; Diane Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charles Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**  
There were none

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**  
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brandon Boys; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Kelly Mierkowski; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Hannon; Peter Resnick; Bishop King James and Reverend Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Wei Zhao; Members of the Media

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Chair Aaron Ammons called the meeting of the Committee of The Whole to order at 9:04 p.m., after which the City Clerk called the roll. The start of the meeting was delayed due to other meetings and a Public Hearing, all beginning at 7:00 p.m. this day.

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

1. Economic Development Activities Report - CD

Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys presented an Economic Development Activities Report for June of 2015, giving highlights of new downtown business and other business and development activity, the Public Arts Program's current happenings, other local marketing and events activity, an update of Urbana's Market at the Square and other Economic Development updates.

2. Staff Report - UFD

Fire Chief Brian Nightlinger presented that the Urbana Fire Department is the recipient of the 2014 Assistance to Firefighter Grant. Chief Nightlinger gave an overview of the purpose and amount of the grant.

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

1. June 8, 2015

Alderswoman Marlin made a motion to approve the June 8, 2015 minutes. Alderman Roberts seconded. Being no changes, the motion to approve the May 26, 2015 minutes was carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Chair Ammons acknowledged a card from Bishop King James and Reverend Dr. Evelyn Underwood, and further acknowledged that neither wanted to verbally express their concerns regarding Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues, but asked that these issues be mentioned.
2. Wei Zhao spoke at the time Ordinance No. 2015-07-077 was presented in opposition to the Ordinance being approved.
3. Brian Hannon, Broker with Green Street Realty addressed the Council in support of Ordinance No. 2015-07-077.

5. **Resolution No. 2015-07-031R:** A Resolution Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Courage Connection (Formerly The Center For Women In Transition), (FY 2015-16) - CD

Grants Management Division Manager Kelly Mierkowszki presented an overview of the history of the grant and the City's administration of the same. Following Ms. Mierkowszki's presentation, Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Resolution No. 2015-07-031R to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Smyth seconded. Being no discussion, the motion to send Resolution No. 2015-07-031R to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

6. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-069:** An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with \_\_\_\_\_\* (401 North Broadway Avenue) \*LLC name to be provided before City Council Meeting - CD

Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys presented an overview of the proposed project to redevelop the property located at 401 North Broadway Avenue into an indoor market space to be called the "Broadway Market". The "Broadway Market" is to feature multiple restaurant and retail tenants. Mr. Boys discussed the project's timeline, goals and anticipated fiscal impacts.

Following Mr. Boys' presentation, discussion with the Committee ensued. Mr. Boys, Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler, and Matthew Cho of Cake Design Development, LLC addressed the Committee's questions and concerns.

Following discussion Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-069 to Council with no recommendation. Alderman Smyth seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-069 to Council with no recommendation was carried by voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-070:** An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY2015-16 (Redevelopment Agreement with \_\_\_\_\_\* ) \*LLC name to be provided before City Council Meeting - CD

After Chair Ammons introduced Ordinance No. 2015-07-070, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-070 to Council with no recommendation. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Being no discussion, the

motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-070 to Council with no recommendation was carried by voice vote.

8. **Resolution No. 2015-07-032R:** A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement (JAG Program - City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County) - UPD

Urbana Police Chief Patrick Connolly presented an overview of the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), and the proposed Budget Amendment associated with the same. Being no discussion, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2015-07-032R to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Being no discussion after the motion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-032R to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

9. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-071:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance for FY2015/16 (JAG Grant) - UPD

After Chair Ammons introduced Ordinance No. 2015-07-071, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-071 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Being no discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-071 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

10. **Resolution No. 2015-07-033R:** A Second Amendment to Resolution Authorizing The Creation of a Task Force to Recommend how the City can Improve Understanding of Data Compiled in the IDOT Traffic Study and Respond to Concerns Raised by Social Justice Organizations (A resolution to Further Extend the Date for Public Review and Comment and for Submission of Final Report of Findings and Policy Recommendations of IDOT Traffic Study Task Force's Finds) - Peter Resnick, Chair of the Urbana IDOT Traffic Study Task Force

Peter Resnick, Chair of the Urbana IDOT Traffic Study Task Force presented that the Task Force completed its Report of Preliminary Findings, and that the report has been released for public comment. Mr. Resnick discussed the Task Force's request for an extension of time for the deadline for the public to provide comment on the report, and an extension of time for the deadline for the Task Force to review the public comment submitted and incorporate public commentary into the final report to the Urbana City Council.

Discussion with the Committee ensued following Mr. Resnick's presentation. Mr. Resnick addressed the Committee's questions and concerns. Following discussion, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2015-07-033R to Council with a recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion to send Resolution No. 2015-07-033R to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

11. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-072:** An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Use of Right-of-Way with Campus Communications Group, Inc. - PW

Public Works Director William Gray presented that Campus Communications Group of Champaign, Illinois proposes to install fiber optic cables on Stoughton Street between Gregory Street and Lincoln Avenue, and that the proposed license agreement would allow this to occur.

Being no discussion, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-072 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Being no discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 21015-07-072 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

12. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-073:** An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way with Metro Communications Company, Inc. - PW

Public Works Director William Gray presented that Metro Communications Company of Sullivan, Illinois proposes to install fiber optic cable on Lincoln Avenue between University Avenue and Melrose Boulevard in conduits shared with Campus Communications Group, and that the proposed license agreement would allow this to occur.

Being no discussion, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-073 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Being no discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-073 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

13. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-074:** An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Use of Right-of-Way with Colorado Place LLC - PW

Public Works Director William Gray presented that Colorado Place LLC would like to install a security fence within the City's right-of-way at 902 East Harding Drive, Urbana, discussing the background of the right-of-way, and that there would be no cost to the City.

Discussion with the Committee ensued following Mr. Gray's presentation. Mr. Gray and Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler addressed the City's questions and concerns.

Following discussion, Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-074 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-074 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

14. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-075:** An Ordinance Approving an Ordinance Extending Authorization to Ameren Illinois Company to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Gas Utility System in the City of Urbana (Thirty-Year Agreement Renewing Ameren Illinois Company Franchise Concerning Gas Utility System) - PW

Public Works Director William Gray introduced Steven Estes with Ameren Illinois Company, and informed Council that Mr. Estes was present to answer questions. Mr. Gray presented that the current agreement between the City of Urbana and Illinois Power Company (n/k/a Ameren Illinois Company) expired in August, 2014. Mr. Gray gave an overview

of the terms, conditions and fiscal impact of the proposed agreement, and recommended approval of the same. Discussion with the Committee ensued following Mr. Gray's presentation. Mr. Gray and Mr. Estes addressed the Committee's questions and concerns.

Following discussion, Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-075 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion to send ordinance No. 2015-07-075 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

15. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-076:** An Ordinance Revising the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Annual Budget (Ameren Franchise Agreement) - PW

After Chair Ammons introduced Ordinance No. 2015-07-076, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-076 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Being no discussion, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-076 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

16. **Ordinance No. 2015-07-077:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class G-2 liquor licenses for Premier Entertainment of IL d/b/a Flamingo Slots, 1720 Philo Rd., Ste. B) - MAYOR

After Chair Ammons introduced Ordinance No. 2015-07-077, Alderman Madigan recused himself from participating in this item at 10:24 p.m. as a liquor license holder in the City of Urbana, and departed the meeting. Mayor Prussing then presented Ordinance No. 2015-07-077, with recommendation for approval.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-077 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded.

Following the Motion, Chair Ammons called for Public Input. (please see the "Public Input" section of these minutes). Discussion with the Committee and Mayor Prussing ensued following Public Input. Wei Zhao, owner of Hot Spot Restaurant, LLC, who presented public input regarding Ordinance No. 2015-07-077 addressed the Committee's and Mayor Prussing's questions regarding his position against Ordinance No. 2015-07-077. Following discussion, additional Public Input was given.

Following the additional Public Input, the motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-07-077 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

17. **Adjournment:**

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

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\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: July 27, 2015