

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022**

President Hess called the Public Meeting to order. The first topic discussed was to adopt the tax budget for the City of Urbana, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

Ms. Boettcher stated that the City is estimate all of the revenue for 2023. The tax budget must be approved by July 15th and submitted to the County by July 20th. The revenue estimate is currently over \$7.5 million with estimated expenses around 7.4 million. The statute requires the figures to be divided into categories, and those have been provided to Council.

There were no comments from the general public or from Council.

The second topic discussed was to amend the exemption periods of Urbana Community Reinvestment Area 1 as established by City Ordinance No. 4348; Repealing Community Investment Area No. 4; and Repealing North Main Street Community Reinvestment Area.

Mr. Crabill stated that the City has been undergoing a process to look at existing CRA legislation and to potentially provide updates. This ordinance is the result of recommendations from outside legal counsel. This cleans up older, pre-1994 CRAs with the 2011 updates.

There were no comments from the general public.

Mr. Paul asked if this means we are going from three CRAs to one. Mr. Crabill clarified that technically there is four now. This cleans up the 1994 CRAs and leaves the 2011.

President Hess called the Public Hearing closed at 6:12 pm.

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

City Staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb

President Called Roll: Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Paul, present; Ms. Truelove, present; Mrs. Collier, present; Mrs. Bean, present; and Mr. Thackery, present.

Minutes

Ms. Bean moved to put the minutes of June 7, 2022 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Scott seconded. No corrections were noted. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0

Communications

1. Urbana Shade Tree Commission – May 2022 Minutes

Mr. Scott moved to put the communication on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded.

Mr. Scott appreciated getting them so quickly.

Ms. Bean thanked Mr. Crabill for all that he does for the Shade Tree Commission.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments:

Pete Floyd (2687 E. State Route 296) – National Alliance of Mental Illness. Spoke on PTSD in relation to fireworks. These loud noises do create stress for people with PTSD, potentially exacerbating their conditions. He also added that Fourth of July has more dogs go missing than any other time of the year.

Anthony Anselmo (4381 Briarwood Dr.) – Working with Prevent Blindness Ohio. Thinks its important to give law enforcement tools to protect citizens. Stated that anything that has a purpose to light and run away cannot be inherently safe.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading:

Ordinance 4573-22: An Ordinance to Opt-Out of H.B. 172 and to reaffirm the ban on discharging, igniting or exploding fireworks in the City of Urbana, as set forth in Chapter 1519 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Paul moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Bean seconded.

Mr. Feinstein stated that he believes Council is pretty well educated after all the meetings and the work session.

Mr. Paul clarified that passage means the City opts-out and not passing allows the fireworks, but with the limited parameters by Ohio law.

Ms. Truelove also clarified that opting-out keeps the City under the same parameters prior to the passage of the new State legislature.

Mrs. Collier clarified that by opting-out, there would be legal ramifications to those who still choose to ignite fireworks.

Ms. Bean reminded Council of the two articles she submitted at the work session. She believes they are compelling regarding mental issues and PTSD. She believes the ban had been working fine and believes the City should leave well enough alone.

Mr. Thackery stated that the City can be protected by the fire code but allowing fireworks doesn't address the PTSD issue. Chief Ortlieb stated the City would be taking away the tools the fire department has for education if they opt out.

Ms. Collier asked if the ordinance could be amended later. Mr. Feinstein stated that regardless of what Council does, they can always readdress at a further date.

Mr. Thackery asked Chief Lingrell about enforceability. Chief stated his opinion has changed multiple times. As police chief, he will enforce what Council legislates.

Mr. Paul asked if fireworks were allowed, how would the Fire Department educate people in two weeks. Chief Ortlieb stated predominantly social media methods.

President Hess called for a roll call on passage: Ms. Jumper, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Paul, aye; Ms. Truelove, aye; Mr. Thackery, aye; Mrs. Collier, nay; and Ms. Bean, aye.

Ordinance passes 6-1.

Second Reading:

Ordinance 4429-22: An Ordinance adopting the tax budget of the City of Urbana, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023; Submitting the same to the County Auditor.

Mr. Paul moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mr. Scott seconded.

No further discussion was held.

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

Ordinance 4574-22: An Ordinance amending the exemption periods of Urbana Community Reinvestment Area 1 as established by City Ordinance No. 4348; Repealing Community Investment Area No. 4; and Repealing North Main Street Community Reinvestment Area.

Mr. Paul moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mr. Scott seconded.

Mr. Crabill indicated that this ordinance may revert to a second reading again if there are slight modifications made.

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

First Reading:

Ordinance 4575-22: An Ordinance accepting the annexation of territory consisting of approximately 1.104 Acres, more or less, to the City of Urbana, Ohio. (Three readings required)

Mr. Paul moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Crabill indicated this is the Kendrick property on Dellinger Road. They came to the city to connect to the water line. Previously passed legislation to approve services to the property. Zoning legislation will come in the future to amend the City's zoning map.

No questions from Council.

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

Department Liaison Reports:

Ms. Bean indicated the planning commission meeting is to be held on June 27th.

Mr. Thackery indicated there is a lot going on with economic development between the CRA, Aldi's and Dunkin'. He was very impressed with the growth and development of the City.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Scott asked why there was a five day overlap of the closures Dellinger Road and East Lawn according to the signage. No one in the City was aware of any overlap. Dellinger should be complete before East Lawn becomes closed.

Ms. Truelove reminded Council that she is also on the Shade Tree Commission.

Mrs. Bean praised the Black Heritage festival. Looks forward to it again in the future. Mr. Thackery seconded this.

Mr. Thackery also complemented the new curbs and gutters on Main Street.

Mr. Crabill indicated that he hopes to have an update on the DORA soon.

Mr. Brugger appreciates everyone's cooperation for all of City projects currently going on. He also sang the praises of the heritage festival.

Mr. Crabill added that the County Commissioners will also be voting on a permissive motor vehicle tax increase of \$5. The County Engineer presented to the County about rising costs of road equipment.

Mayor Bean echoed the praises for the heritage festival.

Chief Lingrell stated that Safety Town is currently underway at the park for Kindergarten aged children.

He also stated that he and a small team of officers participated in the Special Olympics torch run.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.
Motion passes 7-0.

ADJOURNED AT 7:06 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President