

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022**

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

City Staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb, and Police Chief Matt Lingrell

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

Communications

1. Champaign County Commissioners Letter (June 15, 2022) – Senate Bill 52 Information regarding Wind and Solar facilities
2. Champaign County Commissioners Letter (June 23, 2022) – Additional Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax
3. Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Touch-A-Truck

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

Mr. Paul commented the language regarding the Wind and Solar facilities seemed pretty broad and powerful for the Commissioners.

Mr. Paul also asked if the City had implemented an additional permissive tax. Mr. Brugger indicated the City had implemented an additional \$5 increase in 2019. It did not begin to collect until 2021. Mr. Bumbalough added that the County is allowed to increase by \$5 increments. The City of Urbana has now reached the maximum \$30 limit. Ms. Boettcher clarified that this new \$5 goes solely to the County. A portion of the previous \$25 goes to the City, but she was unsure as to the exact amount.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to the Ohio Department of Transportation in the amount of \$180,402.00 for the city's share of improvements on U.S. 68 to be completed by ODOT through the Urban Resurfacing Program. This expense will be charged to the Capital Improvement Fund and is in the 2022 budget at \$125,000.00 (see attached). **VOTE: 2-0**

Ms. Truelove moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough indicated ODOT requires the City to pay twenty percent of any urban resurfacing project. The resolution coming up later tonight is the final approval for the project. The City budgeted for less, but could not foresee how bad inflation would hit in the construction world. The project is out to bid now through July 28th.

Ms. Truelove thanked Mr. Bumbalough for explaining the increase.

Mr. Paul asked if the City added anything from the project originally. Mr. Bumbalough stated no. Asphalt is controlled by fossil fuels. Mr. Paul asked if the City reappropriates, where the money would come from. Ms. Boettcher stated the City would do a supplemental appropriation later on. Stephanie – Thank you for explaining the increase.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

Mr. Paul noted that regarding the items on the footnotes, they appeared to be mostly infrastructure related.

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third 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 and possible passage. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Ms. Boettcher indicated she had nothing else to add. This is only an estimate of expected resources.

No further discussion was held.

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

Ordinance passes 4-0.

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. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Brugger indicated there were slight changes which caused this ordinance to revert to a second reading. Specifically, Section 2 language was amended to state that the Director of Administration or his/her designee shall be by the Housing Officer.

Mr. Paul asked for clarification. He asked in the subsection C regarding commercial property, is it set at 15 years or was it flexible. Mr. Brugger stated that it could be anywhere up to 15 years. Mr. Feinstein added that the amount is subject to negotiation with each corporation. Mr. Feinstein also added that the reason this amendment was necessary was the previous ordinance gave power to a community development director that does not exist in the same role today as it did back then.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have had its second 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)

Mrs. Bean moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Ms. Truelove seconded.

Mr. Brugger indicated this is finalizing the annexation for the Kendrick property on Dellinger Road.

No questions/comments from Council.

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

First Reading:

Resolution 2634-22: A resolution to authorize final approval between the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio and Ohio Department of Transportation for pavement planning and resurfacing of United States Route 68 from just South of Pearce Place (SLM 5.36) to Washington Avenue (SLM 6.93), omitting the roundabout at US 36, Reference PID No.: 108874, County/Route/Section: CHP US 68 5.36, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

Mr. Paul moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that the Board of Control topic reference the payment portion. This is the resolution that specifically authorizes the project.

Mrs. Collier asked if the project includes taking off the current top layer. Mr. Bumbalough clarified that the project does remove and then resurface.

Ms. Truelove asked about the access drive that was just replaced at Steve's Market. Mr. Bumbalough clarified that for the curb and project, the City only replaced as much as was needed to meet the one-inch lip requirement. They attempted to leave as much of the new construction as they could.

Mr. Paul asked if this project covers the road for the new curb and gutters that were just installed. Mr. Bumbalough stated that it did and even went further south. Mr. Paul then asked if there would

be lane blockages. Mr. Bumbalough stated that due to the width of the street and the amount that could be worked on at one time, Main Street should be able to retain two lanes at all times.

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

Resolution passes 4-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Ms. Truelove indicated she recently met with the law department. Mr. Feinstein explained some avenues to her that she may wish to undergo in the future. She then asked Chief Lingrell if the officers still had bicycles. Chief Lingrell indicated that they still had them, but due to staffing issues, they are not able to use them as much as they'd like.

Mr. Paul recently had a meeting with Mr. Brugger. They talked about civil service. While the City doesn't have the resources to go outside the traditional route (such as transfers), they are going to discuss what changes they might wish to make to the ordinances.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Paul liked the way the same company is completing all facets of the curb and gutter project. They were completing the project quickly with good quality.

Chief Ortlieb announced that ten of the fourteen applicants passed the recent civil service test. Five of those ten are currently in physical ability training, with the practical test taking place on Saturday. Afterwards, the City does background checks, home interviews, and finally oral interviews.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that Children's Home Road will be closed up to thirty days to install the water line in support of the booster station project.

President Hess mentioned the possibility of bagging the light on Court Street and East Lawn Avenue. Mr. Brugger indicated it was currently on hold. It is more challenging than flipping a switch and it's something the City will revisit in the future.

Ms. Truelove moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 4-0.

ADJOURNED AT 6:35 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President