

URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting of Tuesday, February 28, 2012, was called to order at 7:00PM by **Council President Marty Hess**.

Attendance: All of Council were present, with the exception of Mr. Doug Hoffman.
City Staff – Mayor Bill Bean; Mr. Kerry Brugger, Director of Administration; Mr. Lee Williams, Finance Director; Mr. Doug Crabill, Assistant to the Director of Administration; Mr. Brad Bodenmiller, Mr. Chad Hall, Fire Chief Mark Keller, Police Chief Matt Lingrell, Mr. Colin Stein, Mr. Chris Stokes (*Several other unidentified Fire Fighters/Paramedics and Policemen were also in attendance)

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Life Saving Award

Police Chief Matt Lingrell provided a narrative describing a typical 10:PM to 6:AM shift that became atypical on January 14, 2012, for Police Officer Christopher P. Snyder. During the early morning hours of January 14th (beginning at approximately 3:34PM), Officer Snyder provided exemplary support and assistance to firefighters and residents in the 292 Fent St. apartments. He alerted first responders, and worked diligently to ensure the safety of the residents (making certain that all were alerted and evacuated from the premises). In 13 degree temperatures, Officer Snyder was noted as assisting an elderly, disoriented, and scantily dressed man from his apartment—braving flames to shield the man. Calls were also made to the hospital and area nursing homes ‘to get 18 residents out of the cold.’ Police Sgt. Dave Reese and Officer Jason Kiser were also recognized for their efforts that morning.

Chief Lingrell presented Officer Snyder with a Lifesaving Award (a pendant for his uniform), and a plaque. Chief Lingrell joked about pulling Chris over for a traffic stop in his Chris’ teenage years, and said (at the time) Chris asked him how to become a police officer.

Chief Lingrell stated, “This is a special night for us—it’s a chance where you all get to witness us give Chris Snyder an award (so much deserved).”

At this point, Officer Snyder received applause and a standing ovation from all in attendance.

Fire Chief Mark Keller also addressed the crowd, inclusive of Officer Snyder’s family and friends. He spoke of Officer Snyder’s courage and bravery by ‘putting his life on the line’ while assisting the residents, and Fire Division. Chief Keller presented a letter of commendation to Officer Snyder.

“He was very instrumental in getting information to us (and maintaining information) as we proceeded through that incident—to help us out, and allow the Fire Division to do their job...and try not to worry about some of the logistics (that we have to deal with sometimes)...and I do appreciate all of the officers’ help,” stated Chief Keller, and also noting that Fire Division objectives were accomplished with greater efficiency.

Chief Keller commended the initiative and teamwork involved.

Officer Snyder laughed about the Police Division (and his family/friends) keeping the award a secret. He expressed appreciation to everyone for honoring him, and especially thanked the Police Department, and his wife for her constant support. Officer Snyder additionally thanked the residents for assisting their neighbors to get out of the apartment

safely, and for alerting him to the resident who remained in his apartment after others were evacuated.

“I’d just really like to thank the Lord—I was really put in the right place at the right time that night,” he said.

Council President Hess expressed appreciation to Officer Snyder, and the Police/Fire Divisions as well.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Larry Lokai moved to approve the UCC Regular Session Minutes February 14, 2012; and the UCC Work Session Minutes, February 21, 2012; Mr. Robert Thorpe seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Communications

Mr. Al Evans moved to place the LUC Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (February 9, 2012) on file; Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Lokai said, “Something related to that—I remember the last meeting we talked about what was happening with the Comprehensive Plan...in talking with Jenny Snapp in the office up there...indicated that once Melanie left, we didn’t have a fulltime Economic Development person...and that Brad has kind of filled in some of the gaps, but maybe we want to put that on hold until we get somebody...full steam ahead...so...”

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller noted the LUC would ‘be happy to help with it, and do what they can,’ and pointed out that employing a fulltime employee would definitely help.

He added, “I can only devote so much staff time...there’s a lot of different things that I do...I’m happy to do whatever I’m asked to do.”

“Oh, I’m not complaining--there was a question to what’s happening, then everybody found out that...part of it’s on hold until we get somebody to replace Melanie,” Mr.

Lokai said.

Mr. Bodenmiller referred to the hiring of consultants to work on such projects.

“I’m not complaining about you,” Mr. Lokai stressed (to Mr. Bodenmiller). “There was concern as to what was going on—I just wanted to clarify.”

Administrative Reports – Board of Control

1.

Mr. Thorpe moved to authorize a purchase order to A&B Asphalt Corp. in the amount of \$53,890 for the removal of concrete foundation, slab, backfill and seeding behind the Armory (Approximately 70% of the expenditure will be funded by FAA Grant 1509, and approximately 30% will be funded by local share. This will be charged to FAA Grant Fund, and to the Airport Capital Improvement Fund, and is not in the 2012 Budget); Mr. Eugene Fields seconded. Motion carried – 4 yes, 1 no (Mr. Thorpe)

Discussion –

Mr. Doug Crabill explained:

“This is actually a little bit of catch-up...if you remember last time...well, last year...we approved a contract with A&B Asphalt for a lot of asphalt work at the Airport. When we had the pre-construction meeting we knew that we had this prior grant from a few years back (where we needed to finish this slab removal—restore the area where that slab was—it’s on Airport land)...the grant was in place, so we asked the contractor to provide us with the cost as a change order...and actually when they were there last Fall, we had

them remove this slab. The backfill and the grass has not been completed. That will be completed in the Spring...but just...with the volume of projects we had last year (trying to go out and rebid \$53,000 of Federal work, when we already had an existing contract with the bond...where we were paying localization...it made sense to go ahead, and move forward with this work. The purchase order probably should've come to you to be approved late last year, but when I was working on payments here within the last couple weeks...I realized that we needed to take this step back, and come...with this...so..." Mr. Thorpe said, "I had a question—why did we take it up at all? It had been laying there (what) 30 years?"

"Probably at least 30 or 40 since the..." Mr. Crabill began.

"...and it never bothered anyone...why would they spend \$53,000 to get rid of it?" Mr. Thorpe pressed.

"Well—part of it was—there's a fence line that needs to be realigned there," replied Mr. Crabill. "From what I understand—the distance of the fence from the runway (when it was originally installed) was not installed with correct alignment, or it should've been slightly different, to meet current FAA standards...so by removing the slab, the fence is going to be able to be moved (instead of further to the west, it would need to come back further to the east). This slab was actually in the way of that fence being moved on that end...so that was part of the reason. I mean—I suppose we could've taken out a quarter of it, and left the rest...but...I think also just to clean up an old eyesore. We've only owned this land for I think...2 to 2 ½ years...it was purchased with FAA money."

"So now you're going to move the fence—east?" Mr. Thorpe sought to verify.

"It will be—yeah," Mr. Crabill answered. "...and I don't think we'll actually have...you see this as 70/30...we're trying to use up what's left in the grant, so probably a future grant will include that fence (it's not in the scope of work now)...typically this grant is 95/5, but because we're trying to use an existing grant...the local matches go higher."

Mr. Thorpe said (in looking at the packet) he thought this was already done, and he asked, "Really—why was that brought to us?"

Mr. Crabill said, "Yeah—at the time—we should've brought it to you at that time. That's what I said—it was a mistake that it didn't come to you."

"Thank you," Mr. Thorpe said.

Mr. Al Evans said, "This is the property where...when we got the Armory, we bought this property...and there was an old (what) glass factory, or something..."

"Durwood Plastics," Mr. Thorpe corrected.

"Did we do some remediation work out there?" asked Mr. Evans.

"I guess there was a Phase I done, and that determined that there was asbestos on the concrete slab...that was removed before this concrete was removed...but I think (as far as the environmental side) that's as far as we dug into it," stated Mr. Crabill. "It basically had been idle for 40 years, and the EPA had done the Phase I to try to determine...and the biggest thing in there was the asbestos...I don't remember if there was a Phase II done."

"So...I believe...was Mr. Miller the Finance Director when we bought this?" asked Mr. Evans.

"This was National Guard land, so it would've been at the time that the Armory was purchased..." Mr. Crabill replied.

Mr. Evans interjected, "I think I said (at that time) that I was opposed to buying this...that this was one of those 'good deals,' that wasn't such a good deal! Now we're spending money out of the...is it coming out of the Airport Fund?"

"It's coming out of the Airport Capital—yes," answered Mr. Lee Williams.

"Do they have \$16,000 to spend?" asked Mr. Evans.

"Yes—they do," replied Mr. Williams.

"So this is one of those 'good deals,' that wasn't such a good deal," Mr. Evans added.

"Because now it's costing us money."

"I thought we had already...I can remember us talking about moving that fence, but I thought that had already been done," said Mr. Fields.

"Yeah—no—the fence was actually in this grant...but I think the original number that we had put in the application, was lower than...I think we only had an estimated cost (of what this would cost)," said Mr. Crabill.

"You said the Airport has got \$16,000 in their Capital, and yet—they're crying for money so that they can get the hangar fixed—and they don't have enough money to put siding on the hangars...so is there still money for that? No!" stated Council President Hess.

"I don't know that they're crying for money for a hangar," said Mr. Williams.

"You didn't know that?" asked Council President Hess.

"I know they've asked for it...and I know that it's going to be spent," Mr. Williams said.

"Do they have any (money)?" asked Council President Hess.

"Yes, they do," replied Mr. Williams.

"How much do they have in their budget, at this point?" asked Council President Hess.

"I don't have that with me, Marty—I couldn't tell you," answered Mr. Williams.

"Yeah, I agree that—I thought that this was all taken care of—done with, and we weren't going to put any more money in it," said Council President Hess.

2.

Mr. Evans moved to authorize a purchase order to J&J Schaegel in the amount of \$17,298 for new curb, gutter, and street widening at N. Main & Washington, and at S. Main & W. Water (This will be charged to Capital Improvement, and is not in the 2012 Budget); Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill explained:

"Mike (Heintz) worked on this, so I think I know enough about it to explain it...but...essentially there were 3 proposals, it was not a bid process...but it was a quotation process to look at what this work was. This was at N. Main & Washington, and S. Main & W. Water...and the issue of W. Water has been the turning radius...Mike was able to get DP&L to do one of the poles, which I think has already kind of helped the problem. This would work on the radius at the intersection, so that when the new curb ramps go in with the 'Safe Routes' project in a few months...everything will line up, and this will already have been done...so that's kind of the same thing with Washington & N. Main..."

Mr. Crabill spoke of congestion especially with buses during certain times of the day.

Mr. Evans said, "I just think this is a situation where we have some problems, and we found a way to solve them...and I think it's going to solve the problem for those folks that live on Water St., trying to turn to go home...and access in and out of that business there, it's really going to help traffic there at N. Main & Washington."

Mr. Lokai stated:

“A couple things...first of all, that quote is basically \$4,000 less than the highest one (which is good)...a concern that I echoed last Summer...caught a little flack for it...I’ll probably catch a little flack for this comment too...when we issue a contract to a contractor, normally you would think that’s the contractor that’s going to do the work...well then (come to find out) that a lot of our concrete work was subbed out! After listening to (and I was not the only citizen in this town that complained about concrete work...and I will go on record to say that) I went out and took pictures of a few other places...yet I got accused of being the only one that found any concrete problems! When we make a contract (I believe that that person needs to stand behind their work), and if they subcontract it to somebody else...then that person that they subcontracted to should make it up to the standards. That has not been to the standards in several places! I’ll be more than happy to show you the pictures, or take them out to the sites where these are happening...so I guess what my concern is...if we follow up a little closer on some of these subcontract jobs (I don’t know if this is going to be subcontracted, or not)...but I did take the liberty last Summer (after this first came up) to stop at some of the towns that I visited, and look at the concrete work. There was a lot of real good concrete work in those towns...I’m not saying we have shoddy work...what I’m saying is, if person A gets the contract...then I would basically expect them to do the work, or if they get a subcontractor--their work should be up to their standards. I guess I’m going to watch a little closer this year, as those concrete jobs go out...and if I catch some flack...that’s really my job! I don’t really get too concerned about catching flack, because there have been calls that have come in...and I’ve tried to share it with the people...”

“Whether you hire contractor A and he subs to contractor B—I don’t think it’s going to make a lot of difference, Mr. Lokai...because contractor A also hires people...all he’s doing is hiring another contractor, and it would be up to City Administration to see to it that contractor B comes up to standards,” Mr. Thorpe said.

“That’s right, but when I get a complaint I do follow up on it,” replied Mr. Lokai.

“Your follow up should be the Administration,” Mr. Thorpe added.

“I have a job to do too...I’m somewhere between...so if somebody calls me as a citizen...that I should not be in this position to say, ‘I’m going to look the other way’...I like to look at things myself,” said Mr. Lokai.

“I didn’t ask you to look the other way—I asked you to go to Administration,” said Mr. Thorpe.

“I’ll talk to you after the meeting,” Mr. Lokai replied.

“Again—the problem with the Water St. intersection is the paint! The center line is not in the right spot!” stated Council President Hess. “We talked about that...moving that...”

“It lines up with the other side,” Mr. Crabill interjected.

“Do what?” asked Council President Hess.

Mr. Crabill repeated, “It lines up with the other side.”

“But it doesn’t line up with the street!” stated Council President Hess. “If you look at it—if you move that line over 3 feet, there’s no problem making the corner!”

“There isn’t room,” said Mr. Crabill.

“There is room to move the line over!” stated Council President Hess.

“There is?” asked Mr. Crabill.

Council President Hess replied, "If you sit and look at it—you can see where it's...not right...and our Engineer is not here to discuss it...so..."

3.

Mr. Fields moved to authorize a purchase order to CDM Smith in the amount of \$1,048,012. for the design of the new Water Pollution Control Facility upgrade and expansion (This recommendation was previously approved on August 9, 2011 for \$992,012. and the additional \$50,000 request is for a contingency provision. This expenditure will be funded entirely by an OWDA (DEFA) loan); Mr. Thorpe seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Chad Hall explained this item to Council, and the contingency.

"So you're asking for a \$50,000 increase—that's all you're asking from us?" asked Council President Hess.

Mr. Fields indicated he met with Mr. Hall and reviewed diagrams.

"It's very impressive—what they plan on doing out there," Mr. Fields commented.

"You made this presentation back in the Summer?" asked Mr. Evans.

"Yes," said Mr. Hall.

Mr. Evans continued, "You basically—missed the mark by \$50,000?"

"Well, we found out that DEFA automatically adds that additional," said Mr. Hall.

"Chad has done a good job in keeping me in the loop, and I appreciate the efforts he's put forward," said Mr. Lokai. "That's why we have good supervisors--thank you."

Mr. Thorpe added, "After talking with Mr. Hall—things seem to be coming along very smoothly—keep it up Chad!"

"Should have the final design by August," Mr. Hall said.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Earl Evans, 943 Amherst Dr., addressed Council regarding the Water Rate

Resolution:

"I'm not here to oppose the water rate increase, but I'm here (hopefully) to have some transparency in what it really costs—not \$2.61, or \$2.16—I guess I knew that, because (last year) I read the similar article on water rates...and I thought when the bill was going to go up \$2.00...instead of that, it went up \$6.00! So \$2.16 (and Mr. Munch is not here), but I'd be interested in knowing how many minimum water bills we have in the City. I live with Mrs. Evans...we're a 2 person house, and we use 600 feet of water every month...and 600 feet in a 2 person house (instead of \$2.16), is going to be \$3.12! You go to a 3 person house (which is usually about 700 feet), that's going to be an additional \$3.64...a 4 person house, \$4.16...5 people (a man and wife, 4 kids), a thousand feet, that's going to be \$5.20...not \$2.16!...and we've got a new Administration (and a new Mayor). I think that someplace—we need to know, that it's not \$2.16! Well...I was involved in water rates, and I know water rates have got to go up...I know years that we did not increase water rates, and it always caught up...we tried to go 2-3 years one time without raising the water rates, and (what happened)...then we had to raise them substantially to cover some repair costs! All I'm saying about this—is it across the board? Are we going to do industry? Are we going to do commercial? I assume it will have to be across the board—I don't think you can just raise the residential rates. How much money is this going to produce for us? How much water did we bill last year? What's 17% going to do for us? Is that enough to do 400 ft., 500 ft. of new main? I just think we need to

know more about—what it's going to do! I don't think the rates ought to be 1 year—I think we need a 5 year plan! We've got to get...we know these mains are bad...we know they've been bad...so I think we've got to talk about 5 years, what kind of revenue that's going to produce...for 5 years, how much water mains we can...and then is it 15%, 15%, 10%, 10%, 10%...I think we ought to know (now maybe we can't project that far...how many mains we've got, or how many we're going to have). This has been a mild Winter, and we've already had a lot of digs...it's not from frozen pipes for sure. I just think we need...now maybe Mr. Munch has the plan, and that's fine (if he does)...if he knows what his progression's going to be, what his priorities are...that's alright, then come forth with it. I think that the public needs to know that their water bill is not going to go up to \$2.16...a little transparency!"

Mr. Kerry Brugger stated:

"If I can defer a little bit...I'm used to being put on the spot...I have no problem...but again, if you have deferred this for quite sometime, things start to catch up with us...and I believe the announcement (I'll have to go back to the exact verbage), but it did refer to a percentage based on a number of units...so if you calculate that based upon what you're using it's usually pretty straight forward...the math comes out to what you're going to be billed, but we did met today and we are in the midst of trying to put together a plan (not only in the water—we've got sewer, we've got street issues)...so we've looked at a lot of different projects today, and we're going to start putting those out...so I would expect to see some activity (I won't say at the next meeting)...but you'll start hearing more noise and hopefully you'll start having more information in front of you in the near future."

"Can I drill my own well, Mr. Hess?" asked Mr. Earl Evans.

"Sorry," Council President Hess replied. "You know better than that. You've been here long enough. I will say that that two dollars and whatever cents it was...almost every time you go anywhere, they go by some sort of unit...whether it's 1, 10, or 100 units...I guess you have to have something to base it on...I think a long, long time ago somebody came up with that 600 (or whatever it was)..."

"Well, the minimum bill is for 400 ft.," Mr. Earl Evans interjected.

"Right (whatever it is), but there are people out there that maybe only use that much...but in reality, most people are going to use like...normal families...2, 3, 4 units...so it is going to go up more than two dollars, but it is per unit..." stated Council President Hess, also referring to past Council discussion about raising rates, but then it was never done.

"It always catches up with us...we're always playing catch up."

Mr. Earl Evans said, "I'm just here—because I was involved in that over the years, and I just saw it happen again, and again, and again!"

Council President Hess noted about \$300,000 in digs last year, that did not happen the year before.

Mr. Al Evans (to Mr. Lee Williams) asked, "Lee—do we have the capability on our water bills (because of the fact that there's a lot of people that live here that are on fixed incomes, and they have to budget their money)—is there any way that on the water bill, we can say 'We know that there's supposed to be a rate increase, and based on your usage your increase will be \$3.45 a month.' Is there any way we can give them an idea of what their increase would be (based on their history of usage) on the water bill itself?"

Mr. Williams answered, "I would have to look at it—I'm not sure we've ever attempted to do it."

“Do you think that would be a good idea?” asked Mr. Al Evans.

Mr. Earl Evans replied, “I think everybody is billed for the minimum of 400 cubic feet—that’s the minimum.”

“But I know on your gas bill—it will give you your history of usage...and ‘With a rate increase, your monthly bill will now be’ this much...so they can have some idea of about what they’re going to need to budget, based on their history...for water next year,” Mr. Al Evans pointed out. “I just wanted to see if you can check that.”

“We can do that,” Mr. Williams affirmed.

“Thank you, Mr. Hess—Good luck, Council!” Mr. Earl Evans said.

“Come back more often,” Council President Hess said.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Third Reading –

There were no Third Readings

Second Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2356 –

*Read and declared a Second Reading

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill defined the Resolution again, and noted that unless there is an emergency all three readings should be done.

Council President Hess agreed.

Mr. Lokai stated, “My understanding is that if it’s something that’s ceremonial in nature...”

“Meaning?” Mr. Crabill sought clarification.

“Not a monetary (just let me finish), okay? Not a monetary, then you can do it in a Resolution form...if it’s something that’s monetary (and you want to take more than 1 reading), then you’d probably put it into an Ordinance form,” stated Mr. Lokai. “My question is—if you wanted three readings, why didn’t you just call it an Ordinance as opposed to a Resolution? I guess I’ve been kind of a stickler on this thing—you know, if you’re going to suspend the rules—it has to have three readings. I guess I don’t see why most of these we had to rescind (the one that’s rescinded)...what is the big deal about appointing somebody to a committee? It’s not going to cost anything (that I know of!)” Council President Hess replied, “Well, I guess the thing is—this is what our Law Director told us to do—and I guess that’s what we’re going to do!”

“If you have any problem with that—maybe you should talk to Skipp!” Mr. Evans interjected.

“Well, couldn’t we just call it an Ordinance—instead of a Resolution?” asked Mr. Lokai. Mr. Crabill said, “Well, I think it also reads in the Charter—I quickly skimmed it when this came up, and then talked to Skipp about it—but (my understanding is), whether it’s an Ordinance or Resolution...the idea is that you give the public time to (as much time as possible) to have a comment on it...whether it’s an Ordinance, or Resolution...and I think that’s why it’s set up to be three readings.”

“Resolutions are supposed to be ceremonial,” Mr. Lokai replied.

“Well—and ceremonial is open to definition—my interpretation of ceremonial is...tomorrow is ‘Larry Lokai Day in the city of Urbana’...that would be...what I would think of...ceremonial,” Mr. Crabill said. “But I think that’s open to interpretation.”

“Well, my interpretation is that—and I don’t want to debate on it—all I’m saying is, if we’re going to sit here and vote on something...if it’s something that needs three readings, why can’t we just hold it over? It’s not a big deal. If it’s just going to need one reading—call it a Resolution, that’s all I’m saying,” stated Mr. Lokai. “...and I know...I’ve talked to the Law Director about it.”

“I kind of did a little bit of research on this, and the problem with the situation...Larry, with the way I see it is...it was put on the Agenda as a First Reading, so it has to be dealt with as a...the first of three readings,” Mr. Evans explained. “We could’ve passed it in one reading...what we didn’t do is suspend the rules on three readings...we needed that procedure, the suspension...because it came on the Agenda as a First Reading.”

“We’ve had other Resolutions that...” Mr. Lokai began.

Mr. Evans interjected, “But we suspended the rules.”

Council President Hess referred to other ‘ceremonial’ Resolutions (by the Mayor), and added, “But if the Administration decides they want to have three readings...well, then they put it as three readings...”

He discussed those Resolutions passed as an emergency as well.

“But you missed the point—the point is, is a Resolution by the Mayor isn’t put on the Agenda as a First Reading—once it hits the Agenda as a First Reading, the point of order assumes that it’s going to have three readings,” stated Mr. Evans. “In order to pass it on the First Reading, you still have to suspend the rule of three readings...that’s what we did wrong...so on any Resolution (the type of Resolution that you’re describing though) can be passed on the First Reading, but you still need to suspend the rules on three readings...that’s kind of what *Robert’s Rules* say.”

“I understand *Robert’s Rules*,” Mr. Lokai said.

“Okay well,” Mr. Evans added.

Council President Hess again pointed to the advice of the Law Director regarding three readings for the public (input).

Mr. Crabill stated:

“The other thing is—when you have these grant applications, we’re frequently asked, ‘How did you get feedback from the public on what you were applying for?’...so (at a minimum) we should try to have two readings...like I’m going to ask you to suspend one here in a few minutes, because of the deadline...but again, it’s that you give the public as much opportunity as they can have to speak their mind on whatever the issue may be.”

RESOLUTION NO. 2357 –

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller explained the need for Suspension of the Rules on this Resolution for passage.

Mr. Lokai moved to suspend the rules on three readings; Mr. Thorpe seconded.

Roll call vote to approve suspension: Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes;

Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes (5-0)

Mr. Lokai moved to place Resolution No. 2357 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Evans seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Evans, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Fields, yes (5-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2358 –

Mr. Doug Crabill requested a Suspension of the Rules and Passage in order to meet the deadline.

Mr. Evans moved to suspend the rules on three readings; Mr. Fields seconded.
Roll call vote to approve suspension: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes;
Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes (5-0)

Mr. Evans moved to place Resolution No. 2358 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Lokai seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes (5-0)

Discussion –

Council President Hess asked, “Do you have a repayment source?”

“Rates,” replied Mr. Williams.

“This is the Phase I project, and what we intend to do (after having talked this morning) was we are going to apply for everything that could be encompassed in this Phase I— which would include also between Jefferson and E. Lawn, Court, Church, and Ward...as well as...continue the loop on Amherst as part of the Wooddale project. We will apply for all that as one thing...” stated Mr. Crabill.

“Is that east or west side of Wooddale?...or all of Wooddale?” asked Mr. Lokai.

“All of Wooddale, and then basically a loop on Amherst,” replied Mr. Crabill.

“That’s Finch and Bon Air...or Finch to...?” asked Mr. Evans.

“Finch to...Wooddale,” Mr. Crabill responded.

“Wooddale is a “U,” and it would just close the “U” on Amherst,” Mr. Mike Heintz said.

“How much more is going to be done on Amherst Drive?” asked Mr. Evans.

“From Finch to Wooddale,” said Mr. Heintz.

“Okay—gotcha,” Mr. Evans replied.

RESOLUTION NO. 2359 –

*Read and declared a Second Reading

RESOLUTION NO. 2360 –

*Read and declared a Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 4382 –

*Read and declared a Second Reading

Discussion –

“Is this just housekeeping, Mike?” asked Mr. Evans.

“That’s correct—we have nothing in our existing Ordinances,” replied Mr. Heintz.

ORDINANCE NO. 4383 –

*Read and declared a Second Reading

First Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2361 – (PID #92625)

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO AND THE OHIO DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PAVEMENT PLANING AND RESURFACING OF STATE ROUTE 29 FROM THE JUNCTION OF STATE ROUTE 29 AND U.S. ROUTE 36 (SLM 21.07) TO THE EAST CORPORATION LIMIT (SLM 21.75) IN THE CITY OF URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO (CHP-SR-21.07)

*Read and declared a First Reading

Discussion –

“When is this planned to be done?” asked Council President Hess.

“State FY2017, which starts July 1st, 2016...so anytime after July 1st, 2016...I don’t know if that would help, but probably the following Spring,” replied Mr. Crabill.

“If they have any money by then,” said Council President Hess.

“...and this is our 20% commitment to this (at this point)...is \$44,650., but these things have a tendency to grow as time passes...and oil prices going up...it’s going to be interesting in 2017,” Mr. Crabill added.

Mr. Fields asked, “Can we pre-pay?”

Mr. Crabill indicated there would be a follow-up to this at a later date.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Evans moved to excuse Councilman Doug Hoffman from this Meeting; Mr. Thorpe seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Mr. Evans - Wished Mr. Lokai a “Happy Birthday”
Encouraged everyone to get out and vote

Mrs. Smith - Noted receiving calls from people on Pindar & Mosgrove regarding wet basements (again)
Mayor Bill Bean said he has spoken with several of the residents in that area, adding, “I’ve been waiting for our new Administrator to get on-board...so we can sit down and put our heads together, to see what can be done down there. I’ve talked to Craig Evans about some...what kind of grants are available out there, and he was checking on that...but at this point there’s nothing being done...and like I said I was just waiting for Kerry to come on-board...we’ll start thinking about it/talking about it... see what can be done. We haven’t forgotten about it—that’s for sure!”
“I mean—we’re not talking like a year down the road?” asked Mrs. Smith.
“Oh no--no,” Mayor Bean said.

Mayor Bean at this point introduced new Administrator, Mr. Kerry Brugger, saying: “He has come to us from a manufacturing firm just south of us, and I think Mr. Brugger has all of the ability and wherewithal to handle the issues (and the problems) that Urbana has. I just hope everybody gives him a chance—I’ve got all of the confidence in the young man...so...give him a call...congratulate him, and wish him well.”

Mr. Lokai - Agreed with Mr. Evans’ remark about getting out to vote
Suggested renaming the (E. U.S. Rte. 36, from Rte. 29 split to Urbana’s eastern boundary) ‘Tom Crowley Way,’ to honor the city’s former Mayor
Asked the names of those in the running for the Third Ward Council position
Council President Hess recited the (4) names received, and reminded everyone that he would like to receive all other information/apps by March 6th / Announced interviews will be held prior to the March 13th UCC Regular Session

Mr. Colin Stein –
Nothing at this time

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller –
Nothing at this time

Mr. Chad Hall –

- Nothing at this time
- Mr. Crabill - Announced a CDBG (Small Cities Formula Program) Public Hearing at 6:45PM on March 13, 2012
- Mr. Chris Stokes –
Announced sign-up for Youth Baseball & Softball, March 3 and 10 (10:AM to 2:PM), at the Urbana Youth Sports Building
Council President Hess asked, “Are the grounds in good shape out there?”
- Mr. Mike Heintz –
Discussed the Salem Township Trustee Meeting he had just attended
Reported on the project on Dellinger Rd.; Announced a unanimous vote to work with the City, and to go for an OPWC grant (to cut the hill & extend the sewer – a joint project where the City would be paying for the south half of the road, and the Township would be paying for the north half). The City would additionally pay for a sewer extension through the ‘bed of the hill.’
“We would apply this July—we would help the Township make that application in July, and it would be for construction in 2013,” he said.
“This sewer—running from where to where?” asked Mr. Thorpe.
Mr. Heintz explained:
“Right now it ends at Julia—it’s about 26’ deep right there, and we would be extending it to the east...and I don’t remember the exact footage, but I’ll guess 300’ (basically to get through the deepest part of the hill)...when we cut the hill down, and we have the pavement off of there, that’s the time to extend the sewer through that hill...and then we’d be putting the base and the pavement back on...and improving that sight distance...that’s a bad intersection.”
- Mr. Williams - Nothing at this time
- Mr. Kerry Brugger –
Expressed appreciation to the Mayor for his kind words, and said the last 7 days have been ‘quite full’
“A lot of activity, a good group of people,” Mr. Brugger said, as he complimented the staff on behind the scenes work that ‘not everybody sees from the outside.’
Said he has been welcomed and people have been very helpful.
Mr. Brugger stated:
“I’m just anxious to really get involved a little deeper—I’m sure it’s going to come quicker than (maybe) I was originally thinking, but it’s all well and good...I look forward to getting involved in some of these projects and...Mike shared a plethora of items for us today to go through... very impressive, the things that are on the table. Hopefully we can put all that together in a condensed version, and get that in front of Council... just to give you a snapshot of what not only the next year, but the next 3 or 4 years can look like...”
- Mayor Bean - Said, “I am honored to have Chris Snyder here...and how he performed, and what he did! It’s also gratifying to see our Police and Fire Divisions

working hand-in-hand...very closely, and taking of our citizens...I'm extremely proud of both divisions for what they've accomplished!"

Council President Hess –

Reminded those applying for the Third Ward Council seat to get their applications in as soon as possible

Expressed appreciation to the Police & Fire Divisions

Welcomed Mr. Brugger as the new Administrator

Mr. Eugene Fields –

Nothing at this time

Adjournment

Mr. Thorpe moved to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:15PM; Mr. Lokai seconded. All were in favor of adjournment.

Council Clerk

Council President