

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022**



President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Known City Staff attending:** Mayor Bean, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Urbana Fire Chief Dean Ortleib, Director of Law Mark Feinstein

**President Called Roll:** Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Ms. Collier, present.

**Swearing-in of Re-elected & New Council Members**

Mayor Bean swore in Ms. Collier and Mr. Paul for the re-elected terms of their council seats. Mayor Bean also swore in Mrs. Bean and Ms. Jumper for the start of their newly elected council terms.

**Annual Organizational Items**

President Pro Tempore: Mr. Paul informed Council it had been his honor serving as President Pro Temp for the past term. He then made a motion for Mr. Thackery to serve as President Pro Tempore for the 2022 Council year. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

Council Clerk: President Hess indicated this topic would be discussed later at executive session.

Council Representative for Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC): President Hess indicated Mr. Fields had served as the TIRC council representative. Mr. Thackery nominated Mrs. Bean as the 2022 TIRC council representative. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Mrs. Bean accepted the representation.

Committees: President Hess indicated the committees would be determined at a later work session. Mr. Thackery stated he hoped to see better structure in committees for more efficiency.

**Minutes:** Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of the regular meeting for December 21, 2021 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Collier seconded. Voice vote on approval of minutes: all ayes; nays, none.

**Communications**

1. Ohio Division of Liquor Control dated December 7, 2021, regarding the renewal of liquor permits for the two Urbana Speedway Locations

Mr. Paul indicated the request was basically shopkeeping more than anything else. Mr. Paul moved to accept the communication. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

### **Administrative Reports – Board of Control**

1. Authorization of a purchase order to White's Ford in the amount of \$53,703.40 for the purchase of a 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor for the police division. This purchase is due to the loss of Car 36 in 2021 which was involved in a flood. The City was reimbursed \$56,790.94 from our insurance company for the vehicle and equipment.  
VOTE: 3-0

Mr. Scott moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible discussion.  
Mr. Thackery seconded.

Ms. Boettcher informed the City just got reimbursement for the loss of the vehicle from the insurance company. The entire insurance proceeds will be expensed after the costs of equipment for the vehicle is bought.

Mr. Paul asked how the vehicle was lost in a flood. Ms. Boettcher informed Council that the vehicle was lost in a flash flood in Reynoldsburg during a training session.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

2. Authorization of a purchase order to Southeastern Equipment in the amount of \$169,359.44 for a 2022 Case 621G Wheel Loader for the Water Reclamation Facility. This purchase will be financed over three years at 2.50% interest for an annual payment of approximately \$57,955.20. This expense will be charged to the Sewer Fund and is in the 2022 budget at \$57,000. VOTE: 2-0

Mr. Scott moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible discussion.  
Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Hall indicated that a wheel loader needs to be replaced. The three-year lease seems to work out well.

Mr. Paul asked for clarification for the lease program. Mr. Hall clarified that after three years Urbana owns it in full.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

3. Authorization of the blanket purchase order list for 2022. All blanket purchase order amounts are in the 2022 budget. Vote 2-0

Mr. Thackery moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible discussion.  
Mr. Scott seconded.

Ms. Boettcher stated there was a list of all departments for all blanket purchase orders that covers the year 2022.

Mr. Paul asked how close the city comes to the actual numbers. Ms. Boettcher stated the City had been right on track. Mr. Hall indicated there had been a couple increases with petroleum, which influenced numbers for this year.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

**Citizen Comments:** None

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Third Reading:**

**Ordinance 4390-21:** An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Firefighters and the Urbana Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 595, and declaring it an emergency.

Mr. Paul moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated the summaries are the same from the last two meetings. The agreement was approved by the union back in November. Also, the Local number is returning to 595, which is what it was back in the day.

Council thanked the City for all of the hard work in reaching this agreement.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Ordinance passed 6-0.

**Ordinance 4392-21:** An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Fire Captains and the Urbana Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 595, and declaring it an emergency.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated this is similar to the previous ordinance. It took place after three negotiation sessions.

No questions/comments by Council.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Scott, yes.

Ordinance passed 6-0.

**Second Reading:**

**Ordinance 4395-22:** An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Police Patrol Officers and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and declaring it an emergency.

Mr. Brugger informed Council there is a summary of the proposed changes that was attached to the packet.

Mr. Paul asked about annual turnover, concerning mainly how our compensation stacks up. Mr. Brugger stated one of the main concerns here was starting pay. There was a focus on entry level to try and entice officers.

Ms. Jumper asked how many officers Urbana currently has. Mr. Brugger believes that number to be around seventeen.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have had its second reading.

**Ordinance 4396-22:** An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Police Sergeants and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and declaring it an emergency.

Mr. Brugger stated the agreement was worked on together as the previous ordinance.

No questions/comments by Council.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have had its second reading.

**New Business:**

**First Reading:**

**Resolution 2624-22:** A resolution declaring the necessity of constructing or repairing sidewalks along South Main Street and portions of North Main Street, East Court Street, East Church Street and East Ward Street, and declaring it an emergency.

Mr. Bumbalough stated this is similar to previous legislation but focuses on Main Street and some surrounding areas for resurfacing. Letters had gone out in August to home owners. The second round of letters to those not signed up with the cities will go out in April. This resolution is a part that allows the City to assess the costs if the home owners are unable to pay the costs up front.

Mr. Paul asked and received confirmation that this was not installing new, only fixing existing. Mr. Scott asked how the City determines the legal owner. Mr. Bumbalough stated the City uses the Auditor's Office. They are reviewed immediately before sending the letters. Mr. Thackery asked if the City knows the ratios between home owners paying and needing it assessed. Ms. Boettcher indicated she would come up with the figures. Ms. Jumper asked if there had been any calls since the first letters. Mr. Bumbalough said about thirty homeowners have already completed and about thirty more have given the City the approval to complete it on their behalf.

Mr. Thackery motioned for the suspension of rules to allow the passage of this resolution tonight. Mr. Paul seconded. Roll call for suspension of rules: Mr. Paul, aye; Ms. Jumper, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Thackery, aye; Ms. Collier, aye; and Mrs. Bean, aye.

Suspension passes 6-0.

Mr. Thackery motioned to place the resolution on the floor for passage. Mr. Scott seconded. Roll call for passage: Ms. Jumper, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Thackery, aye; Mrs. Collier, aye; Ms. Bean, aye; and Mr. Paul, aye.

**Committee Reports:** None

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Paul informed Council members not to be scared to be on committees since all meetings were recorded which made minutes easier to take. He also asked Chief Ortleib about fire department turnover. Chief Ortleib indicated that the raised entry pay is definitely a plus. Getting people to higher pay more quickly will help retention.

Mr. Thackery welcomed the new Council members. He also thanked Mr. Fields coming. Mr. Thackery also wanted to take a vote on the salary commission recommendations. The new Council members need to be up to date on those recommendations.

Chief Ortleib liked Mr. Thackery's ideas with the safety committee. He also indicated the NIMS class will be scheduled once he has had a full meeting with the County.

Mr. Hall indicated the City was starting to pick up Christmas trees.

Mr. Feinstein clarified that the Department of Liquor Control did need a formal answer whether Council required a hearing. This response needs to be returned to the Department. Council confirmed that no hearing was requested.

Mr. Brugger thanked Council for the support in the Firefighter contracts. He also appreciated Council stop kicking the can when it comes to sidewalks, etc. Mr. Brugger also described the cumbersome process of civil service applications when it comes to police and fire jobs.

Mayor Bean also welcomed the new Council members. He requested the newly elected members to sign the oath of office before they left.

Council proceeded to go into executive session.

**REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:11 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President