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**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

President Hess 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, Fire Chief Dean Ortleib, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, and City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough.

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

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021.

Mr. Scott moved to put all of the minutes on the floor for passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none

Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL

1. The Shelly Company - \$504,357.88 (Various Funds)

Mr. Bumbalough said this was the yearly Asphalt Paving Program, including cracked sealing and striping. He added that it was good to see competitive bidding. He also advised that Shelly Company did the Asphalt Paving Program last year and they did a great job. He also mentioned that there was an additive on this program and that would be Carson St. Mr. Scott asked what was involved with the mobilization in the item description, and Mr. Bumbalough advised that the company would bring their own equipment and move it to the desired area themselves. President Hess asked if they were going to grind all of the pavements and Mr. Bumbalough advised yes.

Mr. Paul 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 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Reading

Resolution No. 2609-21

A Resolution supporting the creation of a County Land Bank/County Land Reutilization Corporation for Champaign County, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Crabill said there was discussion in 2016 about creating a Land Bank. He also stated that the County has been working hard with a lot of property tax delinquencies and that the Land Bank would be another tool in the toolbox. He added that he felt that this is a perfect fit for certain properties. Mr. Paul asked at what level would the Land Bank kick in? Mr. Crabill responded that if a parcel is delinquent on taxes, the owner could be placed on a payment plan. If there is no active payment plan, the County can foreclose on the property. It then must go through two Sheriff Sales and if it doesn't sell at one of the Sheriff Sales, it goes to an Auditor's Sale. He added that Land Banks have a lot of flexibility. He also added that there is a specific statute that has to be followed to establish a Land Bank and that the Land Bank process has worked well in Logan County. He also mentioned that the Logan County Land Bank has a staff that is not paid. He also stated that this Resolution was for the support aspect of the creation of a Land Bank and to work together with the Townships and Villages advising the County of the desire of one. Mayor Bean stated that he had a discussion with Mayor Copeland of Springfield and he stated that Mayor Copeland loves their Land Bank. It was discussed that the Kroger on South Limestone Street in Springfield went to the Land Bank.

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. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Resolution passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 2610-21

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of Urbana, Ohio to enter into a partnership agreement for the PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP), designating Champaign County to act as the official Grantee for said program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Crabill advised that by combining the City and the County, more funds are available. He also provided the breakdown of \$700,000 total, \$400,000 going to the County and \$300,000 going the City. Mrs. Collier asked if the City had any say on where a habitat house could be built. Mr. Crabill advised that it all depended on the zoning.

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

Resolution passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 2611-21

Declaring the necessity of constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs and gutters along Washington Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bumbalough advised that 4 -5 properties have completed the project, 18 have signed up with the City to have it completed and 23 properties are waiting on a contractor or are non-responsive. Mr. Paul asked if there were estimates provided in the letters that were sent out for the residents. Mr. Bumbalough confirmed.

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. Scott, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Paul, yes.

Resolution passed 5-0.

Ordinance No. 4539-21

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 929 of the Urbana Codified Ordinances for modifications to the Stormwater Utility.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that the Stormwater Committee meets every 5 years and they can crease the fee up to 10%. He also added that it was agreed to change the rate to \$5.50 per month on March 1, 2022, first payable on the April, 2022 utility bill, and be effective until otherwise changed.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

Second Reading

None

Third Reading

Ordinance No. 4541-21

An Ordinance to authorize the Director of Finance to establish the “Neighborhood Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Fund”, to transfer \$260,000 from the Supplemental Investment Fund to the new fund, and ordaining funds directed to the account be used only for the purpose of repair/replacement of curbs, gutters and sidewalks along streets of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio. (Sponsored by: Dwight Paul)

Mr. Paul stated that all that was trying to be accomplished was the establishment of the fund.

Mr. Ebert moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; and Mr. Scott, yes.

Ordinance passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Paull advised there was an Infrastructure Meeting scheduled for Friday, and that it was still moving forward.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Bumbalough said that the cones located downtown were placed for striping on the parking areas, and they include hash marks and striping on side streets as well. He also advised that the Phase II Project is in the wrap up phase.

Fire Chief Ortlieb apologized for missing the safety meeting. He also advised that 30 businesses have not updated their certificate of occupancy.

Mr. Crabill stated that the Zoning Committee has completed their BR1 discussions and the Preston and Dusty were working on a final draft for that and it should be ready soon to bring it forward.

Mr. Brugger stated that he appreciated Council's approval for Ordinance 4541-21, and establishing the fund and moving forward. He added that he appreciated that Council stuck to this issue and followed through.

Mayor Bean agreed with Mr. Brugger about Ordinance 4541-21 and also thanked Council. Also, he mentioned that the YMCA sale is upcoming and if anyone had anything they wanted to donate to the YMCA, feel free to do so and that this sale is a fundraiser for them.

Mr. Paul asked Mr. Bumbalough when the Washington Avenue project would begin and end. Mr. Bumbalough advised that the Asphalt Paving Program would end in September. Mr. Paul also advised that the City Pool would be opening Memorial Day weekend.

President Hess stated that the Senior Citizen Center looked like it was coming along well but asked if there were any plans for a sidewalk from there to Scioto Street. Mr. Bumbalough added that Council could force that issue and President Hess added that this may be something Council could consider. President Hess also asked if there was a water problem on Scioto Street. Mr. Bumbalough advised that the sanitary lateral at Trinity Tire did not get hooked in.

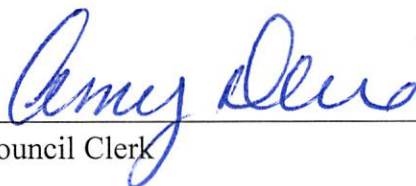
Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. *Paul* seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

ADJOURNED AT 7:01 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President