

APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

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

Tara Bair, President/CEO of Community Health and Wellness Partners – gave a presentation by phone about the program and what they were looking to do within the City and Champaign County. She said the program began in 2014, but originally formed in 1963 with Oakhill, to which had the same mission. She advised the program does not restrict who can come to the health center. She also advised that discussions began with the City in 2017, in addition, they are working with defendant's out of Judge Selvaggio's Court. She also stated that they were integrating Behavioral Health. She stated that in order to put a site in Urbana, a letter of support is needed to go along with the application. If all goes well, they are looking to open the center in the empty portion of the Q3 building. She also advised that they see about 12,000 patients a year and they were looking into establishing a mobile unit as well. Additionally, they were looking to go into the West Liberty Salem Schools. She also stated that the program takes care of all diseases, but at the moment, they are focusing on diabetes. She also advised that they have pharmacy services, nutrition, chronic care management just to name a few. She also advised that in the future, they hope to include dental and eye as well.

Mr. Ebert stated the Mental Health piece is greatly needed in Champaign County. He asked if a patient needed a bed, what is the situation? Ms. Bair advised they are not a Community Mental Health Agency, and they cannot provide a bed. Mr. Ebert asked if they work with Mercy, which they bring their doctors in maybe once per month, and would they be more full-time with staffing. Ms. Bair responded they would be open 40 hours a week and the staff would live no more than 30 miles away from the facility. She also advised that in the Q3 building, they would have 9 exam rooms and a mental health section.

Mr. Scott asked how many employees? Ms. Bair responded 10-15 employees. She also advised that 20% of the funding comes from PERSA and the rest is paid by insurance, etc.

Mr. Fields asked if they would be working alongside Mercy Reach. Ms. Bair responded yes, and that they are a strong referral source for Mercy Reach.

Mr. Thackery thanked her for bring this information to Council.

Mr. Paul asked if they go into the Q3 building, what was the timeline for opening. Ms. Bair advised they are hoping in June of 2021. She also stated that they have a lot to offer the community and very much want to work with the City and County.

Marcia Bailey of CEP spoke about the unemployment statistics for the County, from January through March, we were at 4%, which is approximately 900 people, in the month of April, we were at 20%, which is approximately 4,000 people, in the month of May, we were at 11%, which is approximately 2,200 people, and in June, we were at 9%, which is approximately 1,800 people. She also stated that Jobs OH has put together some kits for small business with 100 employees or less. These kits include, face masks, hand sanitizer, etc. She advised that the CEP has delivered 80 kits. She asked that the word be spread that if anyone should need a kit to send them to CEP.

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2020.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Division Activities Report for April – June.

Mr. Paul stated that 47% of spending is good to see, with being through over half of the fiscal year, and noticed the Community Development was a little over. He also stated it was nice to see the Police Department would be filling the three vacant officer positions. He also inquired to the attendance at the City Pool. Mr. Brugger stated that attendance was fairly decent and he felt it was going pretty well. Mr. Paul asked about Legacy Place and how things were going there. Mr. Crabill advised that things were moving and they were getting there. He also advised that they extended the closing date to some time in August and that they only close on Tuesdays.

Mr. Hoffman asked who managed the City's website. Mr. Brugger advised that Deb Aksenczuk and Chris Boettcher manage it. He wanted to know how to get the Division Activities Report on the website. Mr. Brugger advised that it is in the Council Packet, and that citizens would only have to go the Council portion on the website.

Mrs. Collier asked about the status of Franklin University. Mr. Brugger stated that they need to decide what they wanted to do with the property and that the City would probably know something further in the middle of August. He advised that he would keep Council updated.

Mr. Ebert stated that the nuisance compliance person should be considered as a full-time position. Mr. Brugger stated that this would be a good topic for the budget.

President Hess spoke about the Deck Building at the Park and asked who uses it now. Mr. Brugger advised that there have been a couple of rentals that have transpired but noting much since the pandemic began. He also added that the Part Trust Fund paid for the bulk of that issue.

Mr. Fields moved to put this communication 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

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bryant Heflin – 122 W. Reynolds St. – stated that he wanted to hold his questions to Miscellaneous Business.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

Resolution No. 2587-20

A Resolution in support of an application to the Health Resources and Services Administration by Community Health and Wellness Partners of Logan County, Ohio to expand their service profile to include the City of Urbana, Ohio and Champaign County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Crabill stated that essentially this is a Resolution in Support for the application to the Federal Agency to expand into Champaign County.

Mr. Fields moved to put this Resolution 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; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Resolution passed 7-0.

Second Reading –

None

Third Reading –

Ordinance No. 4523-20

An Ordinance to submit City Charter Amendments to the Electors of the City of Urbana.

Mr. Feinstein stated that this Ordinance would be effective in October and be on the ballot in November.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for further 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; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes and Mr. Hoffman, yes.

Ordinance passed 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Hoffman spoke about a brick house on Main St. and Henry St., and stated that it was in a condition that someone could really get hurt. He asked if there was something that could be done. Mr. Feinstein stated that there could be a Summary Abatement, which involves the health, safety, and welfare of the City, and the City could take care of it with a 24-hour notice. Mr. Hoffman also stated as Council, could a consideration of new ways to revisit how to expedite the process of nuisance abatement to make things happen more quickly. Mr. Feinstein stated there were two ways this could be accomplished: criminal or administrative. He added that the first infraction could be a fine of up to \$150.00 and Court costs, and if the property owner is cited again, it becomes a jail able offense. He also added that he would be happy to sit down with Councilman Hoffman or any other Council person to discuss this matter in more detail. He also advised that Council has the authority to modify the rules that are currently in place. Mr.

Hoffman stated that the ways things currently work is as if the City has a boat anchor to the process for what the City is trying to accomplish. Mr. Hoffman stated he would like to form a committee, Mr. Paul volunteered in addition to Mr. Thackery. Bryant Heflin stated that he would also be interested in sitting on that committee. A committee was formed. Mr. Feinstein added that Adam Moore should be on this committee as well, and stated that he would send out an email to everyone. Mr. Hoffman continued and asked if someone were to build a home, were there any restrictions to that build. Mr. Crabill stated that there were no design criteria. He further went on with the topic of Habitat for Humanity and asked how many homes have they built. Mr. Brugger advised that they have built 5 homes but have not built any this year. Mr. Hoffman continued and stated that the process for a home build by Habitat does not have enough boxes to check to make sure the build is done correctly and completely. He added that once a home is turned over to the property owner, the property owner may not have enough money to keep the property up to standards. He stated that he wished to revisit Ordinance No. 4519-20 and that he would like to pump the breaks on the allowance of new builds by Habitat for Humanity until such time as the City could get something redefined. Mr. Feinstein stated that we need to pinpoint on how the City gets into the position and has to get on the same page with the County. Mr. Feinstein added that Council always has authority to rescind an Ordinance. He also stated that it starts with good faith and ends up with legislation. Mr. Brugger stated that we needed to get all of the players at the table and discuss a resolution to the matters at hand. Mr. Hoffman stated that he would like to form a committee to discuss this issue. Mr. Fields volunteered, Mr. Heflin was interested, Mr. Feinstein and Mr. Moore were named to also be on the committee.

Mr. Feinstein spoke about the roundabout project. He stated that July 29th, paving will commence and stated he would keep Council posted of the status.

Mr. Crabill discussed the Phase 2A Project, and stated updates would be coming soon. He also advised that referencing the Sanitary Sewer Project, the City received 6 bids and two of those bids were much lower than the estimate.

Mr. Brugger thanked Council for forming the sub committees, and also thanked for the passing of the Resolution, for it is a good opportunity to benefit the underserved. He also stated that it was put in the newspaper that the North Main Railroad Crossing will be shut down for repair. He added that there was a lot of activity in the City. He advised that the application for AIP for 2020, was submitted and accepted. He advised that approval will come in sometime in the fall. He also stated that challenges are ongoing on every level and that everyone should do the best they can do with what they have.

President Hess asked about the hole in front of the telephone company, and asked what was under there. Mr. Brugger advised that the sewer was not connected and that they will patch it before the paving process.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.


ADJOURN AT 7:50 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President