

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Monday, February 13, 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, February 13, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2

STAFF PRESENT: Brad Bennett; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Kelly Mierkowski; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Lorrie Pearson; Craig Shonkwiler; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENTE: Stephanie Record; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Ammons called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2017. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

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.

5. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

6. STAFF REPORT

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler presented the January Business & Development some of the highlights and announcements were as follows:

- The Urbana Arts Grants Program application period for the 2017 closed February 6, 2017 with a total of forty six applications received.
- Open Scene Public Workshop is now open and its first events will take place February 24 & 26 at 202 S. Broadway Ave.

- Think Urbana Marketing efforts continue.
- February 23, 8:00am-10:00am Economic Development Homebuilders breakfast will be held at Eastland Suites located at 1907 N. Cunningham Ave.
- February 24, 7:30am Contractors breakfast will take place at El Toro, 2561 W. Springfield Ave., Champaign.
- The Business and Development Luncheon with a presentation about incentive programs will take place at Attie's Bar and Grill, 2600 S. Stone Creek Blvd.
- Urbana Business Association Connections Over Coffee will take place February 23, 7:30pm-9:00pm.
- Community Support Agriculture will meet March 3, 4:00pm-7:00pm at 108 E. Water St. promoting farms.
- March 3, 5:30:-8:30pm the 12th Annual Innovation Celebration to take place at Parkland College Student Union, 2400 W. Bradley Ave.
- New businesses - Bluebird Boutique and Ballet Studio

Community Development Grants Manager Kelly Mierkowski gave an update concerning several social service events.

- Income assessment for the Lierman neighborhood will be going out this week.
- Urbana Home Consortium affordable housing request for proposal (RFP) will be taking applications for affordable housing projects.
- Action Plan Fiscal year 2017-2018 is now in process and social service funding applications will be available starting March 6, 2017 and are due by April, 2017.
- Blight Reduction Program (BRP) thirteen out of fifteen properties have been demolished. The remaining two properties are owned by Habitat and are in bidding process for demolition.
- Community Development also received a letter from HUD regarding approval of renewal application for Supportive Housing Program/Homeless (NOFA) Families in Transition. Discussion ensued.

Public Works Director William Gray addressed the committee to give an update about the status of the IDOT study that was presented October, 2015 for the University/Race/Wright corridor. The project is in its preliminary design phase. Information will be forthcoming.

Chief of Police Patrick Connolly gave a brief report regarding crime activities that took place over the weekend.

7. **Ordinance No. 2017-01-008:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 20, Articles II and V

Assistant City Engineer Brad Bennett and Planning Manager Lorrie Pearson presented Ordinance No. 2017-01-008 with recommendation for approval.

Mr. Bennett gave a PowerPoint presentation about proposed changes to the City Code Chapter 20, Article II and V. These changes are necessary due to the increase in monopolies and towers in the public right of way. Discussion ensued.

After presentation and discussion Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2017-01-008 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2017-02-006:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Hill Street between Romine Street and Goodwin Avenue)

Assistant City Engineer Craig Shonkwiler presented Ordinance No. 2017-02-006 with recommendation for approval. This Ordinance will remove parking restrictions on the south side of Hill Street between Romine Street and Goodwin Avenue. The new parking restrictions will be on the north side of Hill Street between Romine Street and Goodwin Avenue. Ms. Stephanie Record from Crisis Nursery was available to address questions and concerns from committee members.

After presentation and discussion Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2017-02-006 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Madigan seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. **Ordinance No. 2017-02-007:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance for FY 2016/17 (Cohen Building Development, EAB Treatment Program, and Other Items)

Mayor Prussing presented Ordinance No. 2017-02-007 with recommendation for approval on behalf of Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan.

After presentation Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2017-02-007 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. **Resolution No. 2017-02-009R:** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Collaboration Agreement (Assessment of Fair Housing PY2020)

Grants Management Division Manager Kelly Mierkowski presented Resolution No. 2017-02-009R with recommendation for approval. This agreement will allow the City of Urbana to lead and participate in a regional assessment of Fair Housing, as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

After presentation Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2017-02-009R to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Ammons declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Wendy M. Hundley
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.