

**CITY OF URBANA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - October 26, 2015 - 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, October 26, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** There were none.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** There were none.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kevin Garcia; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Christopher Marx; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Lorrie Pearson; Bryan Seraphin; James Simon; Craig Shonkwiler; Scott Tess; Elizabeth Tyler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Clark; Molly Delaney; Earon Kuo; Linda Lorenz; Becky Mead; Nathan Poulosky; Matthew Riggs; Bishop King James Underwood and Reverend Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Brian Vura-Weis; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Eric Jakobsson called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:03 p.m. He then recused himself and relinquished the chair from 7:03pm to 8:53pm to Alderman Smyth to attend another meeting in the City building.

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

1. Chair Alderman Charles Smyth introduced Steve Clark, who is with the League of American Bicyclists. Mr. Clark presented the City with a Gold Bicycle Friendly Community Award, and stated that Urbana is the first city in Illinois to receive the Gold award. Mayor Prussing acknowledged Brandon Bowersox-Johnson, chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, and Alderman Smyth for their contributions in helping to make Urbana a bike friendly community.

2. Public Works Director William Gray introduced Priscilla Tobias, Jason Stults and Craig Emberton from the Illinois Department of Transportation. They presented the results and recommendations of the University Avenue Road Safety Assessment. The assessment included University Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to North Cunningham Avenue/Vine Street.

3. Public Works Environmental Sustainability Manager Scott Tess discussed the City's part in regulating licensed haulers. He stated that the City regulates the days of the week that recycling and garbage can be collected, but that the City has never regulated

collection hours. He also stated that the City has no ordinance that addresses excessive noise made by haulers.

Chair Alderman Smyth discussed complaints he has received from residents about the noise made by haulers, which sometimes starts as early as 4:00 a.m.

Linda Lorenz and Becky Mead addressed the Committee to express concerns about hauler noise that begins at about 4:00am in their neighborhoods.

Nathan Poulosky and Earon Kuo from the Urbana Trash Improvement Project (U-TIPP) addressed the Committee and presented the results from surveys concerning various aspects of garbage collection.

Josh Parr from Dale Levitt Disposal, Russell Shafer from Shafer Sanitary Company and Josh Johnson from Chris's Service Company addressed the Committee in support of early hauler pickups.

4. Mayor Prussing informed the Committee that she met with the city of Champaign and METCAD to discuss payment of Urbana's portion of METCAD fees. Champaign agreed to allow Urbana to pay over a period of five years. Mayor Prussing stated that she is working on the establishment of a coalition of local governments to work on issues with METCAD funding.
5. Assistant City Engineer Craig Shonkwiler updated committee members on current Public Works projects.
6. Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler informed the committee that the Highland Green Project received its Low-Income Housing Tax Credit from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

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

1. **October 12, 2015:** Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve the October 12, 2015 minutes. Chair Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Molly Delaney informed the Committee about the upcoming Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation Adult Spelling Bee Fundraiser. She challenged to committee to put together a three person team to compete in the spelling event, which will take place on Saturday, November 7.
2. Matthew Riggs voiced his concerns about Ordinance No. 2015-10-107, and asked to be allowed time for input before the Ordinance is passed by City Council.

**\*\*\*NOTE: Alderman Madigan recused himself from 8:56 p.m. to 8:58 p.m. prior to the presentation of additional public input due to a**

**possible conflict as Alderman Madigan is a liquor license holder in the City of Urbana, Illinois.\*\*\***

3. Brian Vera-Weis spoke to the Committee about the Racial Justice Task Force and asked that a City Council member be chosen to be a representative on the task force.
4. Chair Jakobsson 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.
5. **Ordinance No. 2015-10-106:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at all Times on Certain Streets (Philo Road)  
  
Public Works Director Bill Gray presented Ordinance No. 2015-10-106 with recommendation for approval. After discussion Alderwoman Marlin moved to send Ordinance No. 2015-10-106 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.  
  
**\*\*\*NOTE: Alderman Madigan recused himself from 9:39 p.m. to 10:02 p.m. prior to the presentation and discussion due to a possible conflict, as Alderman Madigan is a liquor license holder in the City of Urbana, Illinois.\*\*\***
6. **Ordinance No. 2015-10-107:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-41 and Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, regarding Schedule of Fees Subsection a - "Liquor licenses" (Establishing class MB (Microbrewery) Liquor License and Fee)  
  
Community Development Planner II Kevin Garcia presented Ordinance No. 2015-10-107 to the Committee. Discussion with the Committee ensued.  
  
After discussion about the fee for a Microbrewery liquor license, Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-10-107 to Council for further discussion and possible amendment. Alderman Ammons seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.  
  
Alderman Smyth made a motion that City staff estimate and compare the cost of a liquor license with an actual license and one without. Alderman Ammons seconded the motion. Motion was carried by voice vote.
7. **Ordinance No. 2015-10-108:** An Ordinance Revising the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Annual Budget (Police Rebudgets, ARMS, IAWC Fire Grant, Beringer Rebates)

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan presented Ordinance No. 2015-10-108 to the Committee with recommendation for approval. Discussion with the Committee ensued during Ms. Hannan's presentation.

After the presentation, Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-10-108 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2015-10-109:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, "Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions", Article IV, "Offenses Affecting Public Health, Safety and Decency", Division 3, "Nuisances", Section 15- 80, "Aggravated Public Nuisances"

City Attorney James Simon presented Ordinance No. 2015-10-109 to the Committee with recommendation for approval. Discussion ensued.

After the presentation, Alderman Roberts made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2015-10-109 to Council with recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Marlin seconded the motion. Motion was carried by voice vote.

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Eric Jakobsson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

**Minutes Approved: November 9, 2015**