

**CITY OF URBANA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Monday, January 22, 2018 – 7:00pm**

**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, January 22, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Aaron Ammons; Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson; Dean Hazen; Jared Miller; Dennis Roberts; Maryalice Wu; Diane Wolfe Marlin; Charles A. Smyth

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kevin Garcia; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Sanford Hess; Kay Meharry; Sylvia Morgan; Brian Nightlinger; Lorrie Pearson; John Schneider; James Simon; Rachel Storm

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Esther Patt; Bishop King James Underwood; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Aaron Ammons called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:10pm, following a special meeting of the City Council.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Council Member (CM) Jared Miller made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting held on January 8, 2018. Motion seconded by CM Eric Jakobsson and carried by voice vote.

3. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Bishop King James Underwood did not wish to speak but wanted his concerns about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer problems entered into the record.

Esther Patt spoke to committee members in opposition to Ordinance No. 2018-01-004, in respect to the number of parking places per one bedroom unit proposed in the ordinance. She felt that 0.5 spaces per bedroom would not be sufficient.

5. **Presentations**

There were none.

6. **Staff Report**

Police Chief Sylvia Morgan told committee members that five officers have recently been hired to the police department. Two female officers, Paige Bennett and Alexandria Grady, were hired in August 2017 and graduated from the Police Training Institute (PTI) in December 2017. Three additional officers were hired one week ago: Justin Walker, Osrice Hayes and Elizabeth Henry are currently attending PTI. Chief Morgan said the police department is now fully staffed. Mayor Marlin commended Assistant Human Resources Manager Elizabeth Borman and Chief Morgan on the effort they have made to diversify the police department.

Chair Ammons reminded everyone about the discussion on Urbana traffic enforcement, at the Urbana Civic Center on Tuesday, January 23 from 6 – 8pm. A buffet dinner will be available at 5:30pm. This discussion is open to any who would like to attend and discuss the impact of traffic enforcement by the Urbana Police Department on day-to-day lives.

7. **Resolution No. 2018-01-003R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) Grant for Public Arts Program Operating Support (FY 2018 Urbana Arts Program)  

Public Arts Coordinator Rachel Storm presented this resolution. She said the Illinois Arts Council awarded \$4,600 to the Urbana Arts Program for FY 2018. She said it is an unrestricted program grant so it will support the operating budget of the Arts program.

CM Miller made a motion to send Resolution No. 2018-01-003R to Council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by CM Hazen and carried by voice vote.
8. **Ordinance No. 2017-12-069:** An Ordinance to Repeal Urbana City Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Section 24-100 (Champaign-Urbana Cable and Telecommunications Commission)  

Information Technology Manager Sanford Hess and acting UPTV Manager Jason Liggett presented this ordinance. This ordinance was discussed at a previous committee meeting and at that time committee members asked that this ordinance be brought back with additional options. Mr. Hess explained that there are two options, one of which is to pass the ordinance to repeal the Champaign-Urbana Cable and Telecommunications Commission. As a service to Urbana residents, UPTV staff would continue to forward complaints about cable to the respective franchises. The other option is to merge the functions of the Cable Commission with the UPTV Commission. This might mean reassignments of commissioners or increasing the size of a combined commission. Mayor Marlin said that the plan should be to pass the ordinance to repeal the Cable and Telecommunications Commission and then decide how to handle the duties of the Commission will be handled by the UPTV Commission.

After discussion, CM Roberts moved to send Ordinance No. 2017-12-069 to Council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by CM Miller and carried by voice vote.
9. **Ordinance No. 2018-01-002:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Jurisdictional Transfer of a Certain Highway from Somer Township to the City of Urbana (A Portion of Lincoln Avenue from Centennial Farm Road to Olympian Drive)  

Public Works Director William Gray presented this ordinance. He said this is for the north one-third mile of Lincoln Avenue recently completed.

CM Wu made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2018-01-002 to council with a recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by CM Miller and carried by voice vote.
10. **Ordinance No. 2018-01-003:** An Ordinance Granting Consent to Assign Certain Agreements for Use of Rights-of-Way  

City Attorney James Simon presented this ordinance. CM Miller made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2018-01-003 to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by CM Roberts and carried by voice vote.
11. **Resolution No. 2018-01-002R:** A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Construction and Maintenance of a Shared-Use Path (Cunningham Avenue from Kenyon Road to Napleton Way)  

Public Works Director William Gray presented this resolution. He said the the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) plans to resurface Cunningham Avenue from the Five Points intersection of University Avenue and Cunningham Avenue to Interstate 74. The plans include a shared-use path from Kenyon to Napleton Way. IDOT has agreed to pay the majority of the cost for this, with the City's share of the expense being \$180,000. This is in the TIF 4 district so TIF 4 dollars will be used to fund it.

CM Roberts made a motion to send Resolution No. 2018-01-002R to council with recommendation for approval. Motion seconded by CM Jakobsson and carried by voice vote.

12. **Ordinance No. 2018-01-004:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana (Multifamily Parking, Residential Setback Calculations)

Planner Kevin Garcia presented this ordinance and spoke first to committee members about multifamily parking. He said a parking survey had been sent to 272 property owners/managers with properties near the University of Illinois campus, and out of that number there were 187 responses. Mr. Garcia said the current ordinance requires one parking space per one-bedroom unit in multi-family residential buildings, and it has resulted in the current 40% oversupply in parking spaces. In addition, the survey showed that even a requirement of 0.5 bedrooms per unit would produce an oversupply in some areas. He explained the change in the required number of spaces from 1 space to 0.5 space per bedroom per unit would set a minimum requirement only. This means developers could provide the number of spaces they think necessary for the needs of the area being developed, with a minimum of 0.5 per bedroom for multifamily residential units. There was extensive discussion during which committee members voiced concern that the survey did not accurately represent the demand for spaces and decreasing the parking spaces to 0.5 per bedroom from 1 per bedroom would not provide enough parking spaces.

Mr. Garcia then spoke about the proposed change to codify the calculation of setbacks in residential zones. He said the change would clarify the long-established practice of calculation of setbacks and the difference between using that method and the proposed method would be minor. Minimum setback would be 15 feet and maximum would be 25 feet, which committee members thought might not blend well with setbacks in certain neighborhoods.

After discussion, CM Roberts made a motion to divide this ordinance into two ordinances: one ordinance for multifamily parking and the other ordinance for the building setback text amendment. Motion seconded by CM Jakobsson. After public input and further discussion, the motion to divide Ordinance No. 2018-01-004 into two parts was carried by voice vote.

Motion made by CM Wu to deny the parking ordinance and was seconded by CM Hazen. When asked if parking would have to go back to plan commission, Planning Manager Lorrie Pearson responded if it were to increase parking spaces it would have to go back to plan commission, but a decrease would not. Settling on a number for the parking spaces between 0.5 and 1 per bedroom was discussed. CM Brown made a motion to amend the motion by CM Wu, to send the ordinance to council with 0.7 parking spaces per bedroom. Motion was seconded by CM Jakobsson and carried by voice vote.

CM Jakobsson made a motion to keep the setback ordinance in committee for further consideration. Motion was seconded by CM Miller. CM Brown suggested making a text amendment to the text amendment. His suggestion was to reword from "If a development proposal includes demolishing existing buildings those lots shall be considered as having a minimum front yard required in that district", to "those lots shall not be included in the calculation." Motion to keep the setback ordinance in committee was withdrawn by CM Jakobsson.

After discussion, CM Brown made a motion to send part two of the ordinance, concerning setback, to council with a suggested wording change as follows: "the lots with houses to be demolished shall not be included in the calculation". CM Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

CM Miller made a motion to send the the first part of the setback back to Plan Commission for further review of the ranges as listed in the ordinance. Motion seconded by CM Wu and carried by voice vote.

Presentation and discussion of this ordinance can be found at:

<https://www.city.urbana.il.us/Scripts/CouncilVideo/Video.asp?v=/ Video/City Council/2018/20180122/08. Ordinance 2018-01-004.mp4>

13. **Adjournment**

With no further business before the committee, Chair Ammons declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Kay Meharry  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Video and meeting materials can be found at: <https://www.urbanainllinois.us/node/6864>

Minutes Approved: February 12, 2018