

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Monday, April 10, 2017 - 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, April 10, 2017, 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; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis D. Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Charles Smyth, Ward 1

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys; Mike Brunk; Bruce Cubberley; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Kelly Mierkowski; Mike Monson; Sylvia Morgan; Brian Nightlinger; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENTE: Carolyn Baxley; Bradley Berg; Ken Beth; Aaron Brakke; Melinda Carr; Matt Cho; Alan Dang; Joyce Day; Austin Johnson; Dan Maloney; Will Martens; Lowell Miller; Alice Novak; Gina Pagliuso; Edith Peacock; Brigitte Pieke; Lena Reiff; Mariella Riley; Sarah Scott; Susan Smith; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; Luz Upegui; James Webster; Jonah Weisskopf; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Madigan called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 27, 2017. Alderman Roberts seconded. Alderman Brown made corrections to item (6) under staff report it should read 50 employees instead of 15. After corrections, motion carried by voice vote.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Prussing requested the removal of item 11. Ordinance No. 2017-04-020: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class R1 liquor licenses for A Plus Restaurant and Entertainment, LLC d/b/a A Plus VIP Lounge, 214 W. Main Street Urbana, IL)

Alderman Ammons moved to accept the removal of Ordinance No. 2017-04-020 as requested. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The following residents addressed the committee in support of renovation the Urbana Landmark Hotel: Carolyn Baxley, Alice Novak, Dan Maloney, Will Martens, Edith Peacock, James Webster.

The following residents did not wish to address the committee, but asked that their position be entered into the record in support of the

Urbana Landmark Hotel: Matt Cho, Joyce Day, Gina Pagliuso, Susan Smith, Sarah Scott, Brigitte Pieke, Jonah Weisskopf, Di Yu.

Bishop King James and Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood did not wish to speak, but asked that their position be entered into the record regarding the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues.

Elderess Melinda Carr did not wish to speak, but asked that her position be entered into the record about the sewer issues in the Dr. Ellis Subdivision, equity, and the historic impact

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

a. **Broadway Avenue/Water Street Mini Park Presentation - U of I School of Architecture Students**

Arbor Division Manager Bruce Cubberley and City Arborist Mike Brunk introduced the U of I Architecture. Mr. Cubberley and Mr. Brunk have been working on the redesign of the mini park at Broadway Avenue/Water Street project. The structure for the screening design was the only lacking factor in the project. The Arbor Division contacted the University Architecture Department and spoke with Assistant Professor Aaron Brakke and Fabrication coordinator/Shop Manager Lowell Miller. After brainstorming, they came up with a vision that would fit the area. They gave the architecture students specific criteria for the pieces for the project. The pieces had to be good quality, durable, attractive, interesting and designed to allow public interaction. Assistant Professor Brakke acknowledged the students who collaborated on the designs. Bradly Berg, Austin Johnson, Marielle Riley and Luz Upegui were present at the meeting and Alan Dang, Shweta Deo, Yu-lun Hsu, Andree Sahakian, Yue Teng and Austin Zehr were not present at the meeting. The students presented assembled samples of some of the modular pieces they had created and showed how they would look when set up in the park. Discussion ensued.

6. **STAFF REPORT**

There was none.

7. **Motion:** Direct Staff to Continue Negotiation of a Redevelopment Agreement for the Urbana Landmark Hotel (210 S. Race Street)

Mayor Prussing gave a summary of a 23-page memo submitted by Community Development. This update included negotiations for a redevelopment agreement for the Urbana Landmark Hotel. The Hilton is not a firm deal at this time. The hotel must be a Tapestry Collection to receive the loan, there is room for negotiation on the price with current owner.

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler gave an additional summary, starting with the history of the hotel. Ms. Tyler addressed all the changes that have transpired throughout the years and the city's involvement in trying to maintain the historic aspect of downtown Urbana. This project is no different, as it will enhance the look of the downtown and will attract new businesses. Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys and Attorney Consultant Ken Beth were available to address questions from committee.

After presentation and discussion, Alderman Roberts made a motion to direct staff to continue negotiation of a redevelopment agreement for the Urbana Landmark Hotel (210 S. Race Street). Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Alderman Madigan relinquished the chair to Alderwoman Marlin from 9:19-9:24pm to join discussion.

8. **Ordinance No. 2017-04-017:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-172 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Curb Loading Zones on Certain Streets (High Street)

Public Works director William Gray presented Ordinance No. 2017-04-017 with recommendation for approval. This ordinance will establish a 30-minute loading zone on High Street. No further discussion.

After presentation, Alderman Ammons made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2017-04-017 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. **Ordinance No. 2017-04-018:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Green Street between Race Street and Lincoln Square Village)

Public Works director William Gray presented Ordinance No. 2017-04-018 with recommendation for approval. This ordinance will prohibit parking at all times on Green Street between Race Street and Lincoln Square Village.

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2017-04-018 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Roberts made an observation regarding current time for Urbana's Farmers Market vendors. Mr. Gray will follow up with staff and bring updated information at the next meeting.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to add a friendly amendment "a 20-minute loading and unloading zone". Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

After discussion, the amended ordinance was sent to council with recommendation for approval.

10. **Ordinance No. 2017-04-019:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance for FY 2016/17 (Workers Compensation Claims, Acquisition of 2201 S. Philo Road, Other Items)

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan presented Ordinance No. 2017-04-019 to council with recommendation for approval.

Ms. Hannan addressed the changes that will affect the annual budget. The Acquisition of 2201 S. Philo Road will create changes to the (Capital Improvement & Replacement Fund) an increase in Workers Compensation Claims will create changes to the (Retained Risk and Retained Risk Reserve Funds). An increase in Credit Card Fees for Mobile Meter will create changes to the (Parking Fund) there were some other miscellaneous items. Discussion ensued.

After presentation and clarification from Ms. Hannan, Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2017-04-019 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **Ordinance No. 2017-04-020:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class R1 liquor licenses for A Plus Restaurant and Entertainment, LLC d/b/a A Plus VIP Lounge, 214 W. Main Street Urbana, IL)

*****Item removed from agenda *****

12. **Ordinance No. 2017-04-021:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class A liquor licenses for Downtown Creations, LLC d/b/a Blackbird, 119 W. Main Street Urbana, IL)

Alderman Madigan relinquished the chair to Alderwoman Marlin due to conflict of interest as a liquor license holder in the city of Urbana from 9:32-9:34pm.

Mayor Prussing presented Ordinance No. 2017-04-021 with recommendation for approval with clarification that it is a Class A and Class G-1 license. It is going to be a New Orleans style jazz bar with live music and will not be serving barbecue. No discussion.

Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2017-04-021 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **Resolution No. 2017-04-019R:** A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation - Assist Programs, Series 2017)

Grants Management Division Manager Kelly Mierkowski presented Resolution No. 2017-04-019R with recommendation for approval.

Ms. Mierkowski presented the recommendations given by the Community Development Commission. Half (50%) of its original allocation is \$4,231,100. The first half, of \$2,115,550, is to be applied to the 2017 Assistant program. The other half to the EIEDA is to be utilized for possible neighborhood initiatives in the community, such as multi-family housing developments. Discussion ensued

Alderman Ammons made a motion to send Resolution No. 2017-04-019R to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

14. **Resolution No. 2017-04-020R:** A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap In Connection With Private Activity Bond Issues, Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation - EIEDA, Series 2017)

There being no further questions. Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Resolution No. 2017-04-020R to council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

15. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Madigan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.

Wendy M. Hundley
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: April 24, 2017