

APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

President Pro Tem Paul 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, Water Superintendent Joe Sampson, Zoning Officer Preston Carter, and Zoning Assistant Dusty Hurst.

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

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION** – March declared Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Mayor Bean stated this was the 34<sup>th</sup> year that officially recognizes March to be declared as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Leigh Ann Wenning, Superintendent of Champaign County Developmental Disabilities and thanked everyone and advised that they are focusing a “We are better together”. John Hannah stated that it was a privilege to receive this from the City and the Mayor.

**LEGACY PLACE UPDATE** – Marcia Bailey introduced the management team of Legacy Place, Jill Herron and Shelbie Hill. Mrs. Bailey stated that it took 5 years to complete the project to which is still ongoing but stated that seeing the transformation was phenomenal. Jill Herron spoke about the apartments available. She showed everyone the floor plans and advised that South should be completed in the middle of May and have received 7 applications already. She advised that North should be complete in the middle to late summer and the Douglas should be complete the middle to late December. Shelbie Hill stated that all three buildings will have a large community room. She said that South would have a computer room and library that books would be furnished. She also stated that the Douglas would have a fitness room, computer room and library. Ms. Herron advised that the blackboards will remain along with some paintings and hooks where children would hang their coats. She also advised that Legacy would be partnering with some businesses in town, such as retail, restaurants, etc., and that any resident would receive a “Legacy Card” that could get them a discount. Additionally, included in the “Move-In Packet”, would be gift cards and monthly newsletters. Mrs. Collier asked about pets. Ms. Herron advised that pets would be allowed in all of Legacy Place units. Mrs. Collier asked where the pets would use the restroom. Ms. Herron stated there would be a place for all pets to go and it would be the residents’ responsibility to clean up after their pets. Mrs. Herron said that

should anyone be interested in applying for residency or have any questions, to please contact them at (937) 638-0211, or livelegacyplace.com.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of March 2, 2021, on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 6-0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

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

### **1. Public Entities Pool - \$166,359.00 (Departmental Insurance Accounts)**

Mrs. Boettcher advised that the deductibles were adjusted to make the amount closer to the annual renewal and that there were very few claims.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

### **2. Phase 1 of the "EVERYbody Plays1) inclusive playground project - \$360,000.00 (General Fund)**

Mr. Brugger introduced Mary Kay Snyder of the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities and she stated that this was a project they were wanting to pursue for some time now. Mr. Brugger continued by advising that a lot of the current equipment at the park is outdated and some of the newer equipment was purchased in 2011. He added that the City would like to help kick start Lawnview's efforts in this project. He also stated that we, the City of Urbana, had an obligation to open up the part to more people. Mr. Paul asked how much was raised from the public. Mrs. Snyder stated \$22,000.00 in the past 2 years.

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

Motion passed 4-2.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **First Reading**

#### **Resolution No. 2575-21**

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 Marshal, for the 2021 MARCS Grant for the Urbana Fire Division.

Mrs. Boettcher said that last year, the City was awarded \$49,989.30 for the purchase of mobile radios and \$1,920.00 was awarded for the annual service fee.

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

Resolution passed 6-0.

#### **Resolution No. 2576-21**

A Resolution accepting the report of the City of Urbana Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) on the status of the Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area Agreements, to accept the recommendations of the TIRC concerning those agreements.

Marcia Bailey advised that Willow Run /Bundy had a commitment to create 33 jobs and retain 154 jobs and \$3.4 million created in payroll. Further, Memorial Health had a commitment to create 12 jobs and retain 16, and \$2.8 million created in payroll. Also, Phoenix BTS/Navistar had a commitment to create 13 jobs and retain 114 and \$4.4 million created in payroll. She advised that they were down a bit in payroll due to COVID. Additionally, Weidmann had a commitment to create 20 jobs and retain 142 and \$536,000 created in payroll. This too was down due to COVID. Mrs. Bailey also advised that White's was totally expired now.

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

Resolution passed 6-0.

**Resolution No. 2604-21**

A Resolution to amend Resolution 2433-21 to modify or increase appropriations within various funds of the City of Urbana, Ohio for current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. (Supplemental Appropriations) (Suspension of Rules Requested)

Mrs. Boettcher advised that the General Fund was increased for the playground at the park and in miscellaneous, increased by \$400,000.00 for additional paving. She added that by doing this, the budget would match the purchase orders. Mr. Brugger added that there was an obligation and/or duty for the community to get ahead with the paving. He also stated that Mr. Bumbalough had a nice list put in place and that these are monies that are in the reserves. Mr. Thackery asked where did that leave the reserves. Mrs. Boettcher advised there was 4.8 million in the General Fund Reserves, which is well above the 15%.

Mr. Fields moved to put this Resolution on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval. Point of order from Mr. Paul, suspension of the rules was requested. Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the rules and for passage. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Resolution passed 6-0.

**Second 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. (Requires three readings)

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

**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. (Requires three readings)

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

**Ordinance No. 4536-21**

An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 1126 of the Urbana Codified Ordinance. (Requires three readings)

Mr. Carter advised that this Ordinance had 1 new section from the last reading pertaining to the material section. He stated they wanted to be more specific. Mr. Thackery asked if stockade fences were still allowed. Mr. Carter advised yes, they were.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

**Ordinance No. 4537-21**

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$810,000 of various Purpose Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds by the City of Urbana, Ohio for the purpose of refunding bonds of said City and paying certain costs related to the issuance of such bonds, and declaring an emergency. (Suspension of Rules Requested)

Mrs. Boettcher stated that this pertains to various purpose bonds issued in 2010 involving the renovation of the Armory Building, constructing a new recreation building, replacing water lines, constructing the Scioto Street Enhancement Project and replacing sewer lines. She added back in 2010, the bonds were issued at a 4.83% interest rate. She stated that now is the time to issue new bonds with a much lower interest rate, saving the City \$25,000.00 per year for the next ten years.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for further discussion. Mr. Fields seconded. Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the three-reading rule and for passage. Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Ordinance passed 6-0.

**Ordinance No. 4538-21**

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$375,000 of Mausoleum Improvements Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds by the city of Urbana, Ohio for the purpose of refunding bonds of said City and paying certain costs related to the issuance of such bonds, and declaring an emergency. (Suspension of Rules Requested)

Mrs. Boettcher advised that the current bond was issued in 2010 at 6.75% , and again, now is the time to issue new bonds with a much lower interest rate, 2.6%, saving the City \$8,000.00 per year for the next ten years.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for further discussion. Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the three-reading rule and for passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Ordinance passed 6-0.

### **Third Reading**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Scott stated that the Infrastructure Committee met with Tyler and Chad and they only question that he had was there any plans in the future to replace water lines on Washington Ave. Mr. Brugger said that the water mains seem to be in good shape from Sycamore up to the High School and that a lot of service lines have been repaired or replaced.

Mr. Thackery advised that the Zoning/Nuisance Committee had a meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday and that the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals would also be in attendance. He also advised that the Economic Development would be meeting this coming Thursday and that this committee was making good progress.

Mrs. Collier said that she has contacted Mr. Feinstein about setting up a monthly meeting.

Mr. Thackery also mentioned that the Safety Committee would be meeting at 6:00 p.m. this Thursday.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION**

Mr. Ebert said that several people have contacted him about Pointe North and there is a group of people out there with interest to help re-open it.

Mr. Paul asked if there would be a Work Session next week and it was decided there wouldn't be.

Mrs. Collier thanked Mr. Hall and his department for fixing the gentleman's yard that she mentioned at last Council Meeting.

Mr. Fields moved to give the Council Clerk a 2.5% raise that would be retroactive to the first of the year. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Ortleib stated he was really looking forward to the upcoming Safety Committee Meeting. He added that they would be discussion how the fire department operates. He also sated that there would be 2 new hires coming on board on 4/12/21. He also added that the Community Paramedic Program with Mercy began 2/1/21.

Mr. Brugger advised that the Spring Clean-up began yesterday and will continue through 3/21/21. He added that this was a better set up than previous years. He also mentioned the street sweeper began on March 8, 2021. He also advised that the Compost Facility opened yesterday. He also advised the Bon Air Sewer Project is complete and active. He said the Phase 2A starts back up on Monday, 3/22/21, and that something would be in the newspaper. He then spoke about Pointe North, and mentioned that there was nothing concrete in the planning, but there had been some work going on out there. He also stated that the City was looking for seasonal help and that if anyone was interested, to please look on the City's website.

Mayor Bean stated that there was a Chili Cook-off Community Meeting tomorrow. He also spoke of the festival which would be scheduled for the last Saturday of September. He advised that this coming Thursday there would be a meeting to discuss the anniversary of the Man on the Monument, for he turns 150 years old in December. He gave thanks for everyone that sat on the TIRC Committee. He also thanked Mrs. Boettcher for her efforts in getting the better interest rate for the bonds. He asked for everyone to be safe and to please get their Covid-19 shots.

President Hess stated that Council was allowed 17 people in the meeting room at every Council Meeting with social distancing. Mr. Feinstein confirmed the amount of 17 people.

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


Motion passed 6-0

**ADJOURNED AT 7:40 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

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

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President