

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021**



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

City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

**PRESIDENT 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, absent.

**MINUTES**

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2021.

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

Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none

Minutes passed 5-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Shade Tree Commission Minutes of June 10, 2021
2. Second Quarter Division Highlights

Mr. Fields moved to put the communications on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded.

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

Communications passed 5-0

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL**

- 1. EJ Prescott - \$25,000.00 (Water Fund)**

Mrs. Boettcher advised that Mr. Sampson starts the Water Department Budget at \$50,000.00

and it gets bumped up as the City goes through the year. She added that this would help the Department finish the year.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**None**

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **First Reading**

#### **Resolution No. 2613-21**

A Resolution authorizing the city of Urbana to request, apply for and/or receive its designated share of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and further authorizing the Mayor, Director of Administration, Director of Finance, and other appropriate City official and personnel to take necessary actions, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Boettcher advised that the purpose of this resolution is for the authority for the City to apply for, receive, etc. the 2.2 million dollars that have been set aside for the City of Urbana. She also stated that the first installment of \$1.1 million is to be received by the end of this year, and the second installment of \$1.1 million is to be released 12 months after the first installment. She also mentioned that the funds received must be expended or encumbered by December 31, 2024, and that all work and final payments to vendors/contractors must be completed by December 31, 2026. She said that the eligible uses were Public Health/Negative Economic Impacts, Premium Pay, Revenue Loss, Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband. She also advised that this Act was more forward thinking in nature. Also, by Council approving this Resolution, it will allow the City to register to receive the funds and that it was federal dollars and as such, must be put into a special fund for its purpose.

Mr. Thackery asked what “Premium Pay” meant. Mrs. Boettcher stated that it was for first line responders, hazard pay, etc.

Mr. Paul stated that it wasn’t free money.

Mrs. Collier asked if new restrooms could be covered, for she felt the City should be responsible to provide restrooms. Mr. Crabill stated that it could go toward any project that the City would take through the OEPA.

Mr. Scott asked if it could be used on the South Main Street Project. Mr. Crabill stated that it was on the table for discussion.

Mr. Fields moved to put this Resolution on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded.

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

Resolution passed 5-0

**Ordinance No. 4546-21**

An Ordinance to adopt and approve an amended Street Boundary List for the Urbana Downtown Revitalization District that includes street addresses within Monument Square.

Mr. Crabill said that this Ordinance is in regard to the Downtown Revitalization District, and referencing the D5 and D5L licenses, that were approved last June. Applications went forwarded and were rejected and returned by the State for there were no addresses listed. He further advised that there would be a public hearing at the next Council Meeting.

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

**Second Reading**

None

**Third 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. Crabill stated that there were substantial updates to the BR1 with this Ordinance, including Condition Uses, Personal Services definitions, and Restaurant definitions. Also, he mentioned the B2 and B3 picked up changes with the restaurant definitions.

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

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

Ordinance passed 5-0

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Thackery moved to combine the Economic and Zoning Committees into one committee. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Thackery stated they were trying to put a North Main Street Study together for next year. He suggested that the same group that did the South Main Street Study be used. Mr. Thackery moved to do a North Main Street Study next year. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Thackery stated that the Safety Commission seemed to be making good progress.

Mr. Scott advised that an Infrastructure Committee Meeting was upcoming this Friday.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION**

Mr. Thackery stated that the work on Scioto Street, with the curbs and gutters was great and that it looked very nice. He also added that "Coffee with Council" would begin again on August 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fire Department. He also asked what could be done about the pigeons.

Mr. Paul moved to excuse Councilman Hoffman and Councilman Ebert. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

Mrs. Collier stated that she went by Crescent Drive and stated that it looks so nice and the property owners are probably happy with the finished look.

Mr. Crabill spoke about DORA. He stated that the plan has to be delivered to the Clerk, there would be a notice for 30 days, and then Council would take action 30 days after the receipt of the plan by the Clerk.

Mr. Brugger said that the weather has not been our friend recently, but things are getting done. He advised that Scioto street is almost ready for paving and that Columbia Gas has been punching through their to do items as well.

Mayor Bean stated that he attended the Saint Mary's Festival, and that quite a few people showed up and had a great time. He said that he was glad to see it back. He also spoke about attend the Pointe North Open House and that it was well attended. He thanked the group that put that together.

Mr. Paul stated that the word on the street is that the City doesn't want to open it. Mayor Bean said that wasn't true, but it was a property that must be taken care of and not destroyed.

President Hess spoke about the traffic lights on East Lawn, around Ward and Boyce Streets. Mr. Brugger advised that it was just a matter of revisiting the issue.

President Hess asked Council if they wanted a Work Session for July 27, 2021. It was discussed and a Work Session has been scheduled for 7/27/21.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

**ADJOURNED AT 6:37 p.m.**

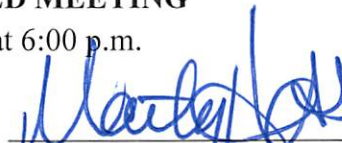
**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



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Council Clerk



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Council President