

**CITY OF URBANA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 8, 2013 - 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, April 8, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Dennis Roberts (Chair); Brandon Bowersox-Johnson; Eric Jakobsson; Robert E. Lewis; Diane W. Marlin; Charlie Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Heather Stevenson [Excused]

**STAFF PRESENT:** James Simon; Mike Monson; Sylvia Morgan; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Kelly H. Mierkowski; Michael Brunk; Bruce Cubberley; Aditi Kambuj; Jennifer Gonzalez; Christina McClelland; Brandon Boys

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rev. Dr. Evelyln B. Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; Karen Dixon; Rick Langlois; Michael Kilcullen; Nikki Hillier; Cynthia Hoyle; Rev. Melinda Carr; Raymond Ceresa; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) gave a brief economic development report as follows: 1) New law office, Langacker Law Office, has moved into County Plaza; 2) Tin Roof Tavern is now open at 604 N. Cunningham Avenue; 3) Armored Gopher has a new space at North Gate Plaza; 4) JSM Development announced execution of a lease with KoFusion for Gregory Place West; and 5) Einstein Bros. Bagels has opened a second location at Illini Union.

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) informed the Committee that staff would be presenting the sanitary sewer lateral report at the April 22, 2013 Committee meeting.

**a. Cunningham Avenue Beautification/Improvement Status Report**

Brandon Boys (Redevelopment Specialist) presented the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Cunningham Avenue beautification and improvement. Mr. Boys summarized the main features of the program as: 1) A public art presence along the corridor; 2) Increased sidewalk connectivity; 3) Landscaping along the corridor; and 4) Curb cut closures for safety. He noted that staff is currently pursuing a variety of projects and gave a summary of them which included infrastructure, public and

private beautification, and site marketing and code enforcement activities.

This item did not warrant Council action.

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

**March 25, 2013** - CM Bowersox-Johnson moved to approve. CM Lewis seconded. CM Marlin noted a correction on page 3, last paragraph. The question should read: "Why are cul-de-sacs not plowed at the same time as the nearby streets?" There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2013 carried by voice vote, as corrected.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people did not address the Committee, but completed public input cards requesting that their position be entered into record in support of a resolution favorable to the sanitary sewer concerns of residents of Dr. Ellis Subdivision: Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood and Bishop King James Underwood, representing Dr. Ellis Subdivision; and Rev. Melinda Carr, representing the Ministerial Alliance of Champaign-Urbana & Vicinity.

**Committee Member Input**

CM Roberts announced that Urbana Landmark Hotel Bar opened this past Saturday serving approximately 550 people. He also reminded the viewing audience that Election Day is tomorrow and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

CM Lewis informed Committee Members and the viewing audience that April is Jazz Appreciation Month.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03-025: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-183 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (KINCH STREET)**

Chair Roberts acknowledged public input regarding this item.

Karen Dixon addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed ordinance and bike lanes.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the proposed ordinance and bike lanes: Rick Langlois; Michael Kilcullen; Nikki Hillier, representing Champaign-Urbana Public Health District; and Cynthia Hoyle, representing C-U Safe Routes to School Project.

CM Marlin moved to keep this item in Committee for 2 weeks. CM Lewis seconded. The motion failed by voice vote. Debate ensued.

CM Jakobsson made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Smyth seconded. Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04-014R: RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (RACE STREET)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

CM Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04-027: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LEGACY TREE PROGRAM**

Aditi Kambuj (Planner) and Michael Brunk (City Arborist) presented the staff report. Staff was asked in January to develop a program on "Advisory Public Input" with no mitigation fee and to seek public input. Public input included: 1) a presentation at the February 19<sup>th</sup> Developer's Roundtable Luncheon; 2) an online survey on the City's website; 3) a feature article in The News-Gazette; 4) an article on the City's website; 5) emails to neighborhood association coordinators; and 6) posters and flyers displayed at local businesses. Following their presentation, Ms Kambuj noted that staff's recommendation and that of the Urbana Tree Commission is for the Council to approve the Legacy Tree Ordinance.

CM Jakobsson made a motion that the property owner may delist a legacy tree and not go through the hearing and advisory process. The motion died for lack of a second. Chair Roberts asked CM Bowersox-Johnson to take the Chair and he entered into debate (9:05p).

Chair Roberts proposed an amendment to Section 11 to read: "*Trees located on properties receiving redevelopment or demolition assistance by the City of Urbana shall be evaluated by the City Arborist for possible tree legacy status. The property owner shall be encouraged to work with the City to accommodate the preservation of those trees meriting this nomination in the redevelopment plan of the property and eligible to receive benefits offered through the program.*" CM Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Roberts made a motion to consider, as an incentive, abatement for a single year of the City's storm water utility fee for those property owners willing to certify a legacy tree on a property. CM Smyth seconded. The motion was defeated by voice vote. Debate ensued.

CM Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval, as amended. CM Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Roberts resumed the Chair at 9:20 p.m.

8. **KING PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

Agenda items 8.a, 8.b. and 8.c were presented in omnibus fashion.

Christina McClelland (Public Arts Coordinator) presented the staff report.

CM Smyth moved to send Resolution Nos. 2013-04-015R, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Mutual Release with AWAKE, LLC", 2013-04-016R, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a New Agreement with Preston Jackson for Public Art Design Services for the King Park Public Art Project", and Ordinance No. 2013-04-028, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (King Park Public Arts Project)", to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

a. **Resolution No. 2013-04-015R: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Mutual Release with AWAKA, LLC**

[Sent to Council for approval]

b. **Resolution No. 2013-04-016R: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a New Agreement with Preston Jackson for Public Art Design Services for the King Park Public Art Project**

[Sent to Council for approval]

c. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-028: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (King Park Public Arts Project)**

[Sent to Council for approval]

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04-017R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

Kelly H. Mierkowski (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report.

At 9:40 p.m. Chair Roberts asked CM Bowersox-Johnson to take the Chair and he entered debate. Chair Roberts resumed the Chair at 9:44 p.m.

CM Smyth moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04-029: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2011-2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (DOWN PAYMENT PROGRAM)**

Jennifer Gonzalez (Grant Coordinator) presented the staff report.

CM Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04-018R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AS ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04-010R**

Ms Gonzalez presented the staff report.

CM Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04-019R: RESOLUTION EVIDENCING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO TRANSFER VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES, MULTI-FAMILY REVENUE BONDS; AND RELATED MATTERS (PRIVATE BOND CAP ALLOCATION - EIEDA, SERIES 2013)**

Ms Mierkowski presented the staff report.

CM Marlin made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04-030: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER THREE, SECTION 3-43 (INCREASING NUMBER OF CLASS AA LIQUOR LICENSES FOR EASTLAND SUITES-URBANA, LLC, D/B/A EASTLAND SUITES, 1907 NORTH CUNNINGHAM AVENUE)**

CM Bowersox-Johnson and CM Smyth recused themselves from discussion and action on this item due to conflict of interest and left their seats.

Chair Roberts acknowledged public input.

Raymond Ceresa, representing East Suites Hotel, addressed the Committee in support of this ordinance.

CM Marlin moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

CM Bowersox-Johnson and CM Smyth took their seats.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

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