

URBANA CITY COUNICL PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2121

President Pro Tem Paul called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., stating the Public Hearing was to provided citizens the opportunity to comment on the tax budget of the City of Urbana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022. He turned the floor over to the Director of Finance Chris Boettcher.

Mrs. Boettcher stated that each year, per the Ohio Revised Code, the City has to prepare an annual tax budget. This budget is for the fiscal year of 2022. Mrs. Boettcher stated that the estimated revenue is in the amount of \$7,323,550, the estimated expenditures are in the amount of \$7,187,500 and the estimated revenue exceeding is in the amount of \$136,050. Further she said that the expected expenditures in the General Fund in 2019, was \$6.7 million, in 2020, \$5.8 million and estimated in 20200, \$7,187,500. Further she stated the ending cash balance in 2020, was \$4.8 million, and the estimated amount in 2022 would be 4.2 million still in the General Fund.

President Pro Tem Paul called the Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

URBANA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021

President Pro Tem Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Fire Chief Dean Ortleib, Zoning Officers Preston Carter and Dusty Hurst.

PESIDENT PRO TEM CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, absent; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mrs. Collier, present; and Mr. Ebert, present.

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2021.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none

Minutes passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Letter from Columbia Gas regarding application with Public Utilities Commission to increase Columbia's base distribution rates and to implement an alternative rate plan.
- 2. Planning commission Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021, February 22, 2021, March 22, 2021, and May 24, 2021.
- 3. Design Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021.
- 4. Board of Zoning appeals Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2021, April 12, 2021, and May 17, 2021.

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

Communications passed 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Reading

Ordinance No. 4544-21

An Ordinance to amend Section 1102.01, Chapter 1123, and the principally permitted uses under Section 1124.02 and 1124.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana.

Mr. Carter went over the changes in 1102.01, Chapter 1123, and stated that their desire was to revise the purpose of the BR1. He added that there were a lot of recommendations from Marcia Bailey of CEP. He also stated that the changes in B2 and B3, were a result of definition changes.

President Pro Tem Paul declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 4429-21

An Ordinance adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Urbana, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022; submitting the same to the County Auditor.

Mrs. Boettcher stated the revenue would be in the amount of \$7,323,550.00, with expenses being in the amount of \$7,187,500.00, with revenue remaining in the amount of \$136,050.00. She advised that there would be a Public Hearing to address the budget at the next scheduled Council Meeting of June 15, 2021.

President Pro Tem Paul declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

Third Reading

Ordinance No. 4539-21

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 929 of the Urbana Codified Ordinances for modifications to the Stormwater Utility.

Mr. Bumbalough advised that the Ordinance basically increases the rate to \$5.50 per month on March 1, 2022, first payable on the April, 2022 utility bill, and be effective until otherwise changed.

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

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Ordinance passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Thackery mentioned that the digging has begun on Scioto Street for the sidewalk project.

Mr. Fields thanked everyone for keeping the City running.

Mr. Feinstein advised that the Salary Commission was meeting tomorrow. He also advised that the Rules Committee were not going to meet until after the Salary Commission makes their recommendations. He also advised that the Governor will be lifting the State of Emergency on July 1, 2021, and some of the changes that will be coming due to the lift, is that Council members that attend by video would be considered absent and their vote on issues, would not

count. He also mentioned Home Rule, and that he has reached out to other Law Director's to seek their opinions and he was advised that it probably would not be worth the headache to go through Home Rule with the option of continuing the Virtual Meetings for Council. He advised that a decision needed to be made soon and that he asked that Council reach out to him with any questions or concerns. Mr. Thackery stated that the Virtual Meetings were a good tool, for citizens to reach out to Council.

Mr. Brugger said that he met with Doug Crabill and wanted to confirm the Work Session for next Tuesday, with items on the agenda listed as, Landbanks, and the update on DORA.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that the Scioto St. curb/gutter/sidewalk project began today as well as Freeman Avenue. He added that sidewalks on Washington Ave. have been replaced and Columbia Gas is continuing their project.

Fire Chief Ortleib said that they were working with the County to try to get a couple of extra antennae for the area. He added that the Fire Department has began their hydrant flushing and hose testing. He advised that the Safety Committee Meeting has been scheduled for next week and that they are half way through their hiring process for their Administrative Assistant.

Mayor Bean stated that the festival at the park over the weekend had an overwhelming attendance. He added that there were approximately 400 children and that everyone seemed to have a great time.

Mr. Paul asked Mr. Brugger about the attendance at the City Pool. Mr. Brugger advised that he thought the attendance was pretty good.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Ebert seconded.

Motion passed 6-0

ADJOURNED AT 6:37 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President