

**CITY OF URBANA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 12, 2012 - 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 12, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Gale Jamison; Bradley Bennett

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christopher Stohr; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Smyth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:14 p.m.

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

Chair Smyth informed Committee Members that CM Roberts would be doing a presentation on his recent trip to Malawi under "Public Input".

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) reported on the following: 1) Special session concerning Evergreen Cooperatives will be held tomorrow morning from 9-11:00 in the Council Chambers; 2) Public forum on municipal aggregation sponsored by League of Women Voters will be held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers; 3) Grants Management Division reissued requests for proposals several weeks ago for the Kerr Avenue development project and met as a committee last week with Mayor Prussing and Alderman Lewis and selected the firm of Brinshore Development and Homestead Development as the team to proceed with the development of the site; 4) CDBG received some cuts and staff will present a draft of the Annual Action Plan to the Committee April 9th; and 5) Social Service Funding applications have been distributed and are due back April 5th.

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) reported on a trip he, Alderman Smyth, and Tom Carrino made last week to Washington, DC regarding increased service for Amtrak, high speed rail, funding for highways (Lincoln Avenue north of I-74), Frances Nelson, Parkland College, and other community issues. This event was sponsored by Champaign County Chamber of Commerce and the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation.

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

**February 27, 2012** - CM Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held February 27, 2012. CM Lewis seconded.

CM Marlin noted a correction on page 1, item #2a with the sentence beginning "Goals for the next year include completion..." She suggested correcting "completion" to read "appointment". There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012 carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**Committee Member Input**

CM Roberts introduced Christopher Stohr (University of Illinois) who assisted him with a presentation about their recent visit to Zomba, Malawi. During their presentation they noted improvements and developments that were being made, some of which included pit toilets and a shallow well project. CM Roberts indicated that, although there is a lot of poverty, there is also beauty in the community and the people of Zomba are very proud to be connected to Urbana as their sister-city. Signs created by our Public Works staff have been erected there; one of which is placed under their city shield on their city building. CM Roberts and Mr. Stohr presented Committee Members, the Mayor, and City staff with books they brought back from Zomba.

5. **MOTION TO DIRECT PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF ANNEXATION FOR CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (2409, 2607 AND 2609 SOMERSET DRIVE)**

Ms Tyler presented the staff report.

CM Roberts moved to forward the Notice of Intent to Annex concerning 2409, 2609 and 2607 Somerset Drive to Council with a recommendation for approval. CM Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-03-025: AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2011-12-137 AND TO APPROVE A HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AND A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, INC. (809 WEST GREEN STREET)**

Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer) presented the staff report.

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

7. **DISCUSSION: STORMWATER UTILITY FEE CREDIT AND INCENTIVE**

Brad Bennett (Civil Engineer) presented the staff report, along with a brief PowerPoint presentation describing stormwater fee credits and how they work.

CM Bowersox made a motion to accept the stormwater utility fee credits and incentives program policy report and recommendations. CM Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjournment, Chair Smyth noted a letter that was distributed to the Council last week about a group of University law school students who will be traveling to Malawi. CM Roberts responded that the students plan to leave this Wednesday at 4:30 a.m. taking a flight out of Chicago. They will be studying micro-financing and will be in a community called Blantyre, which is approximately 60 miles south of Zomba.

CM Marlin informed the Committee and viewing audience that Lisa Bralts (Economic Development Specialist/Market at the Square Director) was awarded an Associated Press Award for one of the pieces she does on WILL Public Radio titled "In Your Back Yard". Ms Bralts received notification of the award this morning.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.