

CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - February 9, 2015 - 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 9, 2015 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

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Craig Shonkwiler; James Simon; Miles Thomas; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Cho; Dustin Kelly; Durl Kruse; Bob Leach; Caitlin Lill; Bishop King James and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Chenxi Yu; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Charles Smyth called the meeting of the Committee of The Whole to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

1. Economic Development Activities Report - CD

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler presented that former Public Arts intern Pauline Tannos has accepted the position of Public Arts Coordinator for the City of Urbana. Ms. Tyler also presented that Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys and Planner Kevin Garcia both achieved AICP certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Ms. Tyler presented highlights from the January Economic Development Report, and gave an overview of other ongoing projects and events of interest. Brief discussion with Council ensued following Ms. Tyler's presentation.

2. Presentation: 2014 Urbana Business Survey Results - CD

Miles Thomas gave an oral/visual presentation of the 2014 Urbana Business Survey Report. Mr. Thomas discussed various aspects of the survey, and gave a summary of the results. Discussion with Council ensued regarding the survey and the results following Mr. Thomas' presentation. Mr. Thomas and Ms. Tyler addressed Council's questions.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Chair Smyth acknowledged a card from Bishop King James and Reverend Dr. Evelyn 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.
2. Urbana citizen Durl Kruse addressed Council to discuss past public input regarding the Taser issue. A brief discussion with Council ensued following Mr. Kruse's comment.
3. Urbana citizen Bob Leach presented his thoughts on the condition and deterioration of Broadway Avenue. Mr. Leach offered his opinion regarding the repair/reconstruction project.
4. Caitlin Lill representing the Urbana Park District addressed Council voicing support for the proposed improvements on Broadway Avenue, specifically resurfacing the road with concrete pavement. Ms. Lill also discussed the Park District's intent to partner with the City to simultaneously construct a new path on the east side of Crystal Lake Park.

Committee Member Input

1. Alderman Dennis Roberts passed on that Council received a picture book of the City of Thionville France and a copy of an edition of the local Thionville newspaper from December, 2014, from the City of Thionville. Alderman Roberts then presented an overview of the history of the sister city relationship between Urbana and Thionville, France.
 2. Alderman Aaron Ammons gave information on the "Speak Café" event for Black History Month being held at Krannert Art Museum on February 12, 2014.
 3. Following Alderman Ammons' presentation on the "Speak Café" event, Alderman Ammons gave comment regarding portions of the discussion that followed Durl Kruse's address. Alderman Madigan responded to Alderman Ammons' comments. Following the comments exchanged regarding Mr. Kruse's address, Alderman Smyth offered comments in support of the "Speak Café" event.
 4. Discussion with Council ensued following Ms. Lill's presentation.
5. **Motion for Brick Street Reconstruction with Concrete:** Broadway Avenue (Stebbins Drive - Oakland Avenue) - PW

Assistant City Engineer Craig Shonkwiler gave an oral/visual presentation on the current condition of Broadway Avenue, and discussed the three repair/reconstruction options available to complete the project. Discussion with Council and Mayor Prussing ensued following Mr. Shonkwiler's presentation. Mr. Shonkwiler and Public Works

Director William Gray addressed Council's questions and concerns. Additional public input followed the discussion.

Following public input relating to Broadway Avenue, Alderman Madigan made a motion to move option 3 of the proposed repair/reconstruction options to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Discussion with Council then resumed.

Following discussion, the motion to move option 3 of the proposed repair/reconstruction options to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

6. **Ordinance No. 2015-02-012:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance for FY2014/15 (Various Items) - FIN

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan presented an overview of the purpose of the proposed Ordinance, addressing each fund, and the allocated budget for each item to be paid from the respective fund. Discussion with Council ensued following Ms. Hannan's presentation. Mayor Prussing, City Attorney James Simon and Ms. Hannan addressed Council's questions and concerns.

Following discussion, Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-012 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Brown seconded. Motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-012 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2015-02-013:** An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with 129 North Race, LLC (129 North Race Street) - CD

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler gave an overview of the proposed redevelopment agreement and the positive anticipated fiscal and community impacts of the project in the event Council moves forward and approves the Ordinance. Discussion with Council ensued after Ms. Tyler's presentation. Ms. Tyler and Developer Matt Cho addressed Council's questions and concerns.

Following discussion, Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-013 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-013 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2015-02-014:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY2014-15 (Redevelopment Agreement with 129 North Race LLC) - CD

Alderman Ammons made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-014 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-013 to Council with recommendation for approval was carried by voice vote.

9. **Ordinance No. 2015-02-016:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class C liquor licenses for SZDB, Inc. d/b/a Vine Street Marathon, 508 S. Vine, Urbana, IL) - MAYOR

Alderman Michael Madigan recused himself at 9:22 p.m. Mayor Prussing then discussed the reason the license should be issued, and explained that passing Ordinance No. 2015-02-016 would not increase the net number of liquor licenses.

Following Mayor Prussing's discussion, Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-016 to Council. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-02-016 to Council was carried by voice vote.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Charles Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Vicky A. Osborn
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 23, 2015