

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - March 14, 2016 - 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, March 14, 2016 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; Laurel Lunt Prussing

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Phyllis D. Clark

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alex Bautista; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Wendy Hundley; Kelly Mierkowski; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; James Simon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Durl Kruse; John Ruffin; Bishop King James Underwood and Reverend Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Michael P. Madigan called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:36 p.m.\*

*\*Late start for meeting due to closed session of City Council.*

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

- a. Grants Management Manager Kelly Mierkowski gave an update on the 2016 Regional Neighborhood Networks Conference. She introduced John Ruffin, Neighborhood Coordinator with the Neighborhood Services Department at the City of Champaign. Ms. Mierkowski and Mr. Ruffin presented an overview of the conference, which will take place in Champaign-Urbana. September 29 through October 1, 2016.
- b. The Mayor updated the committee on the hospital property tax situation, stating that the Supreme Court granted a stay to the hospitals, with the provision that they issue a bond to the county in the amount of taxes owed.
- c. Alderwoman Marlin proposed dividing agenda item number 16 into two agenda items. She made a motion to make "Process for Implementation of Recommendations from the Task Force on Traffic Stops" agenda item number 16 and "Cannabis Fines" agenda item number 17. Motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by voice vote.

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

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 meeting. Alderman Jakobsson seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Bishop King James Underwood and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood did not wish to speak but wanted their concerns noted on record about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision Sewer Problems.

Durl Kruse presented the committee with the reasons he opposes the new downtown TIF district.

5. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-017:** An Ordinance Revising The Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Annual Budget (Meijer Development Agreement - Final Payment) - FIN

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan presented this ordinance. Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-03-017 to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by voice vote.

6. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-018:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate Property by Eminent Domain for the Extension of North Lincoln Avenue from Saline Court to Olympian Drive (Acquisition of right-of-way for Constructing the North Lincoln Avenue Extension) - PW

Public Works Director William Gray presented this ordinance. Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-03-018 to council with a recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-019:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (A Portion of a Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 25-15-29-300-004) - PW

Public Works Director William Gray presented this Ordinance. Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-03-19 to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Marlin and carried by voice vote.

8. **Resolution No. 2016-03-011R:** A Resolution Amending resolution Number 2016-01-005R, Approving a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Lincoln Avenue Construction from Olympian Drive to Saline Court Section Number 11-00334-01-PV) - PW

Mr. Gray presented this resolution. He stated that the resolution should be corrected to: "A Resolution Approving a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Lincoln Avenue Construction from Olympian Drive to Saline Court Section Number 11-00334-01-PV)". After discussion Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-03-011R to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by voice vote.

9. **Resolution No. 2016-03-016R:** A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (North Lincoln Avenue Improvements - Construction, Engineering and Utilities) - PW

Mr. Gray presented this resolution. Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-03-016R to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by voice vote.

10. **Resolution No. 2016-03-012R:** A Resolution Approving an Amendment to a Subrecipient Agreement between the Urbana Home Consortium and Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County (FY 2014-2015) - CD  
Ms. Mierkowski presented this resolution. Alderman Ammons made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-03-012R to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by voice vote.  
**\*\*NOTE: Chair Madigan recused himself and gave the chair to Alderwoman Marlin prior to the presentation of the following two items, from 8:14pm to 8:24pm, due to possible conflict as he is a liquor license holder in the City of Urbana, Illinois.\*\***
11. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-020:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class C liquor licenses for UM, Inc., d/b/a Mr. Gas Plus, 808 E. Main Street) - Mayor  
Mayor Prussing presented Ordinance No. 2016-03-020. After discussion, Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to send this ordinance to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by voice vote
12. **Ordinance No. 2016-02-014:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Article III, Section 3-40 and Adding New Section 3-51 Providing for Compliance with New State Statute Concerning Responsible Alcoholic Beverage Server Training - Mayor [COW 02/15/16]  
Mayor Prussing presented Ordinance No. 2016-02-014. After discussion Alderman Smyth made a motion to send this ordinance to council with recommendation for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jakobsson and carried by voice vote.
13. **Resolution No. 2016-03-013R:** Resolution to Support Reform of Binding Arbitration in Illinois - Mayor  
Mayor Prussing presented Resolution No. 2016-03-13R. After discussion Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send this resolution to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by voice vote.
14. **Resolution No. 2016-03-014R:** Resolution in Support of Funding for Higher Education in Illinois - Mayor  
Mayor Prussing presented Resolution No. 2016-03-14R. After discussion Alderman Roberts made a motion to send this resolution to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Ammons and carried by voice vote.
15. **Resolution No. 2016-03-015R:** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Intervention in a Proposed Illinois-American Water Company Water and Sewer Rate Increase Case (Docket No. 16-0093) - Chief of Staff  
Chief of Staff Mike Monson presented Resolution No. 2016-03-15R. After discussion Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send this resolution to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by voice vote.

16. **Discussion** - Cannabis - Process for Implementation of Recommendations from Task Force on Traffic Stops [COW 1/25/16; CC 03/07/16]  
Mayor Prussing suggested that committee members go through the worksheet to review and prioritize the list of recommendations. Human Relations Officer Alex Bautista presented his ideas and responded to concerns and questions from committee members. It was decided that Mr. Bautista would send a survey with the information to be prioritized to committee members. Mr. Bautista will then send the results to Alderman Roberts to be distributed to the rest of the committee members. Alderman Smyth stated he would like to keep this discussion on a monthly basis to be held every other committee meeting.
17. **Discussion** - Cannabis Fines  
Mayor Prussing gave background information to the committee about the penalties for cannabis possession. Mr. Bautista and Police Chief Patrick Connolly addressed questions and concerns of committee members. After discussion Alderman Ammons made a motion to recommend that staff draft an ordinance lowering the fine for possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis to \$5.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jakobsson and carried by voice vote.
18. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Madigan declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43pm.

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Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

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

**Minutes Approved:** March 21, 2016