

**CITY OF URBANA**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Monday, September 24, 2018 – 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, September 24, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Aaron Ammons; Bill Brown; Dean Haze; Eric Jakobsson; 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; Elizabeth Hannan; Wendy Hundley; Charles Lauss; Carol Mitten; Lorrie Pearson; Todd Rent; Joel Sanders; Bryant Seraphin; James Simon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elderess Melinda Carr, Jeremy Chapman; Kimberly Hansen; Susan Kozlowski; Gail Redding; Alex Sanders; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Dennis Roberts called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00pm.

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

Alderman Miller made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting held on September 10, 2018. Motion seconded by Alderman Hazen. Alderman Brown added corrections to the following items: page two, third paragraph, change the word “Reserve” with “Minimum bid” and on page three a vote was missing on the amended amendment from item seven, which was carried by voice vote. After corrections, the motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

3. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Susan Kozlowski addressed the committee to express her concerns about school safety and the new discipline policy recently implemented in Urbana City School district and its impact on teachers, students, and community.

Alderman Hazen asked Ms. Kozlowski to reach out to him for further discussion on the issue, as he will be collecting information from concerned community members to take to the school board.

Elderess Melinda Carr did not wish to speak, but asked that her position be entered into the records with continuous concern about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues, equity, and historic impact.

Alderman Roberts read an invitation from the Champaign YMCA for their Community Kick off Celebration Transforming Lives that will take place, September 25, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Riggs Brewery, 1901 S. High Cross Rd, Urbana.

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

### a. Body Cameras – UPD

Interim Police Chief Bryant Seraphin and Lieutenant Joel Sanders presented this item. Mr. Seraphin gave some background information that led them to make the decision to purchase body-worn cameras. They also gave an overview of the proposed purchase of interview room cameras, in-car, and body-worn cameras.

The following items were discussed among staff and committee members:

- Introduction to the WatchGuard interview room, in-car video and body-worn camera systems.
- Financial Considerations – Total Cost \$ 219, 130.00 of which a budget amendment of \$ 31, 253.00 is needed to complete the purchase.
- Implementation of policy and best practices.
- Purpose of Body Worn Cameras
- Realistic Expectation
- Getting started – 13 squad cars will have a 4RE (in-car video camera), all officers will be issued a VISTA body worn camera.
- Criteria for creating and reviewing data files, and access, how is data flagged and retained?
- Illinois Officer-Worn Body Camera Act (50 ILCS 706/10-1)
- Policy/Law Highlights – Notification, such as mandatory notification of recording by statute 50 ILCS 706/10-20(a)(5) – Officers may use their discretion to notify subjects/witnesses/victims of the recording in public areas or traffic contacts.
- Law enforcement-related encounters or activities

After the presentation, Interim Police Chief Seraphin and Lieutenant Sanders addressed all questions and concerns from committee members. Some of the concerns expressed were policy implementations and training. Who or what determines an extraneous act of violence? Can a perpetrator ask to have cameras off? Access of data from cameras, can they be altered, who has access, and how long will data be stored. Are the data files available through FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). There was a consensus of agreement with the policy as presented. Further discussion took place about equipment replacement programs, initial and future costs.

## 6. STAFF REPORT

There was none.

## 7. Ordinance No. 2018-09-062: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #3 – Body-Worn Cameras)

Alderman Miller made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2018-09-062 to council with the recommendation for approval. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Discussion followed.

Alderman Miller shared his experience from a ride along with some of the officer this past Friday and he received positive feedback when talking to them about the use of body worn cameras.

Alderman Ammons asked about the warranty of the devices. Alderwoman Wu asked about the failure rate, and Alderman Jakobsson asked about liabilities, who is at fault? Interim Police Chief Seraphin and City Attorney James Simon addressed concerns presented. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

8. [Ordinance No. 2018-09-059](#): An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Zoning Map (Rezoning a Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 91-21-06-451-005 from R-3 to R-4 / Plan Case No. 2348-M-18)

City Administrator Carol Mitten addressed the committee before Planner II Kevin Garcia's report. She wanted to remind everyone what criteria to follow before considering a rezoning case. She read as follows:

1. The existing land uses and zoning of the nearby property
2. The extent to which property values are diminished by the restriction of the ordinance
3. The extent to which the ordinance promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public.
4. The relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed on the individual property owner.
5. The sustainability of the subject property for the zoned purpose.
6. The length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development, in the area, in the vicinity of the subject property.
7. The community's needs for more of the proposed use.
8. The care with which community has planned its land use development.

Planner II Kevin Garcia addressed the committee and spoke to his memo addressing some of the questions asked at the previous committee of the whole meeting September 10, 2018. Mr. Garcia introduced Human Resource Director Todd Rent to talk about minority and female owned businesses.

Mr. Garcia noted a correction to the agenda order to interchange the order of items nine and ten as the city could not consider the annexing of territory before the annexation agreement. After corrections, he proceeded with his memo follow up questions about the Human Rights Ordinance; Traffic Impact Analysis; Annexation Agreement; Champaign City Council; Public Correspondence; Plan Commission; Parameters for Rezoning Cases; Overall Development Considerations; and Notes on case order and annexation cases.

Some of the concerns addressed by committee members were as follows:

- Traffic activity and the impact imposed on the neighborhood
- Bicycle and pedestrian access routes accessibility
- Possible benefits from the development
- Concerns about future development and the impact on the neighborhood
- City incentives
- Affordable Housing for Low-Income Families
- Future development and Historical impact on the neighborhood

Traffic Engineer Jeremy Chapman of Trinitas Development address all question from the committee.

After presentation and clarification from the development staff, Alderman Brown made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2018-09-059 to council with the recommendation for approval. Alderman Hazen seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 5/7.

Chair Roberts asked for a short recess at 9:09 pm, and board reconvened to open session at 9:16 pm.

9. **Ordinance No. 2018-09-058:** An Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement (A Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 30-21-06-326-015 / Judy Heimburger Trust and Trinitas Development LLC)

Alderman Brown made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2018-09-058 to council with the recommendation for approval. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Discussion followed.

Alderman Ammons expressed his concerns about the real need in that neighborhood, such as an actual affordable housing for low-income families and does not agree with the direction that this development and future developments will do to the historical impact on the neighborhood, he will not support this project. After discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote of 5/7.

Alderman Ammons also asked the developers, Mr. Alex Sanders and Ms. Kimberly Hansen about other developments and how many of those have any affordable housing. He also reminded the developers that young professional affordable housing is not addressing the needs of that particular neighborhood and their housing needs.

10. **Ordinance No. 2018-09-060:** An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (A Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 30-21-06-326-015 / Judy Heimburger Trust)

Alderman Brown made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2018-09-060 to council with the recommendation for approval. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **Ordinance No. 2018-09-063:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class R-1 liquor licenses for La Mixteca Inc. dba La Mixteca, 510 N. Cunningham Ave., Ste. 5, Urbana, IL)

\* Alderman Miller recused himself from voting on this item, due to conflict of interest, as he is an employee for a business that holds a liquor license in the City of Urbana.

Mayor Marlin presented Ordinance No. 2018-09-063 with the recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Wu made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2018-09-063 to council with the recommendation for approval. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Prior to adjournment Alderman Ammons addressed the committee and acknowledged the participation of CU-Citizens for Peace and Justice for bringing the body worn cameras issues to the public body.

Alderman Roberts apologized for his oversight of a public input card from Gail Redding who wanted to address the committee about items 9 and 10 annexation. When he realized the oversight, Ms. Redding was already gone.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Wendy M. Hundley

Recording Secretary

This meeting was videotaped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

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Minutes Approved: October 8, 2018