

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019**

 APPROVED

President Hess called the public meeting to order with regard to an Ordinance to vacate the 12' wide alley bounded on the west by Ann Street (60' Right-Of-Way), with Lot 5 of William Wiley's Addition being on the north side of the alley and Lt 6 being on the south side of the alley, thence running east to west line of a 17' wide un-named street, also being on a line from the southeast corner of Lot 1 to the northeast corner of Lot 10, in addition, a second Ordinance to vacate the 17' wide un-named street in William Wiley's Addition beginning at the south line of Miami Street, running north to south ending at the north line of the portion of Beech Street vacated per Deed Volume 221, Page 315.

Adam Moore spoke on these Ordinances and stated this was the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Fields stated that the property needed to be cleaned up.

Mr. Paul and Mr. Moore spoke of the short version, the same being that the blue highlighted section on the handout is the area to be vacated and the two areas would be split down the middle.

Mr. Crabill added that the City had been in touch with the Port Authority and a meeting was scheduled for tomorrow with himself, CEP Director Marcia Bailey and the Port Authority.

Mr. Moore also said there would be no loss of functionality from this action.

President Hess declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Engineer Tech Clay Miller, Zoning Compliance Officer Adam Moore, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

**PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL:** Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, present; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mr. McKee, present; and Mr. Piper, present.

**MINUTES** of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Thackery moved for the approval of said minutes and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2019
2. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2019
3. Charter Committee Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2019

Mr. Thackery moved to accept all of the communications. Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

### 1. Hull & Associates - \$7,200.00 (General Fund – Miscellaneous Non Departmental)

Mr. Crabill said this the soil was tested for the West side and the results came back favorable. He continued stating that this same action needs to take place for the East side, and that during one of the samplings, the soil sample came back with a high concentration of gas in two locations. He further explained the OHEPA wants this sampling done seasonally. Additionally, Mr. Crabill spoke about the voluntary action rules changing, and what impact this may have. He added that the area on Storms Avenue next to the building was one area of concern and the other was located at the old oil depot, next to the building adjacent to the bike path. He also added that this area would require a drill rig to drill down approximately five feet or so, then put a cap on it for further samplings. He also stated that they met with True Inspection Services today to speak about this issue to ensure this gets done sooner than later. He also mention that the second sample should be coming in January. He also clarified that what everyone is looking for was “Not off Property Issues”.

Mr. Fields asked if the City was paying the entire \$7,200.00 and Mr. Crabill said they were still discussing this issue with True Inspections, since it will becoming their property.

President Hess asked what kind of gas they were looking for and Mr. Crabill advised that it was a degraded old petroleum on one location and VOC on the other location.

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

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Brune – 206 Scioto St., Urbana, Ohio, spoke about receiving a packet from the City regarding the Lodging Tax, and he said that it was very professional and thanked the City for providing the same. He also stated that he saw Mayor Bean out at Urbana University welcoming all of the freshman, and he said that it was very nice to see that. Additionally, he spoke about political signs and he stated that he felt it was too soon to be placing them out. He said that he understood if it was closer to the election, but it is only August, and he said it looks bad.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**First Reading –**

**Resolution No. 2561-19**

A Resolution to formally adopt the ADA Transition Plan for the City of Urbana.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion. Mr. Paul seconded.

Tyler Bumbalough introduced Clay Miller, his assistant and handed the floor over to him to speak about the ADA Transition Plan.

Mr. Miller stated that he has been working on this project for over the last year and that it is considered a living document as it will be updated as we go along. He also stated the number one priority of this plan was to have safe and accessible routes for everyone.

Mr. McKee said that was nice to see that there were plans to make improvements all the way out to the year 2026.

Mr. Hoffman said that he appreciated all of the hard work and that the City clearly was making progress and having a plan is the right thing to do.

President Hess asked how much the City was paying per year on the ramp upgrades, and Mr. Bumbalough advised approximately \$10,000.00. Mr. Fields asked if all of the ramps required the cover on them. Mr. Miller advised that all ramps are to have to dome in them and they will be upgraded as the City moves along.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Resolution on the floor for passage. Mr. Scott seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. McKee, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Resolution passed 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 4513-19**

An Ordinance levying Special Assessments for the purpose of constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mr. Fields seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that regarding Miller Drive, the Rue's, Bon Air, S. Kenton, etc. and advised that only one home owner will be assessed.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for passage. Mr. Paul seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. McKee, yes; Mr. Piper, no, Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes.

Ordinance passed 6-1.

**Second Reading –**

**Ordinance No. 4511-19**

An Ordinance to vacate the 12' wide alley bounded on the west by Ann Street (60' Right-Of-Way), with Lot 5 of William Wiley's Addition being on the north side of the alley and Lt 6 being on the south side of the alley, thence running east to west line of a 17' wide un-named street, also being on a line from the southeast corner of Lot 1 to the northeast corner of Lot 10.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

**Ordinance No. 4512-19**

An Ordinance to vacate the 17' wide un-named street in William Wiley's Addition beginning at the south line of Miami Street, running north to south ending at the north line of the portion of Beech Street vacated per Deed Volume 221, page 315.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

**Third Reading –**

**None**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION**

Mr. Scott inquired as to whose responsibility it was to repair a catch basin on the street. Mr. Bumbalough advised to contact the City.

Mr. Thackery stated that he attended the second "Coffee with Council" and said there were good discussions coming up at these meetings. He also had a question on the South Main Street Zoning and wanted to know what the status was. Mr. Crabill said a final draft was being prepared, and a public meeting would be scheduled in the first or second week in September. He also stated that this issue would be coming to Council in October at the earliest.

Mr. McKee stated that he wasn't going to be running for his Council seat in the upcoming election. He stated that he intended to run for the seat but he and his wife bought some family property and he would be tied up with that.

Mr. Fields thanked Mr. McKee for everything that he had done including the communication issue.

Mr. Bumbalough said that this past Friday the milling program began for Miller Drive, the Rue's, Bon Air, etc. He added that contractors were coming tomorrow to chip and seal and then a final surface will be put down following the chip and seal.

Ms. Boettcher spoke about the sign replacement for 225 South Main Street. She provided a handout and stated there were three options: Option one, replacing the existing sign faces with new FlexFace Material with the new City logo and design, to cost \$2,900.00. Option two, replacing the sign faces and add a 1'H 16MM Watchfire Full Color LED Message Center, which would allow for one line of messaging that is seeable from the roadway, to cost \$15,398.00. Option three, replacing the sign faces and add a 2' H 16MM LED Message Center, to cost \$20,368.00. Mr. Brugger added that when the sign faces are replaced, this would be the time to add the message board, if Council so chooses to do go this route.

Mr. Brugger spoke about his attendance of a meeting at the Health Department about the Mosquito Spray grant. He said there was no grant this year, but there was some money to carry over from last year. He further stated although there was no grant, the City was still going to spray for the mosquitos. Mr. Brugger also spoke about the upcoming Tire Recycle Day at the County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 12, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. He advised that in 2016, they collected 84.5 tire tons, in 2017, they collected 43.5 tire tons, and in 2018, the collected 82 tire tons. He also stated there would be more information upcoming. He also spoke about the Q3 Project and stated how he appreciates all of Council's support. He also stated that everyone know it was going to be a long process He advised that True Inspections are willing to come into a future Council meeting to discuss their future plans with their portion of the property. Mr. Brugger also advised that the ground was starting to be cleared on the site for the hotel. He spoke about 225 South Main Street, which would be the Business Office for the City and that they were wrapping up the windows, painting and carpeting. He said that the Finance Office, the Utility Office, the Tax Department, and Human Resources should all be moved in and ready the Tuesday after Labor Day. He added that the Zoning and Engineering Department would then be headed down to the first floor where the Finance offices are now and said that it would be nice to have that on the first floor for the citizens. He then spoke about an issue on Boyce St., an underground water current that has broken through the surface. He advised that it has been confirmed that it is ground water. He said they were going to try to divert it when it resurfaces again. Mr. Brugger also spoke on the political signs that have already been placed out for view. He stated that Mr. Moore has already been made aware of this situation and that per Section 1137.05 of the Urbana City Ordinances, no sign shall be erected within the public right of way except as provided for in Section 1137.10. He further stated that Section 1137.07 states that any sign not expressly permitted by this chapter shall be prohibited including, but not limited to: abandoned signs; banners, pennants, festoons, streamers, spinners; searchlights; signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs/signals; snipe signs. In addition, the following signs are prohibited: signs attached to trees, telephone poles, public benches, streetlights or placed on any public property or public right of way. Signs placed on vehicles or trailers which are parked or located for the primary purpose of displaying such signs are prohibited. Off premise signs or billboards are also prohibited under this chapter. Violations of this part shall be declared a nuisance under Chapter 1339 and subject to provisions set forth in Section 1137.99 Penalty. He further stated that political signs are considered temporary signs and they would be working with the Law Director upon his return, on the issue of a possible thirty day rule, as Mr. Brune suggested.

Mayor Bean spoke of his excitement of seeing the construction of the hotel in its beginning stages with the moving of dirt. He said that he and CEP Director Marcia Bailey have been working on this project for over four years. He also spoke about being out at Urbana University welcoming students. He advised there were 240 freshman this year, some of which were from Germany, China, and the UK. He also stated to Mr. McKee his sadness to hear of him not running for the Council seat, but he congratulated him on his new property purchase.

President Hess spoke of a gentleman speaking with him letting him know that he saw a funeral procession come thru the square recently and noticed that all of the workers shut down all of the equipment and put their helmets over their hearts. He stated this gentleman was very appreciative to see the kindness that the construction workers showed. President Hess also inquired as to a Work Session to speak about the sign for the new Business Office for the City, should Council choose to have one.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, one from Mr. Hoffman.

Motion passed 6-1.

**ADJOURN AT 7:11 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

September 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President