URBANA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING

February 21, 2023

(To be held in the Training Room on the 3rd Floor of the Municipal Building)

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All comments must continue to be made in person. Due to this, the ability to comment on City Council Facebook streams will be disabled.

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes: Urbana City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023
- Communications:
 - 1. Simon Kenton Pathfinders 2022 Year in Review Newsletter (see attached)
 - 2. Champaign County 2023 Career Expo Flyer (see attached)
 - 3. Clark Shaefer Hackett planning letter dated January 18, 2023 (see attached)
 - 4. Champaign Countywide Public Safety Communications Center Council of Governments 2022 Financial Report (see attached)
- Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments: (In Person Only; Must Sign-in)

Ordinances and Resolutions

Old Business:

Third Reading: None

Second Reading: None

New Business:

First Reading:

Ordinance 4588-23: An ordinance delineating an overlay in relation to the proposed Dugan Place Incentive District within the City of Urbana, Ohio; and adopting a written economic development plan as to same, all pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(C). (One reading required)

Resolution 2655-23: A resolution confirming the appointments of Neil D. Evans and R. Paul Waldsmith to the City of Urbana's Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. (One reading required)

Resolution 2656-23: A resolution in support of economic development related applications to the JobsOhio Vibrant Communities Program and the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program as part of the private redevelopment of the former Willman Furniture buildings now owned by Willman Sellman Improvements LLC and further known as 215 North Main Street and 217 North Main Street, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

- Department Liaison Reports:
- Miscellaneous Business:
 - 1. Council
 - 2. Administration
 - 3. Council Clerk
- Next Meeting: Work Session Tuesday, February 28, 2023
- Adjourn

URBANA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

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

City Staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Zoning Enforcement Officer Preston Carter, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, Police Chief Matt Lingrell and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb.

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

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of January 17, 2023 and the work session minutes of January 31, 2023 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Thackery noted two minor typographical errors on the work session minutes.

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

Motion passed 7-0

Communications:

- 1. 2022 Champaign County Municipal Court Annual Report
- 2. Ohio Ethics Commission Filing Reminder
- 3. Columbia Gas of Ohio Letter dated January 13, 2023
- 4. Oak Dale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes dated November 18, 2022
- 5. Melvin Miller Park Board Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2022
- 6. 2022 City of Urbana Annual Report

Mr. Thackery moved to put the communications on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Thackery asked Ms. Boettcher if the City gets involved with the Court's financial figures. Ms. Boettcher answered that the Court handles all of that information directly.

Voice vote for acceptance of the communication. All ayes, nays none.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control

1. The Board of Control and Health Insurance Committee recommends Council authorize the purchase of Anthem group health insurance and related life, vision (EyeMed), and dental (Delta Dental) insurances for \$1,943,181.00. The insurance expense is in the 2023 budget at \$1,867,532.00 (see attached). **VOTE: 3-0**

Ms. Truelove moved to put this request on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Ms. Boettcher indicated this was the annual health insurance for City employees, specifically the City's share. This is a straight renewal. The plan has two offerings: a traditional plan or a high deductible plan with deposits into health savings accounts. It is six percent higher due to higher deductibles with the health savings plan.

Mr. Paul asked if the 6% increase was standard. Ms. Boettcher stated 6% was the no-shop offer. If the City went to market, it would have been higher. Other cities are looking at 10-15% increases.

Mrs. Bean thought the low increase was nice, especially coming out of the pandemic.

President Hess asked how many people the City insures. Ms. Boettcher stated 24 employees were on the traditional plan and 60 were on the health savings plan. She did not have the number of dependents.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

2. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to Terran Corporation for 2023 landfill groundwater monitoring services (including residential wells) in the amount of \$55,080.00. This expense will be charged to the General Fund – Miscellaneous Non-Departmental and is in the 2023 budget (see attached). **VOTE:** 3-0

Mr. Thackery moved to put this request on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Hall indicated that this covered two scopes of service: the physical landfill itself and also homeowner wells (off-site residential wells). Terran has done the monitoring since 2019 and has done a fabulous job. The landfill closed in 1989 and was subject to a thirty-year post-closure plan. Now the City is under a maintenance plan. The City's corrective actions have been very effective and we are in the stage of sampling our way out.

Mr. Paul asked if as an ongoing expenditure, had it always been listed as a miscellaneous non-departmental expense. Ms. Boettcher stated it used to be in the capital improvement, but as it is more of an operating expense, she moved it to the current fund.

Mr. Thackery asked what was a realistic timeframe to go to zero. Mr. Hall stated that the City will always have some variance but hopefully it will continue to drop more wells.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

3. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to DL Smith Concrete LLC in the amount of \$56,798.00 for the local share of the PY2021 CDBG Curb Ramp Improvements (1st and 2nd Curb Ramps). DL Smith Concrete LLC submitted the lowest of four bids for this project (see attached bid tabulation). The engineer's estimate for this project was \$169,000.00, and this project will replace 73 curb ramps along the south end of Urbana. The Champaign County Commissioners will contract DL Smith Concrete LLC for this project as the county has been awarded \$118,400.00 in CBDG grant dollars to put toward this project. This expense will be charged to the Capital Improvement Fund and is budgeted at \$42,000.00 in the 2023 budget. **VOTE: 3-0**

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated that the City has a grant and the design is done in-house. DL Smith also completed the Main Street curb project last year. Pricing was above estimate by about 3.5%. This project will replace 73 curb ramps in the first and second ward. Any time the City does a paving project, it is also supposed to upgrade ADA facilities, which amounts to handicap ramps at intersections. South High Street is not in this as it will have a separate ODOT project later this year. He added that the County is also charging the City for the costs of the advertising.

Mr. Paul asked when the \$42,000 was estimated. Mr. Bumbalough answered last November.

Mr. Scott was happy with the contractor. He believed the amount necessary from the City is failry reasonable for what is getting done.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading:

Ordinance 4586-23: An ordinance to adopt the Planning Commission recommendation denying the application to amend the City of Urbana's official zoning map by rezoning parcel K48-25-11-02-27-001-04 currently designated BR-1 Business Residential to B-2 General Business. (Three readings required, Public hearing required)

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

Mr. Carter stated this was the 0.6 acre outlot on US 29 south of Kroger. The denial to move to B-2 was due to the historical thought of maintaining a buffer area. There was no specific development mentioned, only for better potential marketing.

Ms. Truelove stated she didn't really have any issues with rezoning.

Mr. Thackery asked for clarification that a no vote is allowing the rezoning. Mr. Feinstein clarified that the Planning Commission voted to deny the rezoning, so therefore a yes vote is also denying the rezoning.

Mrs. Bean stated she did believe there was a historical decision for the buffer zone. According to her research, Council voted in December 1995 to uphold as BR-1. She stated it can still be developed with a few more hoops. She recommended voting yes to uphold the recommendation.

Roll call on passage: Mr. Scott, no; Mr. Paul, no; Ms. Truelove, no; Mr. Thackery, no; and Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Ordinance sits 3 yes, 4 no. Mr. Feinstein stated this was a Law Director's nightmare. There is not currently enough votes to pass the legislation, but the ordinances require a supermajority (5 no votes) to rule against the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Mr. Paul asked the yes votes to convince him to vote yes. Ms. Jumper stated to think about the homeowners across the street. Mr. Thackery stated that any development would still have to follow the zoning laws and can still allow for a buffer.

Mrs. Collier stated that we have a Planning Commission to make these decisions. She asked why Council should question their recommendations. Mr. Thackery stated because Council has the authority to do so.

Ms. Jumper stated there would be a hard traffic flow with added construction. Mr. Thackery stated this issue could be addressed in a development plan.

Mr. Scott added that there were no other buffer zones the entire length of US 29.

Mr. Paul moved to revote on the ordinance. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Roll call on passage: Mr. Paul, no; Ms. Truelove, no; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Scott, no.

Ordinance passes 4-3.

Ordinance 4587-23: An ordinance to adopt the Planning Commission recommendation denying the application to amend the City of Urbana's official zoning map by rezoning parcels K48-25-00-01-35-001-00, K48-25-00-01-35-002-00, K48-25-00-01-35-003-00, K48-25-00-01-004-00, and K48-25-00-01-35-005-00 currently designated R-2 Medium Density Residential to M-1 Manufacturing. (Three readings required, Public hearing required)

Mrs. Bean moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Carter stated these were the five parcels on South Edgewood. Two currently have single family residences. The application was to rezone to M-1 for general marketing. The Planning Commission recommended denial due to contiguity and non-conformity.

Mrs. Collier stated that the original application stated automotive repair. Mr. Carter stated the application went from food processing to storage of a food truck to potentially an auto shop. He added the very first idea was a gas station. Mrs. Collier asked if the two occupants would have to move. Mr. Carter stated they would be grandfathered in as non-conforming structures.

Mr. Scott suggested Casey's would like to look at the area.

Mr. Paul state the area around the properties appeared to be M-1. Mr. Carter stated across the street is the state garage and the area South is all M-1. The immediate area is all township.

Ms. Truelove stated she did not have any issues with it.

Mr. Thackery stated he would feel better if there was a plan in place.

Mr. Brugger stated that both he and Mayor Bean are on Planning Commission. He stated the owner had mentioned he was doing remodeling on the residences but then also asked to move to M-1. The two northern parcels are fronting US 36.

Mayor Bean added that the owner could not articulate what he wanted to do.

Mr. Paul asked if would have made sense to only zone the three non-residential properties. Mr. Carter stated then it would be non-contiguous. He advised that part of applying for re-zoning is to show a plan for what the landowner is going to do with the property.

Roll call on passage: Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; and Mr. Paul, yes.

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Resolution 2653-23: A resolution to dedicate the sanitary sewer force main and dual pump lift station only, that was installed by the project developer, Scott Michael, as part of the 1997 construction of the Clearwater Lake subdivision on Old Troy Pike, Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio, to the City of Urbana, Ohio. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Hall stated that this was originally a twenty-year project. There is currently not a lot of developing left to do. Mr. Hall stated it is within an easement for both utilities and the station is in very good working condition. He added that not a lot is going to change except for the assumption of ownership. They will still be paying the 200% sewer rate. Mr. Hall informed Council the survey had just been completed in September.

Mr. Thackery asked what the condition of the station was. Mr. Hall stated it was in good condition.

Mrs. Collier asked if the City makes money from this. Mr. Hall answered yes, that while it was not a big money maker, it was enough to be sustainable.

Mr. Paul asked if the City was already supplying water. Mr. Hall confirmed the City was already supplying water.

Roll call on passage: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; and Ms. Truelove, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

Resolution 2654-23: A resolution declaring the necessity of improving Miami Street and Bloomfield Avenue in the City of Urbana, County of Champaign, Ohio by constructing or repairing curbs, gutters, driveway approaches and appurtenances thereto on a section of Miami Street between Walnut Street and Edgewood Avenue and on a section of Bloomfield Avenue between North Main Street and the railroad crossing, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that by now Council should be familiar with resolutions for necessity. This is the third one in recent history for the City, following Scioto Street and Main Street. This skips the area of curb repairs from the Depot project. He hopes the estimate is on the high side, as the previous projects have come in lower. He will release the bid within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Bumbalough informed Council that per statute, this resolution requires a three-quarter majority. The construction would be in either May or June of this year. The second set of plans includes the radius improvement at Edgewood and Miami. He hopes to get better estimates for this project by placing it for bid with the curbs and gutters.

Mr. Scott asked about the estimated costs of the Miami Street and Edgewood Avenue project. Mr. Bumbalough stated the grant from ODOT would offset any costs.

Mr. Paul asked about the \$720,000 figure. Mr. Bumbalough stated it included the piecemeal program of about \$100,000. Mr. Paul then asked about notifications. Mr. Bumbalough stated that back in August during the piecemeal project, the homeowners were notified that this project was coming.

Roll call on passage: Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; and Mr. Thackery, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

Resolution 2575-23: A resolution authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of Urbana to sign the grant agreement (FDID #11011) with the State of Ohio, Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshall, for the 2023 MARCS Grant for the Urbana Fire Division. (One reading required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

No comments/questions from Council

Roll call on passage: Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mrs. Collier, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mr. Thackery stated he spoke with Mr. Crabill earlier today regarding future projects.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Truelove indicated she was holding out on a project she will eventually try to pursue.

Mrs. Collier stated she received a call on Friday about a manhole cover that would rattle pictures on walls when semis would drive over it. She called Mr. Muirhead at the City garage and it was fixed by Monday. She appreciated their work.

Mrs. Bean appreciated the time and energy all the departments put into the annual 2022 report. She thanked them for all their efforts. She believes it shows how much pride everyone has in the City.

Mr. Paul indicated that in regards to the Ethics filings, if those running for office for this year have already filed a report, they do not need to file another one.

Mr. Crabill indicated the Division of Liquor Control did approve the DORA plan. He stated that it will be rolled out this spring weather permitting. He also added that at the next Council meeting, there should be legislation reactivating the housing council and also potentially legislation to start the TIF for Dugan Place.

Mr. Hall stated the City had the street sweeper out over the past couple of days. Also, the new tanker truck was picked up last Monday and is already in use.

Ms. Boettcher indicated the finance department has finished classroom instructions for the new software. The next couple of weeks will be the internship phase with the plans to go live in late May. Also, the auditors will be in next week.

Mr. Brugger stated he hopes everyone gets a chance to look at the annual summary. There is a lot of information. He also requested a work session for 2/28 to go over infrastructure projects, similar to last year. Mr. Thackery moved to hold a work session on Tuesday, February 28th. Mrs. Collier seconded. Voice vote on holding a work session: all ayes, nays none.

Mayor Bean read a letter from Legacy Place stating they appreciate the acts of service of the fire division. The letter also thanked Councilwoman Jumper for her service as well.

Chief Ortlieb stated the fire division has a certified list with four applicants for two openings. Currently, they are undergoing the background process with interviews scheduled for February 22.

Chief Lingrell stated the police division is currently in its application phase, which ends March 9. UPD has three vacancies needing filled.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Ms. Truelove seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 7-0.

ADJOURNED AT 7:20 p.m.

	NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.	
Council Clerk	Council President	

THE SIMON KENTON TRAIL AT 25!

Hittle over 25 years ago, in the Summer it!" But, to paraphrase the Kevin Costner of 1997, seventeen visionaries gathered to start a new group focused on building a multi use trail in Champaign County. As we celebrate the 25th year anniversary of the Simon Kenton Trail (SKT), it is worth a look back at our challenges and accomplishments over that time period.



That original group of 17 charter members had vision but we had no start up money, owned no land and none of us were experienced in the politics of trail building. In fact the idea of Rails to Trails in Ohio was only about 15 years old at that time. We basically wrote our own book.

When the idea of a bike trail along the current southern section of the SKT was first proposed to our community leaders and residents, there were many navsayers and in fact opposition. I seem to remember comments such as, "Why do you want to build that, no one will use

character in 'Field of Dreams', "Build it and they will come", and we did!

in the last 25 years accomplished the

- · Constructed 27 miles of paved, multiuse trail in Champaign and Logan Counties
 - Purchased the original Penn RR station in Urbana to use as a trail head and with the partnership of the City of Urbana, renovated it into a beautiful community asset
 - Connected the SKT to the Greater Miami Valley Trail network which is approaching 500 total miles of dedicated rail
- · Today, a cyclist can start at our northern terminus in Bellefontaine and cycle on dedicated trail, a distance of 119 miles to the Ohio River at Cincinnati.... or, if you prefer, even bike across the river into Kentucky
- Other connections from our trail can lead you to Cleveland on the Ohio to Erie Trail and soon, The Great American Rail Trail will connect through our area.
- Remember above where I stated that quote that "....no one will use it"? For the 2022 year, there were 20,256 trail users counted at our County Line Trail Head; 18,349 at the N Main St. crossing in Urbana and over 12,000 in

Bellefontaine, I consider that a great success story.

What will happen on our trail in another Working as a non-profit group, we have 25 years? We, the Pathfinders are in maintenance mode. We are building no more trails but there are many discussions by other groups/entities for extensions and connections to the SKT in the future. some perhaps very soon. Possibilities exist to connect to a couple of parks in Bellefontaine, extend to downtown and there has always been the dream to continue on to Indian Lake, In Urbana, there may soon be an extension from the YMCA to newly planned housing on the East side of town. The Village of



St. Paris is in the planning stages of an East/West connector between Piqua and Urbana. I foresee continued trail improvements and amenities along the existing trail and more!

What we need to continue our work is ongoing partnerships and involvement of our communities, not to mention financial support. Finally, if you have not stepped up as a volunteer, now is the time. Of those 17 charter members, only a half dozen are still involved and our membership and volunteers are "aging out". Please consider stepping up to serve as a volunteer on one of our committees, board member or however you can help to keep the Pathfinders functioning for our next 25 years!

> Thanks for allowing me to serve as your President! Jim Cook-SKP President 2022

Please Support the Simon Kenton Pathfinders with Your 2023 Dues, Donations & Time

It takes time, money and volunteers-like you-to maintain the Simon Kenton Trail. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed SKP membership card and mail it in with your 2023 SKP membership dues. Even if you've already paid your 2023 dues, please complete the form so we'll have up-to-date information about you, including your email address and types of SKP volunteer options. Donations, in addition to your dues, are welcome. Thank you for your support!



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Established 1997

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Kenton Trail.

the purchase of a commercial grade turbine

2022 Year In Review

January 1, 2023

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS

2022 Trail Improvements & Projects.

ADOPT - A-TRAIL Our Sponsors

22nd Annual Betsy Bohl

Memorial Bike Tour .. Save The Date .

2022 Volunteers of the Year ...

Trail Partners .

Note From SKP

SKP Contact & Membership



The West Liberty Trail Head project is ongoing and will eventually have an exterior mural on the shelter, as well as a photo tribute to the late Sherman



ADOPT - A- TRAIL

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

ORBIS

Another new program which was started by the Pathfinders during 2022, was "Adopt - A - Trail", patterned on similar programs with highway departments and other bike trails. The Orbis Corporation-Urbana employees are our first partner in this program. Employees volunteer to clean trash from a section of the trail frequently and signage is placed to recognize their efforts. This program greatly helps the Pathfinders by spreading some of the maintenance work load.

We are looking for other service groups, businesses or families to join this partnership and adopt a section of the trail. For further information, contact the Pathfinders.



SKP volunteers install new bike repair station at West Liberty (I. to R: Dave Jensen, Ward Lutz, Carmen Scott, Steve Cayot, Jim Cook)

Ricketts, village marshal on the inside wall, Additional wayfinding signage is also planned in the near future.

After five years of being on the Pathfinders wish list and numerous attempts to get a grant to purchase it, we now have a commercial grade Buffalo Turbine Blower for trail maintenance. This was a \$10,000 investment with 50% coming from reserves and the other 50% from an anonymous donor. Maintenance volunteers can now clean off the entire trail in a few hours and do it much more safely for the workers.



SKP Board member, Dave Jensen, setting up the new blower for a test run.

THANK YOU BIKE TOUR MAJOR SPONSORS

(Listed below are Platinum - Bronze level sponsors)

- · The Family of Betsy Bohl
- · Eric & Tiffany Kellner
- The Orbis Corporation
- · Levan's Excavating
- . The Farmers & Merchants State Bank
- · Michael Farms
- · High Point Car Wash
- · Community Health Partners · Mercy Health
- · Dodd's Wealth Investments
- The Bicycle Stop
- · Cyclotherapy Bike Shop . The Depot Coffee House
- · Cook Farms
- · Bauer & Beck Dentists
- Case Ag Consulting
- · Stoner's Ice Cream Parlor
- · Henderson Realty
- · Citizen's Federal
- · The Ohio Chapter of American **Pediatrics**
- · Can't Stop Running
- · John Coffman Photography
- · Bryce Hill
- · Chester Kurtz
- · Deb & Rick Dwyer · Peoples Savings Bank
- Carmen Scott
- · Civista Bank





22ND Annual Betsy Bohl Memorial Bike Tour

The 2022 Simon Kenton Pathfinders Bike Tour in memory of Betsy Bohl was held on Sunday, September 11th. The 2022 tour was again a big success with 176 total registered riders! 149 of the participants were in person on tour day and 27 were virtual participants. This year, we had cyclists from all over Ohio as well as participants from MI, PA, KY, WV & WI. Virtually, we had registrants from OH, MT, SC and one rider did his virtual ride in the British Isles. Ages represented were from infant to age 84.

The total gross income from this years tour was \$24,722 (total of sponsorships, registrations & other donations). As this is our major fund raising event of the year, we are very happy with the results! The 2022 amount also topped the 2021 fund raiser which had previously been our highest grossing event to date! All funds raised in every SKP event goes toward maintenance and improvements of the Simon Kenton Trail.

A very large thanks to our many sponsors and participants for again making the SKP Bike tour a great success! Special thanks to the Bohl family for their continuing to take the lead as the main sponsor!

The 2023 bike tour is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 10th

2022 SKP VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

#1 Volunteer of our first 25 Years Nancy Lokai-Baldwin

Nancy was one of the founding members of our group in 1997 and our first President; a role she held for many years. Without her vision and perseverance, there would be no Simon Kenton Trail. It is only fitting that we honor her on our 25th anniversary year (1997-2022)!



Janine Albert Evans

Janine is our outgoing treasurer, a position which she has held for four years. She has been an excellent steward of our finances as well as providing valuable insight during lease negotiations and other business matters. In addition. you might have seen her doing trail maintenance and gardening in our flower pots around the the depot.



Doug Crabill

Doug has been a long time board member and worn other hats as Treasurer. Vice President and a trail maintenance volunteer. He is also a very valuable liaison with the City of Urbana through his role as an employee in city administration.



The Orbis Corporation-**Urbana Employees**

The Orbis Corporation has been one of our Platinum sponsors for the SKP annual bike tour for many years. In addition, recently, its Urbana employees became our first "Adopt the Trail" group. Orbis employees volunteer their time to keep a section of the trail in Urbana clear of trash.



A tremendous thanks to all of these awesome volunteers who help to keep our trail operating, safe and clean!

SAVE THE DATE

EARLY APRIL 2023

Simon Kenton Trail Cleanup Day (date TBD)

APRIL 22, 2023 "Celebrate Trails Day"

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23rd Annual Betsy Bohl Memorial Bike Tour Registration: 8 A.M. – 10 A.M. Depot Coffee House

1ST THURSDAY OF **EACH MONTH** (except for Dec. & Jan.) Pathfinder member

meetings: 7 P.M. Depot Coffee House **JANUARY 1, 2024 OR**

@ DATE TBD Pathfinders Annual meeting and election

TRAIL PARTNERS

"Trail Partners" is a new program which we started this year to point trail users to local businesses which have food, water, restrooms and parking. An often asked question by cyclists who are not from this area, is, "Where can I park or find food and restrooms?" New signage placed along the trail near intersections,



We are happy to highlight our first two "Trail Partners"; Mad River Farm Market and Brewfontaine At The Hills (Liberty Hills Golf Course). Having wayfinding signage along our trail makes it a better destination point for users and at the same time, brings in outside tourist dollars to our local merchants. A big thanks to

both Michele Hess and Adam Rammel, owners of these two businesses for stepping up for this project!

If you have a local business which is nearby the trail and which might benefit from this program, please contact the Pathfinders for further information. Our contact information is posted on the back of this newsletter.



Champaign County

2023 CAREER EXPO

Take a day to change your future!

DATE

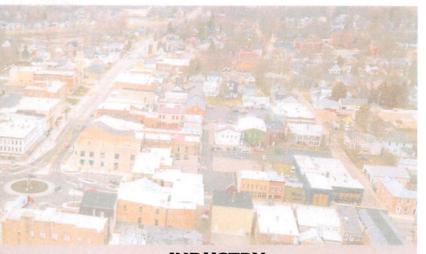
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

TIME

2:30PM-6:00PM

LOCATION

Champaign County Fair Grounds 4H Building 384 Park Avenue Urbana, Ohio 43078



INDUSTRY



MILITARY



COLLEGE











January 18, 2023

City Council City of Urbana 205 S. Main Street Urbana, Ohio 43078

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Urbana, Ohio (the "City") for the year ended December 31, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this information further since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process.

Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated January 17, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we will consider the City's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit. While our audit will provide a reasonable basis for our opinion, it will not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with those requirements.

Generally accepted accounting principles provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement the basic financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparisons, and the required pension and OPEB schedules, which supplement the basic financial statements, is to apply certain limited procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. However, the RSI will not be audited and, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity.



We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

We have identified the following significant risks of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

- 1. Improper revenue recognition. To address this risk, we will perform testing procedures of the City's receivable balances as part of our audit of the balance sheet accounts that were created and recorded during the conversion from the cash basis to the accrual basis of accounting after year-end. This will include a combination of vouching receivable amounts to subsequent receipts, confirmation procedures, performing a search for unrecorded receivables to test both existence and completeness, and reviewing and assessing management's estimate of allowance for uncollectible amounts.
- 2. Fraud and management override of controls. To address this risk, we will assign audit staff appropriately based on the consideration of audit risk, complete procedures to incorporate an element of unpredictability in the audit from period to period, consider the selection and application of significant accounting principles by management, examine journal entries, review accounting estimates for bias, evaluate the business rationale for unusual transactions, and evaluate the appropriateness of fraud-related inquiries performed.

We expect to begin our audit on approximately January 30, 2023 and issue our report on approximately June 30, 2023. Larry Weeks is the engagement shareholder and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

This information is intended solely for the use of City Council and management of Urbana, Ohio and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Springfield, Ohio

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Champaign Countywide Public Safety Communications System Council of Governments

Champaign County

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements

and Change in Fund Balance (Regulatory Cash Basis)

General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General
Cash Receipts	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,010,777
State Wireless 911 Assistance	136,379
Intergovernmental	92,321
Miscellaneous	1,376
Total Cash Receipts	1,240,852
Cash Disbursements	
Current:	
Salaries	710,878
Insurance & Medicare	137,637
Retirement	98,666
Worker's Compensation	6,288
Unemployment	0
Supplies	2,312
Equipment	92,757
Professional Services	18,965
Building Lease and Utilities	40,623
Repair and Maintenance	43,521
Travel and Meetings	2,778
Training	2,576
Advertising	186
Insurance - Liability	21,416
LEADS	7,200
Dues & Memberships	247
Settlement Fees	23,896
Total Cash Disbursements	1,209,945
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	30,908
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	1,547,867
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	
Assigned	85,145
Unassigned	1,493,630
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	1,578,775
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statement	

ORDINANCE NO. 4588-23

AN ORDINANCE DELINEATING AN OVERLAY IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DUGAN PLACE INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO; AND ADOPTING A WRITTEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS TO SAME, ALL AS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5709.40(C) (One (1) reading required, no public hearing required).

Department Requesting: Community Development Sponsor: Councilman Thackery

WHEREAS, this Council is contemplating the creation of an incentive district for parcels in the City of Urbana, Ohio (the "City") as authorized under Division (C) of Ohio Revised Code Section ("R.C.") 5709.40; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division (C)(2) of R.C. 5709.40, this Council must conduct a public hearing on an ordinance proposed under R.C. 5709.40(C)(1) creating an incentive district, which such public hearing must be preceded by sufficient notice to every real property owner whose property is located within the boundaries of such incentive district, here the "Dugan Place Incentive District", and such notice must include a map of the Dugan Place Incentive District on which this Council must have delineated an overlay; and,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is not an ordinance proposed under R.C. 5709.40(C)(1) creating an incentive district, but is an ordinance intending to delineate an overlay and adopt a written economic development plan such that this Council may, in the future, consider an ordinance proposed under R.C. 5709.40(C)(1) creating an incentive district; and,

WHEREAS, the public hearing and notice provisions of Division R.C. 5709.40(C)(2) do not apply to this Ordinance, but the provisions of Division 5709.40(A) do apply; and,

WHEREAS, such an overlay must satisfy Division (A)(6) of R.C. 5709.40, namely an area of not more than three hundred acres that is a square, or that is a rectangle having two longer sides that are not more than twice the length of the two shorter sides; and,

WHEREAS, the overlay depicted in **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Overlay") is drawn in accordance with the respective statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division (A)(5)(f) of R.C. 5709.40, the City Engineer is contemplating whether the adequacy of the existing public infrastructure serving the Dugan Place Incentive District is sufficient to meet the residential, commercial or industrial development needs of said incentive district; and,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer is required to consider a written economic development plan for the Dugan Place Incentive District as has been adopted for such purposes by this Council; and,

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate and in the best interests of the City to adopt the written economic development plan for the Dugan Place Incentive District, a copy of which is provided in **EXHIBIT B** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "**Economic Development Plan**").

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the legislative authority of the City of Urbana, County of Champaign, State of Ohio, that:

Section One <u>Delineation of Overlay on a Map of the Proposed Incentive District</u>. Pursuant to Division (A)(6) of R.C. 5709.40, this Council hereby delineates the Overlay as it relates to and serves to further describe the proposed Dugan Place Incentive District.

Section Two. <u>Adoption of Written Economic Development Plan for the Proposed Incentive District</u>. Under Division (A)(5)(f) of R.C. 5709.40, this Council hereby adopts the Economic Development Plan in furtherance of its contemplation of the Dugan Place Incentive District.

Section Three. <u>Open Meetings</u>. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any decision-making bodies of the City that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws, including R.C. 121.22.

Section Four. <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowable by law.

	President, City of Urbana Council
PASSED:	
ATTEST:Clerk of Council	
This Ordinance approved by me this day of	, 2023.
	Mayor, City of Urbana
REVIEWED: Mil Provider 2/15/23	

Jumper:	Yay	Nay	N/A
Scott:	Yay	Nay	N/A
Paul:	Yay	Nay	N/A
Truelove:	Yay	Nay	N/A
Thackery:	Yay	Nay	N/A
Collier:	Yay	Nay	N/A
Bean:	Vav	Nav	NA

EXHIBIT A

The Project Site is the real estate situated in the County of Champaign and State of Ohio consisting of parcel number K482511034000100 (including any subsequent combinations and/or subdivisions of such current Parcel Numbers), as identified in the records of the County Auditor.

For ease of reference, the following map of the Project Site and adjoining property is provided with the relevant portion of the Property contained within the Overlay outlined in yellow:



EXHIBIT B

City of Urbana, Ohio

Economic Development Plan for the "Dugan Place Incentive District" Development Area

February 1, 2023

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Highland Real Estate, and its affiliate HRD Land Fund I, LLC, as Developer, seeks to create a unified, high quality mixed-residential development serving the needs of a variety of housing types and lifestyles within the City of Urbana. Completed in phases, the entire Development will consist of single-family homes, patio homes, townhomes, and apartments located along U.S. Highway 36 and North Dugan Road comprising a total of 93.325 acres on what is now assigned, yet may be further subdivided into smaller parcels, Champaign County Auditor's Permanent Parcel Identification number K482511034000100.

LAND USE CONTROLS

As currently described by the Champaign County Auditor, the parcel with Permanent Parcel Identification number K482511034000100 is zoned, according to the City of Urbana Zoning Code, as Planned Unit Development. Pursuant to City of Urbana Ordinance No. 4572-22, the Council of the City of Urbana approved, as previously approved by the City of Urbana Planning Commission, a Preliminary Development Plan (final revision date of March 28, 2022) in order to develop the parcel as a Planned Unit Development (R-3-PUD) within the corporate limits of the City. Included as Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 4572-22, the City approved a Zoning Map Amendment-Change to the Adopted PUD District Zoning Plan.

The Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana shall apply except as otherwise provided within Exhibit B. All references to the City of Urbana Ordinances refer to the version of the Ordinance in force at the time of their adoption. Whenever there is a conflict or difference between the provisions of the Dugan Place Preliminary Development Plan text and exhibits, and the Codified Ordinances of the City, including zoning and subdivision Ordinances, the provisions of the Preliminary Development Plan's text and exhibits shall prevail. Where the Preliminary Development Plan text and exhibits are silent, the provisions of the City of Urbana Zoning Code shall prevail.

DEVELOPMENT MIX

Constructed in one or more phases, the entire Development shall consist of the following products; Sub areas A, B, and C shall be the areas located within the Dugan Place Incentive District.

Sub Area A

One-hundred and thirty-two (132) single-family units to be located on 49.82 acres, including common open space areas used for parks and stormwater management.

Sub Area B

Seventy-five (75) patio home dwelling units to be located on 20.47 acres, including parks, common open spaces areas using as setbacks and stormwater management.

Sub Area C

Attached townhomes having two or more attached units per building, but having no more than eight (8) units attached to be located on 12.74 acres, including common open space areas used as setbacks and stormwater management.

Sub Area D

A maximum of one-hundred and ninety-two (192) multi-family dwelling units in garden apartment configuration to be located on 10.29 acres, including common open space areas that will be used as setbacks and stormwater management.

ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT

To bring a variety of high-quality housing types serving the needs of a diverse array of lifestyles within the City of Urbana, the proposed development shall be designed using smart-growth principles fostering a human scale, pedestrian friendly community, with a mixture of housing types serving multi-generational needs.

With multiple access points from adjacent roadways to the internal roadway system of the City, Dugan Place has been designed to encourage walkability within Urbana. Road networks within Dugan Place are designed around gently curving roads, houses are arranged on relatively short blocks, and each is connected to one of Lippencott Lane or North Dugan Road. Because all roads will include sidewalks and/or trails, the Development will encourage pedestrian mobility and reduce car trips.

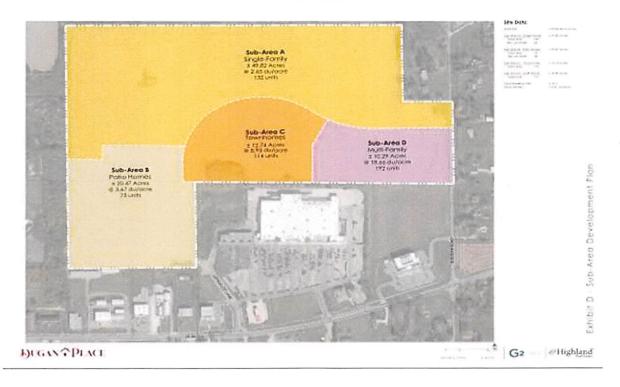
While the Development of the site will occur in phases, visual unity will be achieved for the overall development. With landscape elements within view of public right-of-ways controlled and coordinated by the Preliminary Development Plan, entry features, project identity signage, street and parking lot lighting, street trees and landscaping, as well as trails and pedestrian connectivity will operate in a cohesive manner complimentary to the surrounding areas of the City of Urbana.

CONCLUSION

It is the conclusion of the City Administration it is in the interests of the City of Urbana to proceed with the approval of a City Engineer's Certificate and this Economic Development Plan so as to provide for the further approval, by the Urbana City Council, of the Dugan Place Incentive District.

ATTACHMENTS

Map of Sub Areas



Development Mock Up



RESOLUTION NO. 2655-23

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF NEIL D. EVANS AND R. PAUL WALDSMITH TO THE CITY OF URBANA'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL. (One (1) reading required, no public hearing required)

Department Requesting: Community Development Sponsor: Councilman Pat Thackery

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana's Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council was established by Ordinance 4348 (as amended) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.69 as part of the City of Urbana's Community Reinvestment Area program; and

WHEREAS, the City's CRA Housing Council shall make annual inspections of properties granted an exemption through the Community Reinvestment Area program under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67 and shall also hear appeals under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70; and

WHEREAS, each person appointed to serve under this legislation shall possess the full authority of a member of the Housing Council, serve without compensation, and shall serve for a term of three years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.69(A), the legislative authority shall appoint two (2) residents of the City of Urbana to the City's CRA Housing Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Urbana, County of Champaign and State of Ohio:

SECTION ONE:

Council hereby appoints Neil D. Evans of 17 Laurel Bend to the CRA Housing Council through December 31, 2025.

SECTION TWO:

Council hereby appoints R. Paul Waldsmith of 226 Lincoln Place to the CRA Housing Council through December 31, 2025.

SECTION THREE:

That all formal actions of this City Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this City Council, and that all deliberations of the City Council and any decision-making bodies of the City of Urbana which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Urbana, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION FOUR:
This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by law.

				President, City of Urbana Council
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ATTEST: Cle	erk of Council			
This Resoluti	on approved by	me this	day of	, 2023.
				Mayor, City of Urbana
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REVIEWED:	Mak W. Sh. Director of L.	aw Date	3	
Jumper:	Yay	Nay		N/A
Scott:	Yay	Nay		N/A
Paul:	Yay	Nay		N/A
Truelove	Yay	Nay		N/A
Thackery:	Yay	Nay	,	N/A
Collier:	Yay	Nay	s 	N/A
Bean:	Yay	Nay		N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 2656-23

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RELATED APPLICATIONS TO THE JOBSOHIO VIBRANT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND THE OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AS PART OF THE PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER WILLMAN FURNITURE BUILDINGS NOW OWNED BY WILLMAN SELLMAN IMPROVEMENTS LLC AND FURTHER KNOWN AS 215 NORTH MAIN STREET AND 217 NORTH MAIN STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

One reading/no public hearing required. Public Hearing Advertisement date: N/A

Department Requesting: Community Development Sponsor: Councilman Pat Thackery

WHEREAS, the former Willman Furniture store at 215 North Main Street/217 North Main Street closed in late September of 2022 after decades of serving the Urbana community with furniture and appliances; and

WHEREAS, the buildings and parcels (K48-25-00-03-19-121-00; K48-25-00-03-19-122-00; and K48-25-00-03-19-123-00) that comprised the former Willman Furniture property were recently purchased by Mr. Jamon Sellman through a limited liability company, Willman Sellman Improvements LLC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamon Sellman is working to redevelop these buildings and parcels (the property) with a co-working/incubator space on the first floor and nine residential apartments on the upper floors; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study report has recently been prepared for the proposed coworking/incubator space; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Update to the Champaign County Comprehensive Plan outlined specific goals that align with this proposed redevelopment project: 1) to support the adoption and implementation of the Champaign County Housing Study that was previously prepared by the Greater Ohio Policy Center to meet existing housing needs by developing new housing market opportunities and 2) to explore and support policies that repurpose, redevelop, and reoccupy existing development; and

WHEREAS, JobsOhio has established a grant program known as the Vibrant Communities Program to assist distressed, small and mid-sized cities with catalytic development projects that fulfill a market need and represent a significant reinvestment in communities such as Urbana that may have historically struggled to attract new investment; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program through the Ohio Department of Development provides a tax credit to leverage the private redevelopment of historic buildings, and this program is highly competitive and receives applications bi-annually in March and September; and

WHEREAS, these buildings were considered contributing buildings back in 1984 when the Urbana Monument Square Historic District was approved for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the State of Ohio Historic Preservation Officer; and

WHEREAS, as part of the redevelopment of the former Willman Furniture buildings and parcels, Mr. Jamon Sellman intends to apply for grant funding through the JobsOhio Vibrant Communities Program and for an Ohio historic tax credit through the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program in order to leverage outside funding sources with private investment to make this proposed redevelopment project economically feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Urbana, County of Champaign, State of Ohio, that:

Section One.

The Council supports the redevelopment of the former Willman Furniture buildings and parcels (K48-25-00-03-19-121-00; K48-25-00-03-19-122-00; and K48-25-00-03-19-123-00) at 215/217 North Main Street.

Section Two.

The Council supports economic development related applications by Mr. Jamon Sellman to the JobsOhio Vibrant Communities Program and the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program in support of these redevelopment efforts.

Section Three.

The Council supports the continued revitalization of Downtown Urbana, including catalytic development projects that restore or maintain the vibrancy of the first floor, street level spaces and that create or repurpose the upper floors of downtown buildings for needed residential living spaces.

Section Four.

The Council recognizes that the applicant has the capacity to undertake and successfully oversee the project, as evidenced by documentation of the applicant's past performance in economic development projects and financial ability to complete the project.

Section Five.

That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance of all applicable legal requirements, including ORC Section 121.22

Section Six.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

			President, City of Urbana Council	
PASSED:				
ATTEST: Cler	rk of Council			
This Ordinance	e approved by m	e this day o	of, 2023.	
	Op:			
NO.	OFFICE		Mayor, City of Urbana	-
REVIEWED:	Mak M. Pausi Director of Law	Date		
Jumper:	Yay	Nay	N/A	
Scott:	Yay _	Nay	N/A	
Paul:	Yay _	Nay	N/A	
Truelove:	Yay _	Nay	N/A	
Thackery:	Yay _	Nay	N/A	
Collier:	Yay _	Nay	N/A	
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