

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

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

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

**Hot Head Burrito's Update** – Discussion took place with regard to the Liquor Permit Application. It was stated by Ray Wiley/Kelly Gray that Hot Head would not turn into a bar. They advised that they hold the licenses at other locations. The license class, D3, meaning no beer, no wine. Mrs. Collier asked how late would they stay open. They advised that they are open until 10:00 p.m. weekdays, and 11:00 p.m. weekends. It was also stated that there are no plans to expand the hours.

Mr. Thackery moved to not request a hearing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 6-0.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of March 16, 2021, on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 6-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Storm Water Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021 and March 1, 2021
2. Storm Water Advisory Committee Report
3. Email from Terry Meeks, AES Ohio, regarding tree trimming
4. Oak Dale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2021
5. Thank you letter from IGS Energy
6. Email from Marcia Bailey regarding Grand Opening Ceremony for Cobblestone Hotels
7. First Quart Highlights

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

Motion passed 6-0

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL**

### **1. J&J Schlaegel, Inc. - \$66,569.48 (Capital Improvement Fund)**

Mr. Crabill spoke of the CDBG Grant applied for in 2019 and stated that there were to be improvements for Freeman Avenue, for curbs, gutters, ramps, driveway approaches, which qualifies for CDBG funds.

Mr. Thackery 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 6-0.

### **2. The Champaign Family YMCA - \$91,160.00 (General Fund - Pool)**

Mr. Brugger discussed that this was the fifth year the YMCA has managed the City Pool. It was further stated that in year one, the amount was \$89,000.00 (2017), and this year (2021) there was a 5.1% increase than 2020, to which management fees, painting and labor caused such increase. He also advised that the target date for opening the pool was May 29, 2021, and closing August 15, 2021. He also stated that the City Pool was budgeted in the amount of \$70,000.00 and additional personnel was hired last year for COVID compliance. Mr. Ebert stated that he was glad the YMCA was doing this. Mr. Paul mentioned that it was not economically feasible for more weekends and that this was the normal season length. Mr. Scott questioned the amount of only \$70,000.00 budgeted. Mr. Brugger advised that doing it this way would bring the budget to zero, but they will reappropriate. Mrs. Collier asked where the membership money goes. Mr. Brugger advised that it all goes to the City but the YMCA gets paid out of revenue.

Mr. Thackery 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 6-0

**3. Saveco, North America, Inc. - \$196,500.00 (OWDA Loan, 1.35% interest rate for 10 years)**

Mr. Hall stated that the septage wheel went down last week and 50 million gallons of septage was pumped. He also stated that they were still accepting septage. He advised that they found a unit ready to go in Chicago. He added that the current unit was being disassembled and the total project is estimated at approximately \$500,000.00 Mr. Paul asked what would happen if Council did not pass this request. Mr. Hall stated that there would be a truck to screen system (Septage tank). Mr. Hall also stated the project would be completed by August and a temporary unit could be on site in May. Additionally, the first loan payment would be due in January, 2022.

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

Motion passed 6-0

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Richard and Linda Harner – 400 Scioto Street, stated that there were 3 property owners that wanted to self-contract, pertaining to the curbs, gutters and sidewalks. They stated that they realize that it was easier for the City to monitor 1 contractor versus 3, but they just would like to have the option to hire their own contractor. It was also stated that they have lived there for 40 years, have tried to keep zoning the same and protect their property. It was also stated that some of the neighbors have come and spoken to Council, but they just didn't feel that Council was listening to their concerns. They were not opposing the work, they just wanted to hire their own contractors.

Diana Doss – Scioto Street, spoke about the chance of extending the payback to more than 5 years.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**First Reading**

**Resolution No. 2605-21**

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Administration and the Director of Finance of The City of Urbana, to apply, accept and enter into a cooperative agreement for construction of the Septage Receiving Station Replacement Project between the City of Urbana and the Ohio Water Development Authority, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Hall stated that they would be applying to ODWA and time is of the essence and that it would be a 5-year payback.

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

Resolution passed 6-0.

**Resolution No. 2606-21**

A Resolution of the City of Urbana council adopting an Economic Development Agreement by and between the City of Urbana as the Municipal Corporation and Sutphen Corporations as the Enterprise.

**This Resolution was scratched**

**Ordinance No. 4540-21**

An Ordinance to revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting current replacement pages. (Suspension of Rules Requested)

Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the three-reading rule. Mr. Paul seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call for the suspension of the three-reading rule: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes.

Motion passed 6-0, three reading rule suspended.

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

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

Ordinance passed 6-0

**Second Reading**

None

### **Third Reading**

#### **Ordinance No. 4534-21**

An Ordinance determining to proceed with the improvement of Crescent Drive in the City of Urbana, County of Champaign, Ohio by constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs, driveway approaches and appurtenances thereto on parts or all of Crescent Drive between Finch Street and Ames Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that the water project is still ongoing and the sidewalks on the southside are not yet completed. He added that the residents share the costs of all costs not affected by water effort and is split by frontage.

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

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

Ordinance passed 6-0

#### **Ordinance No. 4535-21**

An Ordinance determining to proceed with the improvement of Scioto Street in the City of Urbana, County of Champaign, Ohio by constructing or repairing curbs, gutters, driveway approaches and appurtenances thereto on a section of Scioto Street between Locust Street and Patrick Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that on Scioto Street, the curbs and gutter would be brought up to full height, for the exception of the 200 block. Further he stated the City was paying for the maintenance, approach replacements, etc. He further stated that the estimates have been sent out to the residents. Mrs. Collier asked if the residents had the option to do this themselves? Mr. Bumbalough stated that they could have done their own sidewalk repairs but it was more efficient for one contractor. Mr. Thackery stated that it looked like there was a \$18.00/foot savings vs. the estimate. Mr. Paul asked who set the 5-year payback. Mrs. Boettcher stated that she believed it was through the ORC. Mr. Bumbalough added that he believed it was set in the Resolution of Necessity.

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

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

Ordinance passed 6-0

**Ordinance No. 4536-21**

An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 1126 of the Urbana Codified Ordinance.

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

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

Ordinance passed 6-0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

It was mentioned that the Zoning Committee's next meeting was scheduled for 4/8/21

It was mentioned that the Economic Development's next meeting was scheduled for 4/15/21.

Mrs. Collier stated that the Rules Committee met with Mr. Feinstein and changes were discussed. Meeting time needs to be changed to reflect the correct time of every first and third Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m., not 7:00 p.m. She also stated that it was discussed that there should be mandatory OML training for all new Council members. Also, regarding attendance, Council members would be allowed 3 absences for every calendar year, and should there be absences following the 3 allowed, the absence would be unexcused, unless it was for unforeseen emergency circumstances, such as illness, a traumatic issue. Additionally, all unexcused absences would hold a financial penalty which requires the Salary Commission's input.

Mr. Scott said the Infrastructure Committee is in the information gathering stage.

Mr. Paul stated there was no report for the Safety Committee.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION**

Mrs. Collier thanked Mr. Hall for the work on the property located on Park Avenue and Kenton Street.

Mr. Thackery stated that the letter to the Scioto Street homeowners showed a savings of real cost. He said that we needed to do something to show that we are listening. Mayor Bean added that the City Administration would discuss this issue.

Mr. Hall advised that beginning tomorrow, Miami St. was going to be down to 2 lanes for the new water main and would be 2 weeks to reopen. He also added that Scioto Street was a nice job getting the lines installed. He added that they were trying to get this location opened ASAP, and advised that Mr. Sampson has been in communication with the businesses there. He also advised that 22 manholes have been replaced so far this year. He also spoke about the AMR Project, and advised that there should be some activity with regard to this in May and starting on meter installs in July.

Mr. Bumbalough thanked Council for the curb and gutter program start-up. He also added that the crack sealing would be coming and the paving bid would be going out shortly.

Mrs. Boettcher said that Chapter 133.08 establishes the Curb/Gutter Program, but there is a need for front money. She proposed to use Supplemental Investment Fund (\$416,000.00) but the Ordinance requires a balance of \$150,000.00 in that particular fund, but the remaining could be used to seed money for the program. She added that the payments would go back to the fund to pay for next years' program. It was also stated that an Ordinance could be drafted to support the issue and Mr. Paul would sponsor the same.

Mr. Brugger advised that the Compost is open. He also advised that the Powell Ave./Bon Air Sanitary Project is in restoration phase, but the construction was complete. He also stated that the 2021 FAA Grant Resolution would be coming.

Mayor Bean thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Bumbalough and stated the septage unit is very important. He also thanked Mr. Bumbalough for his work on Scioto Street.

President Hess inquired about a condemned house on Gwynne St. and Mr. Crabill advised that the homeowner was deceased.

Mr. Thackery moved to adjourn. Mrs. Collier seconded.


Motion passed 6-0

**ADJOURNED AT 7:28 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

April 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President