

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Monday, July 14, 2014 - 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, July 14, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Dennis Roberts; Carol Ammons; Bill Brown; Eric Jacobsson; Michael P. Madigan; Diane W. Marlin; *Charles Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Connolly; Phil Edwards; Jeff Engstrom; William Gray; Kelly Meirkowski, Brian Nightlinger; Laurel Lunt Prussing; James Simon; Rich Surles; Elizabeth Tyler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Bauman, Scott Dossett; Kermit Harden, Michael Kilcullen; Cory Koker; Durl Kruse; Esther Patt; Chris Stohr; Bishop King James Underwood; Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Dennis Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:00AM. [*Trustee Smyth arrived after roll call at 7:02pm]

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

William Gray, Public Works Director addressed the committee about the impact of recent heavy rainfall that created flooding of streets, basements and storm sewers. William Gray also mentioned preventative measures that could be taken by homeowners and how Public Works was working diligently to meet needs throughout the community.

Fire Marshall, Phillip Edwards introduced and recognized four of five young lifeguards who successfully saved a two-year-old from drowning at Crystal Lake Pool on June 7th. Their names follow: Lauren Grubb; Caroline Hoki; Demetrius Jackson; David Jin; Olivia Hentges. Each lifeguard was given a Certificate of Appreciation from the Fire Department and received a warm round of applause from those present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Carol Ammons made a motion to approve minutes from meeting held on June 9, 2014. Alderman Jacobsson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The following people wished to address the committee before agenda items were presented.

Esther Patt addressed the committee on behalf of the Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union, in support of the council's decision to allocate \$50,000 of Social Service funding toward helping to relocate residents of Barnes Mobile Home Park.

Larry Bauman a resident of Barnes Mobile Home Park, addressed the committee concerning the money allocated to relocate tenants of Barnes Mobile Home Park.

Scott Dossett addressed the committee in support of Urbana entering into a Sister City relationship with Thionville, France. He also spoke about Informal Rentals.

Cory Koker chose not to address the committee, but wanted his position in support of Tasers to be entered into the record.

Bishop D. King James Underwood and Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood did not wish to address the committee but wanted their continued concerns about the sewer problems in the Dr. Ellis Sub-Division on record.

The remaining 5 people wished to address the committee at the time the agenda item was presented.

Committee Member Input

There was none.

5. **Resolution No. 2014-07-039R:** A Resolution Authorizing Sister Cities Arrangement Between City OF Urbana, Illinois and Thionville, France Pursuant to Sister Cities International Program.

After the introduction of Resolution No. 2014-07-039R by Chair Roberts, Michael Kilcullen, along with Kermit Harden and Chris Stohr addressed the committee in support of an arrangement for Thionville, France and the City of Urbana to become Sister Cities. Mr. Kilcullen spoke in great detail about Thionville France. He also shared visuals. Chris Stohr deferred his speaking time to Kermit Harden.

Kermit Harden spoke about his time in France during the war under Patton's leadership. Mr. Harden also shared his account of returning to France about 5 years ago when he was honored at a ceremony by the French President Sarkozy with the Legion of Honor award, for his role in liberating France.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Marlin to move Resolution No. 2014-07-039R to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Smyth. The motion carried by voice vote.

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6. **Resolution No. 2014-07-37R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for the 2014 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

Presented by Police Chief, Patrick Connolly. After the presentation there was a discussion about whether submission of the grant application meant moving ahead without solving issues surrounding the use of Tasers.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2014-07-037R to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderwoman Marlin. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Resolution No. 2014-07-038R:** A Resolution Approving, Authorizing Entering Into, and Executing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Urbana and the County of Champaign Concerning funding for Reconstruction of Philo Road (Joint Funding for Reconstruction of Philo Road south of Winsor Road to City Limits.)

Presented by Public Works Director, William Gray. After presentation Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Resolution No. 2014-07-038R to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Jacobsson. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2014-07-065:** An Ordinance Approving a First Amendment to an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way with Gargoyle Technologies, Inc., D/B/A Volo Broadband (Broadband Avenue between Water Street and Main Street)

Presented by Public Works Director, William Gray. After presentation there was a motion made by Alderwoman Marlin to send Ordinance No. 2014-07-065 to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderwoman Ammons. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. **Ordinance No. 2014-07-065:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY 2014-2015 (Consolidated Social Service Funding)[07/07/14 sent from City Council]

Presented by Community Development Grants Manager, Kelly Mierkowski. Following presentation a motion was made by Alderman Smyth to move Ordinance No. 2014-07-063 to council with recommendation for approval. Seconded by Alderman Jacobsson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood addressed the council concerning allocation of Social Service Funding.

10. **Presentation: Sustainable Choices 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft**

Introduced by Jeff Engstrom, Community Development Planner II. Presented by Ashley McLaughlin and Rita Black from CUUATS.

After presentation, there were questions and a discussion. There was no action taken by committee. There was a request by staff that City

Council take a look at presentation and review draft plan on line.
Jeffrey Engstrom asked that any comments be submitted to him or directly to CUUATS through the website.

11. **Taser Discussion:** [Comm. Mtgs. 04/28/14, 05/12/14] There was an open discussion lead by Patrick Connolly, Chief of Police and Police Lt. Richard Surlles.

Durl Kruse addressed the committee in opposition to the use of tasers.

Alderman Smyth moved to turn comments made by Alderwoman Marlin concerning the police department working with CPRB to develop policy and guidelines for use of Tasers into a motion. Seconded by Alderwoman Marlin. Motion carried by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.

Bridgitte J. Butler
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: July 28, 2014