

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019**

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, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, and Zoning Officer Adam Moore.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, absent; Mr. Hoffman, absent; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; and Mr. Piper, present.

President Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes February 19, 2018, 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 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Design Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2019
2. Proclamation by Mayor Bill Bean regarding the American Red Cross.

Mr. Paul moved to accept all of the communications. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.
Motion passed 4-0.

CHAMPAIGN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Marcia Bailey spoke about the Enterprise Zone Agreement with regard to the hotel. She stated the address would be 170 S.R. 55, Urbana, Ohio 43078. She reported that this was a 5.7 million dollar investment, a \$250,000.00 payroll for 12-15 employees. She also advised that construction would begin when all the paperwork is complete and the weather breaks. She also stated that there is the tax exemption for 100% for 15 years for the 31,000 square foot hotel, with the construction area as the exempted for the 15 years.

Mr. Thackery moved to put Resolution No. 2547-19, (RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF URBANA COUNCIL ADOPTING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AREA AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF URANA AS THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND URBANA HOTEL LLC AS THE PROPERTY OWNER) on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Russ Bartley – 510 East Church St. Mr. Bartley spoke about the Ordinance on the agenda regarding lawn clippings and stated that citizens can't cut their grass without being in violation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4397-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF URBANA.

Mr. Brugger advised that the last time this and the following ordinance were addressed was in 2013, and at that time the only thing changed was the expiration date, for that was removed. Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for 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; and Mr. Piper, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4398-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALRY AND BENEFITS FOR THE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF URBANA.

Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes.

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

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

Ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4399-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALRY AND BENEFITS FOR THE CENTRAL STAFF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF URBANA.

Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes as well as stated that the City was looking into job description process to match the pay with the responsibilities.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage.

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

Ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4400-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALRY AND BENEFITS FOR THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF URBANA.

Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes.

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

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

Ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4401-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALRY AND BENEFITS FOR THE POLICE LIEUTENANT OF THE CITY OF URBANA.

Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes.

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

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

Ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4405-19

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for 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; and Mr. Piper, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4406-19

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes.

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

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

Ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4407-19

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF LAW.

Mr. Brugger gave a summary of the changes.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for 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; and Mr. Piper, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

Second Reading –

First Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4504-19

AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY SECTION 521.08(D)(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE LAWN CLIPPINGS IN THE DEFINITION OF “LITTER,” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Sponsored by Councilman Ray Piper. (Requires 3 readings)

Mr. Piper stated that this ordinance was designed to stop the act of blowing grass clippings in the streets for safety purposes as well as keeping the clippings out of the Stormwater areas. He also added that it looks bad as well. President Hess stated that this ordinance was like the dog poop law, to which has never been enforced and he would hate to put the burden of enforcement on the police department or zoning department. Mr. Piper stated that he was just doing his job as a councilman.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have its first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Paul reminded everyone that the City does not pick up sticks. Mr. Brugger advised that the Compost Facility will open on March 15, 2019, and citizens could drop off sticks free of charge.

Mr. Moore spoke of the Vacant Building Registration Program. He stated that there would be a newsletter going out to the public and the City plans to administer this, beginning this month. He advised that a tab has been put on the website and the form is also available on the website. He added that there were approximately 70 structures that are vacant and they would be doing the most egregious ones first.

Ms. Boettcher said that a 3x5 post card would be going out reminding everyone to file their taxes by April 15, 2019. She also added that a letter went out in the utility bill reminding everyone of the same.

Mr. Brugger gave credit to Mr. Moore about getting the Ordinance of Vacant Properties back up and running. He also stated that Lawnview was working with the Park Board, on a project they would like to launch this year. They are wanting to build a playground to allow children of all levels of abilities and disabilities to play together.

Mayor Bean thanked Mr. Pena for his role on Council.

President Hess stated that Mr. Pena’s seat is now open, and that Council would be accepting application through March 15, 2019. He continued about the Charter Review and advised that a letter would be going out scheduling the first meeting of the Charter Review.

Mr. Paul moved to excuse absent members Mr. Fields and Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.
Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.
Motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURN AT 7:02 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

March 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President