

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - February 22, 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, February 22, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Aaron Ammons; Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson; Mike Madigan; Diane W. Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charles Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brandon Boys; Pat Connolly; Phil Edwards; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Elizabeth Horwitz; Wendy Hundley; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Lorrie Pearson; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elderess Melinda Carr; Durl Kruse; 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 Dennis Roberts called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:57 p.m.\*.

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

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

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan informed the committee that the City of Urbana has launched the Mobile Meter app across the City of Urbana. She stated it is the same app used by the City of Champaign and is very easy to use. Citizens will also be able to continue to use coins and CashKeys for meters as well.

Ms. Hannan also stated that the Finance, Information Technology, Community Development and Public Works Departments are seeking various software products, including a new financial management system for the Finance Department.

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler informed the committee about certifications of community development staff. She reminded committee members about the Business Development luncheon and about the workshop on how to research your old house. She also announced that Champaign County Crime Stoppers is accepting nominations for the Dave Benton Crime Fighter Award. Ms. Tyler also let committee members know about bicycle training called Traffic Skills 101 to be held March 5 and March 12 at the CU-MTD offices. There will also be training by the League of American Bicyclists sometime in June.

Mayor Prussing stated that the City of Urbana and the City of Champaign have been discussing serving the campus area, boundaries for fire coverage, and response times for each of their fire departments. Discussion will continue as more data is collected.

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

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 8, 2016. Alderman Jakobsson seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chair Roberts acknowledged a card from Bishop King James and Reverend Dr. Evelyn B. 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 for the record.

Elderess Melinda Carr did not wish to speak, but asked that her concerns about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer problems be entered into the record.

Durl Kruse addressed the committee regarding Resolution No. 2016-02-008R he passed out a letter to committee members to expressed his questions and concerns. A brief discussion with Committee ensued following Mr. Kruse's comment.

5. **Ordinance No. 2016-02-011:** An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance NO. 2015-06-055 and Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 22, Section 22-45.1 (Municipal gas use tax / 2016)

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan presented Ordinance No. 2016-02-011 with recommendation for approval. Ms. Hannan explained that this item is being repeal since Ameren was not notified of the increase, consequently the rate was not implemented and the increased revenue was not collected.

Alderman Madigan expressed his disagreement and whether Ameren was notified or not. He does not agree with the increase either way.

After discussion Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-02-011 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. **Ordinance No. 2016-02-012:** An Ordinance Revising the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Annual Budget (PSEBA Benefits, bond proceeds, Parking Fund rebudgets, gas masks)

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan presented Ordinance No. 2016-02-012 with recommendation for approval. Discussion ensued.

After discussion and addressing committee questions and concerns Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-02-012 to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee members still have question about the Parking Fund, staff was directed to bring more information to Council meeting on March 7, 2016 before a final vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2016-02-013:** An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Central Illinois Soccer Enterprises, LLC (2400 North Willow Road - Soccer Planet Expansion)

Economic Development Specialist Elizabeth Horwitz presented Ordinance No. 2016-02-013 with recommendation for approval. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Boys and Ms. Horwitz addressed questions from committee regarding the agreement between the City and Soccer Planet and its benefits.

After discussion Alderman Madigan made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-02-013 with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **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

\* Alderman Madigan recused himself from 8:27-8:41 p.m. due to conflict of interest as a liquor license holder.

Mayor Prussing presented Ordinance No. 2016-02-014 with recommendation for approval. Mayor Prussing added that Ms. Jolinda Ross is now a certified Basset trainer, which will facilitate training to liquor license holder and their staff in the city of Urbana. Discussion ensued.

After discussion Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2016-02-014 to council without recommendation for approval until further questions are clarified. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. **Resolution No. 2016-02-007R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Promotional and Marketing Agreement for the Annual Urbana Sweetcorn Festival (Urbana Business Association, Calendar Year 2016)

Urbana Business Association (UBA) Director Paris Blalock presented a power point presentation with current and future plans for the Sweet Corn Festival. Ms. Blalock also addressed the committee's questions regarding the event and structure of future plans.

From 8:56-8:58pm. Alderman Roberts relinquished the chair to Alderman Brown to joined discussion.

After debate Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-02-007R to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Brown seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. **Resolution No. 2016-02-008R:** A Resolution Declaring an Intent to Reimburse Certain Redevelopment Project Costs (Urbana Central TIF District)

Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys presented Resolution No. 2016-02-008R with recommendation for approval.

Mr. Boys addressed the current status of TIF District 1, and future investments plans that would benefit the city and future developments. Discussion ensued.

After discussion Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-02-008R to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **Resolution No. 2016-02-009R:** A Resolution in Support of Sustainable 911 Funding

Mayor Prussing presented Resolution No. 2016-02-009R with recommendation for approval. No discussion

Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-02-009R to council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **Resolution No. 2016-02-010R:** A Resolution in Support of Increasing the Gasoline Tax

Mayor Prussing presented Resolution No. 2016-02-010R with recommendation for approval. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2016-02-010R to council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by hand vote with majority of ayes.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Dennis Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.  
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: March 14, 2016