

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – MARCH 27, 2012**

The Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting of Tuesday, March 27, 2012, were called to order at 7:00PM, by **Council President Marty Hess**, in Court Chambers/The Municipal Building.

Attendance: All of Council were present.

City Staff – Mayor Bill Bean; Mr. Kerry Brugger, Director of Administration; Mr. Lee Williams, Finance Director; Mr. Brad Bodenmiller; Fire Chief Mark Keller; Police Chief Matt Lingrell; Mr. Robert Munch; Mr. Colin Stein

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Election (Vote)

Council was presented ballots with the 5 candidates for 3rd Ward (Joseph Burzynski, Richard Kerns, Andy Lingrell, Nora McCain, and Dwight Paul), and Council was asked to cast votes. Mr. Dwight Paul was announced as the new 3rd Ward Councilman. He received 4 Council votes. (*It was announced that Mr. Richard Kerns received 2 votes from Council).

Council President Hess said that Mr. Paul will be sworn in at the next UCC Regular Session Meeting on April 10.

Proclamation

Mayor Bill Bean read a Proclamation regarding, ‘Parents Who Host, Lose the Most; Don’t Be a Party to Teenage Drinking Month’ (April 2012).

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Al Evans moved to approve the Public Hearing & UCC Regular Session Minutes (March 13, 2012), and UCC Work Session Minutes (March 20, 2012); Mr. Larry Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Communications

1.

Mr. Lokai moved to place the March 9, 2012 correspondence to the Council Clerk and Council from the Dept. of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control (regarding notification that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in this political subdivision will expire on June 1, 2012 – permit holders must file a renewal to maintain permit privileges) on file; Mr. Robert Thorpe seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Evans asked Police Chief Lingrell, “Were you aware of any of these permits--that the citizens have complained about?”

Chief Lingrell answered, “No—and they all come before my office before a final decision is made.”

Chief Lingrell voiced assurance that he would bring any complaints before Council to provide an opportunity to challenge if necessary.

2.

Mr. Thorpe moved to place the LUC Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (March 8, 2012) on file; Mr. Doug Hoffman seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3.

Mr. Evans moved to place the correspondence from the Ohio Ethics Commission to remind City Elected Officials of the deadline for 2011 Financial Disclosure Statements, and to outline rules, on file; Mr. Thorpe seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Evans (to the Council Clerk) asked, “Gail—I would assume that if you get a cancelled check back, it means we’re okay?”

“That’s true,” Ms. Eldridge replied.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control

Mr. Thorpe moved to authorize a purchase order to Greve Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Inc. in the amount of \$59,286 for the purchase of two Dodge Charger police cars (One will be charged to the Police Operating Capital Fund, and the other will be charged to the 4/10ths Capital Fund – Both vehicles are in the 2012 Budget for \$60,000); Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

“Are you going to retire a couple of vehicles?” Mr. Hoffman asked Chief Lingrell. Chief Lingrell replied affirmatively, and indicated an investigations vehicle will be transferred to Engineering. He added that one of the black and white Chargers will be moved to replace the investigations vehicle.

Mr. Thorpe asked, “How many miles do you usually put on those?”

Chief Lingrell estimated that most vehicles put on approximately 100,000 miles, and further discussed maintenance cost involved.

“Is there a market for 2 or 3 year old used police cruisers?” asked Mr. Thorpe.

“One thing we do—is we always try to transfer to another division here in the City,” said Chief Lingrell, also joking about an older vehicle now sitting under a tree. “Hoping that the tree blows over...but no...it will be in the July 4th Auction.”

Mr. Thorpe questioned whether it might be more feasible to try to sell cars at 50,000-60,000 miles.

Chief Lingrell discussed the methodology of replacing the vehicles, but primarily noted that it revolves around the budget.

Mr. Thorpe asked whether the cruisers being authorized at this meeting will be ready to ‘hit the street’ when they’re received. Chief Lingrell indicated readiness.

“Lights? Decals?” asked Mr. Thorpe.

“We’ll do the decals here,” said Chief Lingrell, explaining the simplicity of the wrap-around decal application.

Mr. Evans (to Chief Lingrell) commented, “You came in under budget—about \$700. under budget—good job!”

Council President Hess said, “It was close on the bids for the local dealer to get them, but not quite close enough—so I wanted everybody to know that. The bids were very competitive this year.”

Citizen Comments

Mr. Dwight Paul (new 3rd Ward Council Rep) was introduced by Council President Hess. Mr. Paul (in the audience) addressed Council expressing appreciation for the support received, and provided a little background regarding his family.

“I’m eager to get started!” he said.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Third Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2361 – (PID#92625)

Mr. Lokai moved to place Resolution No. 2361 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Hoffman seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Evans, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes (6-0)

Discussion –

Council President Hess asked, “This won’t happen until...when?”

“I was just looking back to see if it was 2016, or 2017...somewhere in that vicinity, not this year and not next year,” Mr. Kerry Brugger replied.

Second Reading –

There were no Second Readings at this Meeting.

First Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2362 –

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CITY OF URBANA TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM AND TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TIRC CONCERNING THOSE AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE ZONES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Roll call vote to approve suspension of the rules: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes (6-0)

Mr. Lokai moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2362 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Evans seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes (6-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller explained the Resolution with particulars.

Mr. Lokai questioned the reason for the request to suspend the rules.

Mr. Bodenmiller explained the reasoning.

“So if we pass the suspension you can actually declare an emergency, and it will be effective tomorrow then?” asked Mr. Lokai.

“Right,” said Mr. Bodenmiller.

Mr. Eugene Fields commented, “I sat in on that—it was very informative...”

He recommended Council pass this Resolution.

Council President Hess asked, “If a company terminates, is there anything we can do to get... them back...if they don’t fulfill the contract (they didn’t fulfill the contract), so is there any way to get what we gave back?”

“You can—there’s essentially agreements where you can do that—we discussed that with the council that reviews tax incentives (it’s the TIRC Board, they discuss that),” said Mr. Bodenmiller. “Really—the Enting agreement was essentially to build the building...the investment that was \$235,000 (plus or minus 10%)...in addition to doing that, they were going to occupy the building, and create (I believe) 2 jobs...and potentially retain 1. Since they built the building that was really their promise (or their commit was to do that), and occupy the building...”

Mr. Bodenmiller related to the situation of ‘if an enormous facility’ was built, or if only half of a building was constructed (and then left standing).

“Why do we give it—if we don’t get anything out of the property tax anyway? We only get it off of jobs—right?” asked Council President Hess.

“We get the income tax,” replied Mr. Bodenmiller.

“Right—right, so it seems strange that we would give somebody a break...because we’re not going to get anything out of it...anyway...” Council President Hess said.

ORDINANCE NO. 4384 –

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 375.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, SNOWMOBILES, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES AND ALL PURPOSE VEHICLES

(*Read and declared a First Reading)

Discussion –

Chief Lingrell explained the changes:

“In December of 2011 and January of 2012, we had incidents that happened on the Bike Path...and realized we didn’t have an Ordinance to deal with motorbikes or snowmobiles being on the Bike Path...so I approached Law Director Weithman (probably about 4 or 5 weeks ago) just asking if we could amend the current Ordinance 375.03 to add part 8 & 9 to address that issue...so if we run into that again, we will have some type of Ordinance that we can use legally to issue a citation...”

Mr. Hoffman asked, “Is the rest of the city now covered for these types of vehicles?”

“Yes—once this is enacted,” Chief Lingrell replied.

“So this is just an addition for the Bike Path...so a lot of the electric (vehicles) stuff running down the streets, is it actually legal?” asked Mr. Hoffman.

“No, that’s illegal also—we have something for that, yeah,” Chief Lingrell answered.

“How hard are you going to be on the children that are old enough to take their lawn mower over, and mow the neighbor’s yard?” asked Mr. Thorpe. “Maybe 6 or 8 houses down, and...that type of thing?”

Chief Lingrell said, “Well, that’s a whole different issue...generally, Mr. Thorpe, we respond to those when we get complaints...and try to deal with those on a case by case basis...we don’t want to say we actively go out looking for a...good neighbors that are trying to help each other out...tonight it’s just about the Bike Path...so if we do have a crash or something there, we do have something that addresses it.”

Mr. Lokai applauded Chief Lingrell for getting this information to Council—to spearhead it, and move forward.

Chief Lingrell noted that he was approached on this topic by one of his sergeants.

Mr. Evans asked, “Would that include snowmobilers on my street?”

“Yeah, we actually have a different Ordinance that covers the rest of the city,” Chief Lingrell said.

ORDINANCE NO. 4385 –

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 141, FIRE DIVISION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Discussion –

Fire Chief Mark Keller addressed Council:

“We saw the need to change our billing system to meet Healthcare/Medicare regulations—to make sure that they comply. It will also help us (by doing that) help us recoup more money. Currently, our six fifty is being paid out by Medicare (basically at the BLS vs. the ALS rate that it should be), and that’s because we only have that single

rate. When we break it down...BLS (which is basic life support)...ALS (which is advanced life support 1)...ALS 2, it will help us recoup some of that money a little bit differently...and I do want to reiterate that our runs are basically about 50% BLS, 50% ALS. There will be a (basically) \$100. reduction in the BLS cost. There will be a \$25. increase in ALS 1, and a \$125. increase in ALS 2...and I can explain those a little bit more, if you need me to.”

Mr. Fields asked the difference between ALS 1 & 2.

Chief Keller replied:

“ALS 1 (basically) is if we start an IV on somebody, or if we put them on a heart monitor...it is paramedic care, and there’s a little bit more service involved in it than just that broken arm—to pick you up, and take you to the hospital (and that would a BLS call). An ALS 2 actually would be something like...someone has died, and we are working pretty hard on trying to get them back. We have a lot of expense in those types of calls. Last year we did 23 of those...so...there are not near as many of those as others (thankfully), but there is a great cost to those. Some of the other billing (just so you are aware also)—the no transport fee is something that’s new...the (for lack of a better term) dead on arrival cost actually would be more if we went and tried to bring them back...and we can do what we call ‘field termination’ if we don’t get any response, after we meet certain parameters we can call the Dr. up at the hospital, and they can tell us to go ahead and stop...so we would provide a great deal of service again, but in the past we’ve never really been able to recoup some of those costs.”

He noted helicopter preparation could additionally be assessed, and pointed to trauma related incidents where considerable care is involved. The ‘patient’ is put in the helicopter, and Chief Keller added, ‘We don’t recoup any costs for that.’

“But we will under this new Ordinance,” he said.

Mr. Evans stated:

“Well, I know we need to get these fees matching the cost of the services that we have, and I don’t want to get into a big discussion about billing tonight...but I do reserve the right to revisit that some day...and the reason I reserve that right is because I had a gentleman in my office today that was talking to me about this...and he was concerned that...what was going to happen, and he’s on Medicare...and what was going to happen with Medicare...and I told him that traditionally we didn’t try to collect those, from people who were on a fixed income...and I think that’s probably a good practice, but I know that we have a list...and I know that there are people on that list that can very well afford to pay those fees...and I think that we need to look into having a program to collect the fees from the people that can afford to pay them...and I think that if that list were published that the people in the city would be surprised about who’s not paying for their EMS services.”

“You did a fine job of reserving Mr. Evans,” Council President Hess remarked.

Mr. Lokai said:

“A couple of things...a little bit of piggyback on what Al said...when this first came out last Wednesday in the paper, I did get a little bit of pushback...and some of the pushback was (and I can almost quote what they said). ‘Why should us people that pay our bills have to suffer, to pay for the people that don’t?’...and I responded by saying, ‘Some people are going to have to realize that there are people in this city that are laid off...there are people in financial (desperate) need right now, and I most definitely

understand their needs...however (a little bit of what Al said), I think that unfortunately the very honest people in this town (that pay their bills) are covering for those that just won't pay them! So I did a little Lokai research today...I was at Findlay...I decided to talk to Mayor Lydia Mihalik..."

Council President Hess interjected, "Excuse me, Larry—why don't we talk about just this Ordinance now? We can talk about the billing later."

"This has to do with the billing—this is discussion pertinent to the billing! Very pertinent!" Mr. Lokai stated. "While I was there—I found out that Findlay contracts out all of their...they don't have an ambulance...they contract to 2 contractors, because of the expense to the city. If you go to Kenton—same thing! So (you know) if all of these costs are running up, and we're having a lot of cost...maybe we ought to start looking at how much is it costing us to run the ambulance, and maybe this is something we want to take a look at down the road...whether we want to raise these fees, or whether we want to move forward with something else. I think there are some things we ought to look at, and I know we looked at a couple of other cities...but I'm just telling you right now, there are some cities our size (and much larger) that do not have ambulance service on their roster...they contract it out. That might be something to consider...it is pertinent to this particular discussion...that's all I have to say right now."

Mr. Thorpe added, "Years, and years, and years ago we had outside private service...contracting this out (I think) would be a little bit difficult, because you're going to have to get qualified people...and you'll have to get paramedics, rather than just ...or whatever. Contracting this out—I can't see that."

Mr. Hoffman asked, "On the ambulance rates—will people with insurance (or people on Medicare, or Medicaid), will they pay substantially out of pocket...or are you saying that the insurance companies (as well as Medicare) will pay up to this new rate (which is why you've increased it)?"

"They don't pay a bigger fee—it may not be all the way up to what our charge is, but they will give us more money based on the type of call," answered Chief Keller.

"I understand the need for the increased revenue—it's a little troubling that those who do pay are now going to be paying more, but (just to Al's comment about those who can, and can't afford to pay)—I understand that, but that's kind of open for...you know...you can't pay it, because you've got cable...or you can't pay it, because you really can't pay!" Mr. Hoffman stated. "You know—maybe there's a way on these bills to give people an opportunity to demonstrate their lack of being able to pay...and that may already be happening now, but just because someone says they can't pay...doesn't demonstrate that they can't pay! They just didn't prioritize it, in the bills that they need to pay."

"Well said!" Mr. Evans added.

"To Mr. Lokai's point—I actually had a Fire Chief in my office this past week who does not provide EMS right now--that is trying very hard to get EMS back in his department...so...I know Kenton and London both don't, but London wants to get it back very badly," Chief Keller said. "It's kind of off the point (I know), but..."

"You weren't the only one—that's okay," said Council President Hess.

Council President sought other comments/criticisms, and then declared Ordinance No. 4385 to have had a First Reading.

Miscellaneous Business

Chief Keller - Nothing at this time

Mr. Brugger stated at this time that he wanted to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 4385 (for passage) at this meeting.

“When we pass this at the 3rd Reading, it will be immediate,” stated Council President Hess. “...or did you want this pass it tonight? Chief—did you want to pass that tonight?” “We would prefer to,” Chief Keller answered.

“Oh, okay—you didn’t ask that—you just had ‘emergency’,” said Council President Hess. “We’ll let Chief Lingrell go now, and then...how’s that?”

Police Chief Matt Lingrell introduced Police Officer (F.O.P. President) Josh Jacobs who announced the community ‘Easter Egg Hunt’ that will be hosted by the F.O.P./ & the National Honor Society, Urbana High School, on Saturday, April 7 (1:00PM), at the high school hill. There will be over 2,000 Easter eggs, and the Hunt will be open to youngsters (ages 10 and younger).

Mr. Thorpe mentioned a community that had rescinded their ‘Easter Egg Hunt,’ because of parents.

Mr. Evans (to Officer Jacobs) asked whether monetary donations are needed to offset cost. Officer Jacobs discussed money that was donated (and left over) from the Christmas Giving Tree Project, and added that monetary donations are not needed at this time.

Officer Jacobs said Police Division is looking forward to this project, and asked everyone to spread the word.

ORDINANCE NO. 4385 –

Mr. Brugger noted that at the foot of the Ordinance it is stated that it is an emergency, but it was just not stated. He requested a suspension of the rules, and passage.

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

Roll call vote to approve suspension of the rules: Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Lokai, no (5-1)

Mr. Evans moved to place Ordinance No. 4385 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Thorpe seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mrs. Smith, yes; Mr. Lokai, no; Mr. Thorpe, yes (5-1)

Discussion –

Mr. Hoffman voiced confidence (trust) in the Administration, and said, “I know that anything you guys can do to make it better—you will.”

Mr. Lokai revisited ‘bad memories of February 2, 2005’ and said:

(*Mr. Evans, in the UCC Regular Session Meeting of April 10, 2012, requested these Minutes to reflect a correction of Mr. Lokai’s stated date to be February 2, 2006)

“When Council was called into that room right there to go into Executive Session, and come right back out...and vote on swapping land for the Airport, for the other land that the City owned...that was too rushed...we did not get a whole lot of information on this until last Tuesday. I understand what we’re trying to do, but I (as a Council Member) personally like to check things out a little bit...I like to get other comparisons, and we didn’t have 2 other cities to compare it with...and I did compare it with a couple other cities...and I think there are some other possibilities, but we’re...to me, it’s rushing...when you give it to us at a Work Session, come back at the next meeting, and suspend the rules. I don’t know what the emergency is, although I’ve had a good explanation that (you know) we will recapture some money, but I think maybe there are

some other ways we can go about doing it. I just hate to see us rush through what is going to be somewhat of an impacting legislation...in 7 days, so that's my only concern."

Mr. Thorpe asked (Mr. Lokai), "What vote was it that we took...that we gave away the Airport land to...?"

"It was when we had 6 Council Members in session, and 4 (the last minute) they was called in to come in and vote Executive Session...explained what we're going to do, and come out here and vote on it," Mr. Lokai replied.

(*Mr. Evans, in the UCC Regular Session Meeting of April 10, 2012, requested a correction here of Mr. Lokai's statement to reflect only 4 Council Members present on Feb. 2, 2006—not 6 Council Members.)

"Which land were you talking about?" asked Mr. Thorpe.

"The Airport with...Wastewater...remember the land swap?" Mr. Lokai said. "February 2nd, 2005."

Council President Hess called for the Roll Call.

Mr. Robert Munch - Nothing at this time

Mr. Colin Stein - Nothing at this time

Mr. Lee Williams - Nothing at this time

Mr. Kerry Brugger - Discussed the 'activity around town' regarding the handicapped ramps

Noted A&B Asphalt is in town making repairs (to the gas line digs from last Fall); Continuing to work in some of the areas where lawns were dug up

He mentioned activity on the north side of Washington Ave. at Main St. (tree lawn removal/ access)

South – activity on the water line extension/progress with a mid-May deadline

Mayor Bill Bean - Welcomed Mr. Dwight Paul to Council

Expressed appreciation to Officer Josh Jacobs & the F.O.P. for their community involvement, and noted he is looking forward to 'more things coming out of the F.O.P.'

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller –

Nothing at this time

Mr. Fields - Asked whether Mrs. Janice Myers (who was with her son—a Boy Scout) wished to speak

Mr. Evans - Discussed a citizen who he had be working with (in Virginia Smith's Ward) regarding concerns with the handicapped ramps (on the SW corner where Gwynne intersects with Main St.)

The citizen told Mr. Evans that the ramp there has a bigger slope, and said with a turn her scooter 'about tips over'

"Are those slopes made to specifications?" Mr. Evans asked.

Mr. Colin Stein indicated the slopes are looked at.

Mr. Evans also discussed (walking west across the bridge on Gwynne St—on the north side of the sidewalk, when you come to Laurel Oak there's no transition from the sidewalk to the crosswalk—it was noted as 'a drop off')

Mr. Brugger said the area would be looked at, and Mr. Evans said he has the citizens' phone number (but declined to release her

name)

Mrs. Smith - Thanked Administration for going down on Hagenbuch, but asked whether Administration had a chance to go to 'W. Ward to check the potholes out'

Mr. Stein said, "We patched there Monday or Tuesday—if you have any problems like that, just call me! Just call me whenever you have a problem—we can take care of it."

Mr. Lokai - Said: "Two things—one is a procedure, and the other is a concern—one is a procedure I know that (and no disrespect to our Clerk, Gail), but she is not an Ordinance writer. There has been

some requests—people come to Gail, and say, 'Give me an Ordinance for this!' We have a Law Director, and I think every Ordinance should go through the Law Director. I apologize for calling Lee this morning, because the paper I had (I didn't see a stamp on it)...Skipp called back...I was wondering if there's some way they could write on there, so we know it has passed through the Law Director. It's very important that every Ordinance goes through him, but I think (under no uncertain terms) should somebody come to our Clerk...and say, 'Could you write us an Ordinance?' That's not the Clerk's job. It's hers to report it, so...that's an in-house thing but...I think that's something that needs to be addressed down the road.

The thing that really (I think—that's causing some buzz words in this town)—I think we need to take a look at it...is our contract on recycling, and we've got (what) another 4 weeks, 5 weeks we've got to make a decision here...by the first of May? What's the deadline on that?"

Mr. Brugger said, "I think (when we talked about it at the Work Session) the contract expired the end of May...we're going out for quotes shortly."

"Okay," said Mr. Lokai.

"...and what are the buzz words?" asked Mr. Brugger.

"I don't think anybody in this room really should be pushing on any senior citizens with 65 gallon toters!" Mr. Lokai stated. "All you have to do is start mentioning this to seniors in this town (and other towns)...and this is what I call Big Brother pushing something on the citizens here in town that we may not want! I did check with Findlay (I know you don't want me to go out, and check other towns)...but I did have a good talk with the Mayor. They don't even collect...the Solid Waste District takes care of that, but the concerns are...we're kind of pushing...and somebody (and I'd just like to know who it is)...who is coming to this town, and pushing these large 65 gallon...and even recommending 96! If the people would simply condense what they've got, and put it in 18 gallon (that's fine)...but I just think we've already got a lot of money invested in those.

There's a lot of grumbling in this town (if you will sit down and drink coffee sometime—you'll hear it!). People do not want to get the 65 gallon toters...so whoever's pushing it...whatever company...I don't care what anybody says, they're lazy because they're trying to drive the people out! Everybody said the same thing. Kenton said the same thing today. One company wants to come in, and they want to drive everybody else...so they've got a corner on the market...so I think before we do anything on this, we'd better take a long, hard look at keeping our 18 gallon containers (that are working)...and quit trying to force people in this town to go to the 65 or the 96! I know...it's a bigger

container...but who wants to keep the container in their front yard?! Dublin already has an Ordinance that you have to have it hidden someplace, and some of the seniors that have very small garages would say, 'Where are you going to put this thing?' We've got 2 months to take care of this, but..."

Mr. Brugger interjected:

"If I may, just fill in (one at a time)...first of all, nobody's pushing anything~! We're looking at options. The sky's not falling—nobody's going to force anything on Mr. Lokai! We going to take them one at a time, and we're going to work through it...so please—don't let the sky fall yet, alright?"

"I'm just saying--the discussion I heard seemed to be aiming in that direction," Mr. Lokai replied, alluding to the fact that he felt it was being 'pushed down our throats.' "I didn't hear it from 1 or 2 people—I did hear it from a lot of people (especially seniors)...so...I'm not blaming you...it's just whatever company is coming to town is pushing it, that's all I'm..."

"Thank you," Mr. Brugger said.

Mr. Thorpe acknowledged that he has heard comments much like Mr. Lokai has, and said, "Why not keep the smaller container if you're a senior citizen, and you don't have that privilege of getting rid of that much stuff...but no one really gave any harsh objections to it...they just thought it was easier for the seniors to stay with the 18 gallon—thank you."

Mr. Hoffman - Welcomed Mr. Dwight Paul to Third Ward, and commended him for 'stepping up'

"As far as the recycling goes—I think everyone has some comments around it (and I agree the sky's not falling), but I do think that we should have some discussion around it before we put out a package," stated Mr. Hoffman. "I know the sky's not falling, but time is closing in on us...I think we should have more discussion around it." Council President Hess suggested another (extra) Work Session to discuss the topic

Mr. Brugger stated, "If we have a Work Session (by then) we're going to be pushing the limit, but we can look to see where we are on the extension (maybe we can buy more time on that)...so again, there's no rush...nobody's trying to...every company out there (in conversations we have with the representatives from the State)...the communities, in general, are looking at a 64 gallon. By no means are they suggesting that we adopt that. They actually encourage us to get a couple of three different options, so we can weigh what's out there...so our intent (same we talked about at the Work Session) was not to take one item out...we were hoping to get 2 or 3 options out there—not the whole cafeteria style, where we have 18 or 20 options. We're trying to get at least 2 or 3 options that are workable...and then make the decision off of that, so I don't think anybody's (at least—not that I'm aware of)...there's not anybody forcing anything on anybody. It's just all 3 companies are offering (as an encouragement to recycling) is a larger container, if folks are interested...so that will be part of the package."

Council President Hess –

Said that as a future senior citizen, he thinks the larger totes would be easier to handle; Said he has not heard any bad comments

about the larger totes

Agreed more discussion is needed; Suggested a Work Session to follow the April 10 UCC Regular Session

Mr. Lokai questioned, "Would that replace the regular Work Session then? Would it be additional?"

"Additional," Council President Hess answered.

Council President Hess also discussed The Compost Facility (Open 8AM-4:30PM); Noted it is getting a lot of use

Asked Mr. Williams for more information regarding the four-tenths money

Discussed handicapped ramps the need for those on residential streets; Mr. Brugger indicated this can be discussed, and said it would be valuable to know which area to begin with

Council President Hess instructed Council to check the wards, and to formulate a list

(To Chief Keller) Council President Hess asked, "How many EMS runs do you make a month?"

"Roughly 150," Chief Keller replied.

"Then the billing could possibly be a major thing," said Council President Hess.

Congratulated Mr. Paul; Noted the Mayor will have to appoint a BZA person from the Third Ward; Instructed anyone interested (from Third Ward to contact him, or Mayor Bean)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thorpe moved to adjourn the UCC Regular Session at 8:10PM; Mr. Lokai seconded. All were in favor of adjournment.

Council Clerk

Council President