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**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the recommendation of the Urbana City Planning Commission to accept the proposed rezoning of 121 Elbert St., which is currently zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential District to M-1 Manufacturing District.

Mr. Crabill stated this request was made by Mr. Packer with reference to his woodworking shop. He further mentioned that Mr. Packer wanted to build a storage building and desires to get everything zoned to manufacturing. Mr. Fields asked if this was his father's shop across the alley and Mr. Crabill stated it was the woodworking shop and the parcel to the north. Mr. Paul asked if it was a contiguous piece. Mr. Crabill affirmed and added that the Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously. President Hess stated that Mr. Packer came to him and advised him that his storage is now inside of his residence. He further stated that the business has been operative since 1870. President Hess declared this Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

President Hess called the second City of Urbana Public Hearing to order at 6:04 p.m. to discuss and provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the City of Urbana as the municipal corporation and the Ultra-Met Company as the enterprise for a proposed manufacturing expansion at 720 N. Main St., Urbana, Ohio.

Mrs. Bailey spoke of this issue regarding Ultra-Met. She stated that the Urbana City School and Ohio High Point approved a real property tax exemption of 75% for 15 years from the real property taxes resulting from real property improvements. Ultra-Met is looking to build a 15,000 square foot building. President Hess declared this Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**

President Hess 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, Community Development Director Doug Crabill, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, and Police Chief Matt Lingrell.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, present; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mr. Ebert, present; and Mrs. Collier, present.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS

1. Council President Pro Tem Appointment

Mr. Fields nominated Mr. Paul to serve as the President Pro Tem and Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Nomination passes 7-0.

2. Council Clerk Appointment

Mr. Paul nominated Amy Deere to continue her services as Council Clerk and Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Nomination passes 7-0.

Mr. Paul moved to have an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss the pay amount for the position of Council Clerk and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

3. Council Meeting Schedule

Mr. Paul moved to adopt the provided Council Meeting Schedule and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

President Hess spoke about the formation of committees and the possibly could be a topic at the next Work Session. Mr. Paul stated that Council should come up with three to five objectives and organize around that. Mr. Thackery stated that Council members should bring suggestion for projects to be targeted, to the next Work Session. President Hess added that there seemed to an issue with the City's lift device and Mr. Crabill stated that he would be glad to give everyone instruction to how it is ran, at the Work Session. Mr. Paul asked about Department Liaisons for this year and Mr. Thackery stated Council could structure this at an upcoming Work Session. It was discussed and agreed upon by Council that a Work Session would be held January 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Training Room.

Mr. Thackery said that it would be a good idea to have the two new Council members be introduced to all of the Department Heads and President Hess asked Chad Hall if he would be willing to show Mr. Ebert and Mrs. Collier around, and Mr. Hall stated he would be happy to show them around.

MINUTES of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Thackery moved for the approval of said minutes and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Curbside Recycling Program
2. Email from Doug Crabill regarding the South Main Corridor Plan-Update and Upcoming Public Meeting/Open House.

Mr. Thackery moved to put all communications on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. Hull & Associates - \$9,425.00 (General Fund – Non Departmental)

Mr. Crabill stated that Round 1 of sampling was completed back in August. He added there was a concern that the soil gas probes would fill with water and could not be used. He added that no water was found when they did the sampling. He also added that the actual amount requested is in the amount of \$6,425.00. He also advised that they have been in touch with True Inspection and they are willing to split the cost. Mr. Paul asked if this was going to be the last sampling, and Mr. Crabill stated that it should be the final sampling event.

Mr. Paul moved to put this item on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.
Motion passed 7-0.

2. Blanket Purchase Order List for 2020

Ms. Boettcher stated there were three blanket purchase orders:

Road salt - \$\$65,792.00 for 800 tons

Champaign Telephone - \$84,000.00 for IT support

Airport - \$175,000.00 to purchase fuel for resale.

Mr. Paul asked how much salt the City had left. Mr. Hall sated approximately 600 tons.

Mr. Thackery asked what the fuel return amount to the City was and Ms. Boettcher stated that the City tries to be fair with the cost of fuel.

Mr. Ebert stated that although he liked the idea of going local for IT support, but inquired as to an option that may be cheaper. Ms. Boettcher stated that at one time the City's IT

person was an “in-house” employee, and they left, leaving the City in the wind. She stated the City then went through CT and they were doing fine and didn’t want to change vendors. She further stated that as long as things are running smoothly, the City was going to stay where it’s at with CT.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dorothy Landis – 221 N. Locust – spoke of the sidewalk projects. She stated that she felt the City should allocate funds to repair the sidewalks. She also stated that she would be staying close to this project and the current policy for the sidewalks was ineffective. She also advised she was willing to volunteer her time to help establish a new policy.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

Resolution No. 2569-20

Resolution of the City of Urbana Council adopting the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement by and between the City of Urbana as the Municipal Corporation, the Ultra-Met Company as the Enterprise.

Mrs. Bailey stated that enclosed in the Council Packet was a letter to President Hess explaining the situation. She stated this has gone through the first phase, and has received the schools’ approval. She stated there would be a 15,000 square foot addition on the north side of the property. She also added that they don’t want to run the risk of Ultra-Met leaving Urbana. She also advised that the investment total is in the amount of 4.7 million dollars and the building itself was in the amount of 1.5 million dollars. She advised that the business has grown from 86 employees to 124 employees and they were looking to increase that amount within the next 3-4 years to 140 employees. She stated the project would start this year. Mr. Paul asked when the completion of the project would be and Mrs. Bailey advised the end of the year and also stated it would be add \$600,000.00 increase to the payroll. Mr. Scott asked who would make sure the number of employees are in fact hired. She advised that she would be the one who would make sure. Mr. Thackery thanked everyone for their hard work to get this done. Mrs. Collier inquired as to the location of parking. Mrs. Bailey stated that temporarily, they are parking on the Packer property. Mr. Fields asked about the positions, whether they were entry-level or skilled. Mrs. Bailey advised they are skilled. Mr. Hoffman stated that this is a nice investment for our town and appreciated Ultra-Met calling Urbana home.

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

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

Resolution passes, 7-0.

Second Reading –

Ordinance No. 4103-20

An Ordinance amending Administrative Code 149.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Repeating Examination.

Mr. Thackery asked if there was a maximum limit that one could take the test. Ms. Boettcher replied no.

Chief Lingrell stated that 200 people took the test when he was hired. Testing took place on Friday, having 100 applicants, and Saturday, the final 100 applicants tested. He stated this is not the issue these days and also that this is a national problem for both police and fire.

Mr. Fields said the he thought this was a good idea.

Mr. Paul asked if the applicant had to take both tests again should they pass one of them. Ms. Boettcher advised that had to retake both again.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have its second reading.

Ordinance No. 4159-20

An Ordinance amending Chapter 905, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Ohio.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have its second reading.

Ordinance No. 4388-20

An Ordinance authorizing the Indigent Defense Agreement with the Champaign County Commissioners to allow the City and County to receive partial reimbursement from the Ohio Public Defender Commission for the indigent expenses in the Champaign County Municipal Court.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have its second reading.

Ordinance No. 4517-20

An Ordinance to amend the City of Urbana’s Official Zoning Map by rezoning 121 Elbert St. (Parcel IDs: #K48-25-00-04-02-091-00 & K48-25-00-04-02-092-00) which is currently zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential District to M-1 Manufacturing District.

Mr. Fields asked about the letters going out to the residents regarding this zoning issue, and Mr. Crabill advised that the Clerk of Council had sent them out to the residents of the properties that adjoin to the one that has requested the re-zoning.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

Third Reading –

Ordinance No. 4516-19

An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 935 of the City of Urbana Codified Ordinances, Industrial Pretreatment, to comply with the requirements of the Ohio EPA, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Feinstein suggested to Council, that tabling this Ordinance might be a good idea, for that it could give more time for the new members to review the Chapter prior to voting on it. Mr. Hall advised that it wasn’t due until January 30, 2020.

Mr. Fields moved to table Ordinance No. 4516-19, and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: 6 ayes; nays 1, from Mr. Scott.

Motion passes, 6-1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mayor Bean spoke of vacancies in the Shade Tree Commission, in the first ward, second ward and fourth ward. Mayor Bean also welcomed new Council members Rich Ebert and Mary Collier. He also thanked Mr. Ebert for serving on the Planning Commission.

President Hess stated there would be a Work Session on January 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Paul nominated Mr. Fields to serve on the TIRC Commission and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: 6 ayes, 1 abstain, from Mr. Fields.

Nomination passes, 6-0-1.

Mr. Thackery moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

Mr. Thackery move to enter into Executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: 6 ayes, 1 nay, from Mr. Hoffman.

Motion passes 6-1.

Mr. Thackery moved to adjourn to Executive Session and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays none.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion passes 7-0.

Mr. Fields moved to enter back into Regular Session and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

Back in Regular Session at 8:19 p.m.

Mr. Fields move to adjourn and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

ADJOURN AT 8:20 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

January 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President