

## **URBANA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2011**

The Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting of Tuesday, April 26, 2011, was called to order at 7:00PM, in Court Chambers/The Municipal Building, by **Council President Marty Hess.**

Attendance : All Councilmen were present.

City Staff in Attendance: Mayor Ruth Zerkle; Mr. Bruce Evilsizor, Director of Administration; Mr. Doug Crabill, Assistant to the Director of Administration; Mr. Chad Hall (\*Mr. Lee Williams, Finance Director was absent)

### **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Tree City USA Presentation**

Council President Hess announced the ‘Tree City USA Presentation,’ (with 2 Proclamations absorbed within the presentation); Asked Mr. Doug Crabill to come forward.

Mr. Crabill provided a recap on Tree City USA efforts from the previous year:

“Last week, Elmo Layman and Earl Cottrell (who are on the Tree Commission) went to Grandville and got our award for last year. We always apply in December for the previous years’ work, and then get your award the following year, so...they went last week and picked up our award...and we’ll ask them to come up here to just present that. As you mentioned there was a Proclamation on the Agenda tonight...this Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is going to be Arbor Day in the City of Urbana, so we actually have to have an Arbor Day celebration...and Arbor Day Proclamation every year. We did a tree plantings last week at East (Elementary), and on Friday morning Council Members (glad to have you) will be at South (Elementary) at 8:20AM...and North (Elementary) at 2:20PM, on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>...so we just invite you to that.

But as far as a recap of last year—in order to be a Tree City--you have to have a Tree Ordinance, you have to have a Tree Commission, and you have to spend \$2. per capita on trees...and celebrate ‘Arbor Day’ (I already said it)...so we achieved all those things last year. We actually spent \$2.38 per resident on tree related projects last year...we’re allowed to count our Leaf Collection Program, as well as depreciation on some of our municipal equipment in that number so...also we removed 27 trees between street, cemetery, and City property (21 of those were right-of-way trees), and last year we started our program of working with property owners to remove old declining trees (and having a reimbursement program for that), and we paid out \$3,700 in reimbursements last year to do that program, so we were able to get a lot of trees taken care of that were essentially declining (and needed to be taken down)...so we’re getting somewhere on that. We also planted 22 trees—countless volunteer hours—everything we do would not be possible without our volunteers, and the Commission Members (they help get the work done). Also (last year) Brad Bodenmiller attended the Tree Commission Academy (it’s like a weekend thing he attended on his own), to become more knowledgeable about trees...so he’s going to be more involved in our Tree Program going forward.

Before I have those guys come up—a couple of other quick things—we are selling trees for the right-of-way. Applications are due May 5<sup>th</sup>, and they’re on the City website...at \$75. per tree and the tree has to be planted in the public right-of-way.

We also recently received an Emerald Ash Borer Grant—we’re going to be doing a lot with that this year—in removing a lot of the Ash Trees ahead of the Ash Borer (although we’re not going to be that far ahead of it)...and so we’re going to work on removing Ash Trees, then replanting trees in their place using that grant money.

So that’s kind of a recap of the Tree Program...our Tree Commission (as I mentioned), is Elmo Layman, Earl Cottrell, Mike Sell, Colin Stein (our Street Superintendent), Al Evans (our Council Representative), Ron McFarland, and myself.”

Mr. Crabill indicated the award represented 9 years as a ‘Tree City.’

Mr. Earl Cottrell together with Mr. Crabill presented the new Tree City USA Flag.

Mr. Elmo Layman noted he received an ‘Emerald Ash Borer Identification Kit,’ as a door prize at the recent meeting. He cited the value of having the kit to allow residents to utilize in identification, since there are other types of tree borers.

“You’re going to see less tree work having to be done (emergency-wise), because the bad trees are going out,” stated Mr. Layman. “The other side of that is—we need canopy trees, so we’re going to start putting more pressure on the information to get out, to plant

more shade trees. The canopy is critical when you think about temperature and water control.”

Mr. Crabill announced the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup> as “Ash Borer Awareness Week.” He noted the importance of the Proclamation as a reminder to residents not to move firewood around, to curtail the spread of the Ash Borer.

Council President Hess expressed appreciation to the Tree Committee saying, “Keep up the good work!”

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Larry Lokai moved to approve the UCC Regular Session Minutes (April 19, 2011) and UCC Work Session Minutes (April 19, 2011); Mr. Thorpe seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Lokai commented, “It’s nice to have short meetings.”

### **Communications**

Mr. Steve Shaw moved to place the City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes (February 2011 - #93) on file; Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### **Administrative Reports – Board of Control**

There were no Board of Control items at this Meeting.

### **Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizen Comments at this Meeting.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Third Reading –**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 4360 (NOW AMENDED) –**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF URBANA, OHIO, TO VACATE A PORTION OF WEST WARD ST. BETWEEN PARCELS (SEE 5 LISTED) AND TO VACATE A PORTION OF GLENN AVE. BETWEEN (SEE 2 PARCELS LISTED) IN URBANA, OHIO

Mr. Lokai moved to place ORDINANCE NO. 4360 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Robert Thorpe seconded.

Roll call vote to approve passage: Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes (7-0)

#### **Second Reading –**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 4361 (AMENDED) –**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 935 INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SECTIONS (935.02, 935.04, 935.05, 935.08, 935.10, 935.11, 935.12, 935.15, 935.19, 935.29)

(\*Read and declared a Second Reading)

Discussion –

Mr. Chad Hall provided a quick overview of this Ordinance, defining it as a lot of basic housekeeping rules changes from the State and other areas.

“How many industries will this affect?” asked Council President Hess.

“Well, we have 5—and currently 4 of the 5,” replied Mr. Hall.

“So basically, this is for the larger industries?” Council President Hess asked.

“Yes,” Mr. Hall answered.

#### **First Reading –**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2330 –**

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

(\*Read and declared a First Reading)

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill stated, “There was an email with some questions about the wording of the Resolution (I responded to that)—basically, the wording of the Resolution is in line with the wording of the letter that was received from the Department of Development declaring the existence of the Champaign County Metropolitan Housing Board...so I didn’t make up the wording (or anything like that), it came right out of that letter. If you look at the Revised Code Section, it talks about the creation of a Metro Housing Authority—that language in the letter lines up with the language in the Resolution. Hopefully—that answered that question.”

Mr. Kerry Brugger said, “First of all, I appreciate your response to the letter...while I understand where you got the wording, it still doesn’t (kind of) convince me that the wording is right.”

Mr. Brugger questioned the condition of the housing, and also asked, “Who in the Administration will be involved in getting this thing off the ground (and kind of monitoring it—ongoing)?”

Mr. Crabill responded, “From what I understand the way the City’s stated involved is the Mayor makes 2 appointments to that Board, and there’s an application process to be 1 of those 2 members...and I think that’s how the City maintains its input in that, it’s that authority going forward. If they form a Board or decide to create one officially—yeah, that’s how the City would continue to have the input to that Board.”

Mr. Brugger pointed to some degree of duplication of effort, and questioned whether some agencies in the County currently do offer that assistance.

“The vouchers—no,” stated Mr. Crabill. “You have to...from what I understand, the whole drive of this is to free up vouchers for people that need housing assistance...and I know from having taken a call upstairs, there was a person that lives here locally (they had called Logan County, and they were on a waiting list for a housing voucher for Champaign County)...but all of the Metro Housing Authorities around us have a residential preference saying that they’ll give vouchers to their residents first...so if you’re on one of those lists in Clark or Logan or Shelby County, you’re on it forever. I think she was like 150 (or something) on the list, and she said she had actually gone down on the list in the six month time between her calls, so...this would essentially help keep vouchers in the community that would be available for people living here in the community.”

“My last comment is—just being in the situation we are (economically), spreading our resources a little thinner—I don’t know that (you know) housing should be a core (opportunity), a core function of our local business (our government), so with that—that’s my comment,” stated Mr. Brugger.

Mr. Lokai said:

“I have taken an interest in this project...I’ve talked to Doug on many occasions, and went to a few meetings...and actually have to been to some other counties...but there are some unanswered questions I know...initially when it was brought up it seemed like a win/win situation...but the unanswered questions are as follows: I did pull some correspondence from back in November of a (actually October of ’09), when they said,

‘Effective immediately—November 5, 2009 there will be no vouchers issued (during the rest of 2009, and it could extend to ’10), so that raises the question with the unknown...the unknown is, we don’t know what the voucher system’s going to be in the year to come with the budget concerns...the next part of the puzzle is (after I visited a couple of them), one county said that one of things is after they get started with the Metro Housing Board...one of the things we can do is (eventually) set up a Metro Housing Project Building Program...and then as I talked to another county they indicated that they didn’t really make a whole lot of money off of the vouchers, but where they made their money on the homes they owned...so I’m still trying to find questions to get this answered...where do the people that own these homes for the county (I’m talking about Clark County, or Union County, or Logan County)—where do they get the money (the start up money)?...so if we wanted to make money on this project (instead of costing)...how are we going to get the money for the houses?’

Mr. Lokai indicated he spoke with Ms. Sue Bailey, and repeated that she said, ‘When you set up an office (or set up a program), and get the Board going that they could (potentially, if the Commissioners approve it), one day a week...hold their office there in the Jobs and Family Service Office (use the space there).’

Mr. Lokai said:

“But the question still remains, if things don’t go correct—will this program go belly up? Are they going to talk to the Commissioners to get more money, or are they going to come to the City? We have to look at these things ahead of time. I know that there’s been people promoting it, and I keep hearing, ‘No—they could care less about making any money off of this—they just want to get this thing off the ground.’ From what I know about (when people promote things) there has to be an ulterior motive to why they want to do things. How are they going to finance the benefits? I think before we jump into this—there’s a reason why the 2 judges and the County Commissioners aren’t jumping on this—first of all, we have to (as a City) initiate this, but they’re not pushing us to do it...but they will follow along with what we’re going to do. My concern is—if funding does not come through, are we going to be sitting (holding the bag), or how are we going to handle that?...so I think in the next 2 readings, we need to search these things out...and see where the money (down the road) is going to come from...how are we going to fund these projects...and I do agree--one point—that the people in Champaign County are at a big disadvantage...and that is that the vouchers follow them, and they qualify out of the vouchers...then what’s going to happen is, that voucher goes back to either Clark County or Logan County...and we’re left holding the bag, so I think that’s a concern that we have to look at...I’m going to be doing some checking...and I’m trying to find the houses (within this County), that Clark County owns for residential purposes...I do know (after looking on the web) there are several places that are (what we call Section 8 Housing Units) in Urbana...we’ve got 5 in Urbana, 1 in Mechanicsburg, 1 in No. Lewisburg...couldn’t find any in St. Paris, so we have several programs around like that, but I think (between now and when we finalize this... and get this Board started), we’ve got to find out how does the start up money come in, and how do we keep the thing operating...”

Mr. Thorpe said, “The voucher system, Clark County and Logan County (both) have vouchers in Champaign County...and it seems to me to like we’re losing out...we’re not getting something started...so however we do it, we need to organize it very methodically

to make sure that (under and most of the volunteer, and that's what I understand this is going to have to start—with volunteers) understand where they're at when they stop."

Mr. Bill Bean said, "I'm a bit confused about who owns the housing."

"I don't believe Clark County owns anything here," stated Mr. Crabill. "Metro Housing Authorities can own property—the discussions we've had to this date—are not that this entity would own property...and essentially they'd be a mechanism for the vouchers.

Larry might raise a good point about—maybe there's more money to be made in the ownership of the property, but there hasn't been a lot of discussion about this particular authority owning property...it's more of the access to the vouchers."

"I understand that there's going to be standards built into this, and the landlord's going to have to bring their housing up to a particular standard...in order for somebody with a voucher to come there," said Mr. Bean.

"Right--yeah," answered Mr. Crabill.

"I guess I'm just...Larry's saying one thing about having governments own (and I'll have to take a look at what Larry gave me), but I was under the understanding that private individuals own the housing and ..." said Mr. Bean.

"Or management companies," Mr. Crabill interjected.

Mr. Al Evans stated:

"Well (you know) we've had some meetings, and honestly Larry...I thought that those folks answered your questions, but I'll do my best to try to explain the situation. First of all, this whole concept was driven by an organization that...it's sole purpose is to try to help the homeless people in Urbana/Champaign County. I don't want to get long-winded here, but to qualify that—our concept, we perceive the homeless as being the guy that's sleeping underneath the viaduct (and on the street)—the fact of the matter is, there are a lot of people living in the City that are homeless that (up until a year ago were productive Members of this community), and because of the economy they're now homeless.

Homeless means they're staying with their Mom and Dad...or they're staying with their grandparents...or they're sleeping on a buddy's couch...or they're moving from couch to couch, so that's what this whole thing was driven for...was to try to help the homeless by getting Champaign County vouchers, and just basically getting our share of the pie.

There's never been any discussion at all (at any meeting that I've been to, and I've been to monthly meetings for nearly 2 years)...there's never been any discussion with this group at all about buying, or building, or operating, or owning any Metropolitan Housing units/complexes...that's never been the case! It's always just to try to get our fair share of the Section 8 Housing! That being said—when we talk about (what Mr. Bean just mentioned is) is I see this as an opportunity to (I don't want to say 'force'), but to bring landlords along with the idea that they need to upgrade their properties...maintain their properties, because (in order to get one of these vouchers) they have to meet certain standards...then once the voucher's granted (and the person is living there), there's inspections (so they have to maintain the property)...but just to make a clarification (and I believe these people when they tell me) that there's no intention of owning, or operating, or buying, or building more housing...according to the study that Melanie made (with The Comprehensive Plan), we have plenty of housing stocked to accommodate these vouchers. If the Board is formed (and we don't get any vouchers), then we close it down! There's no start up costs—it's all volunteer...so I understand why some people may be skeptical about the fact that there's an ulterior motive to wanting to

start this up...and...I will right now (put my reputation on the line) and tell you that the only motive is to try to help the homeless people in this County! They have no grand idea about building Metropolitan Housing, and making money off this project! We just want to have a Board that can facilitate the reception of Section 8 housing vouchers for Champaign County residents. We may not get any—they may not issue any more—but if we don't have a Board, and if we don't have a Metropolitan Housing Authority...we'll never get any! Thank you.”

Council President Hess said:

“If I may—I had apartments that I rented out and it was in Section 8 Metropolitan Housing—I had to bring the apartments up to standards, and (what I see, what I heard) when we had the meeting with the 2 gentlemen upstairs...they're willing to come in, and administer that for what—I think they said 10%--is it 10 or 15% of...if they get \$100,000 a year, they'll get \$15,000 to administer that money...”

Mr. Crabill said, “That sounds right—it's 10% to administer.”

“Whatever if it's 10%--it's \$10,000—it's not going to cost the City anything...there's no money going out anywhere, like Al said...we have to have that Authority here, so the money can come here...” stated Council President Hess. “There's really no expense to the City at all—other than the time that (whoever the Mayor appoints to this Board) has to spend there to make sure that these 2 guys who I assume are going to Administer it—right, Doug?”

Mr. Evans said, “It's not necessarily going to them—they're the ones that brought it forward.”

“They were just mentioning how the Authority operates (having the voucher), that they can get around 10% of the money to administer...” said Mr. Crabill.

“So— but it's not like we're going to hire somebody to administer though?” asked Council President Hess.

“Well, in the Authority itself—is its own independent development so...” Mr. Crabill replied.

Council President Hess elaborated on his understanding of the City's role, and suggested Council discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Mr. Brugger asked, “I'm just curious (you made a statement)...you talked about keeping the money here...if I own a property (and I get a voucher from Springfield), where's the money go? It's still here—right? It didn't come from anywhere else...it still stays here...”

Council President Hess briefly explained the workings by providing an example.

“I understand—I know there isn't any cost (per se) at this beginning—my concern is somewhere down the road, we're going to get into the rule of politics to clash with the law of economics,” stated Mr. Brugger. “The law of economics would win—so I'm just trying to think ahead—what about 3 years from now? 4 years from now? I don't think the City has any business getting involved in housing projects, if you will! If there is an interest in moving it countywide, this might be our opportunity to join forces.”

Mr. Crabill verified, “It has to be countywide, but the letter from the State says the territorial limits of the cities of Urbana and the Village of Mechanicsburg, St. Paris, and No. Lewisburg (I believe)...so it has to operate within those villages as well...”

“Kerry—but if you have an apartment in Urbana that's empty, and you've got somebody that says, ‘I can get a Section 8 voucher if I can rent your apartment’—then they're going

to come and they'll inspect your apartment...and if you want to bring it up to their codes, then it's not a City inspection...this is pretty much a State inspection," said Council President Hess also citing specific areas that would be looked at during such an inspection, with recommendations. "...and you could say, 'I don't want to do all that—it's not worth it to me! Sorry, I don't want it!'...you don't have to take it...so there's no reason for us to say the City's ever going to be involved in it, and say, 'You've got to bring your apartment up so these people can get it'...nobody can say that!" "It's essentially a free market thing," said Mr. Crabill. "This entity would function on its own...if it doesn't function on its own, it won't function."

Mr. Lokai pointed out 2 parts of the program: Section 8 (where the vouchers come from), and Ownership by the Metro Housing Authorities.

Mr. Lokai stated:

"I can tell you right now that Springfield has 361 public housing units that they own and they rent...now the plus side of the vouchers is this (I talked to a realtor today, and I agree with this)--that if you get into a Metro Housing Unit, that you're going to have more stringent inspection (and this is why some of the people that own houses in Champaign County are not happy with the unit) because they have to have higher standards...so it does bring up the standard of housing, because you have to meet certain criteria. The other thing is—there are homes owned by a lot of realtors that get Section 8 vouchers (a lot of independent people own these homes), but the second part of the puzzle is that somewhere along the line (when these programs started in the 60s) they had made enough money that they bought their own properties...now Logan County said, one of the long range plans they have was to build (and this is part of the program)—to build metro housing projects down the road...now, we have a lot of control over that (down the road), so we can approve it or disapprove it...I'm playing the devil's advocate here...by the way, the voucher program went from 12% down to 8%, so the person managing has to give the renter (after amount) 8%...and they have to give 88% for toward rent so...the other good part of this is, if you think your house is worth \$1,000 (and the inspectors come in and say, 'It's only worth \$800'...well then (guess what) you're only going to get \$800—you're not going to get \$1,000...but it is good that they have inspections."

Mr. Bean said:

"I'm just trying to understand this (what Larry gave me)—basically, we have (2) Section 8 housing complexes in Urbana...2 for family, and then we have 3 for elderly...and likewise in Mechanicsburg (we have an elderly), and in No. Lewisburg (we have an elderly)...because I keep hearing that we have a lot of Section 8 housing..."

Mr. Crabill responded:

"It's just that they can accept the voucher—it's not that the whole complex is Section 8—it's that, it's an equal housing opportunity (and they're a rental entity), so a lot of those management companies...they will accept Section 8 vouchers. You can go to any city around us (and you'd find 5 of those complexes in that community), that accept vouchers...I mean, it's...their units are already up to the level to be able to be rented out, and so they'll accept the vouchers."

"But are these the only ones that can accept vouchers?" asked Mr. Bean.

"A private landlord (if they met the requirements) they could—yeah," replied Mr. Crabill. "But typically your larger management companies—they're prepared to handle those—that's part of their business, so..."

“Okay,” said Mr. Bean.

Council President Hess said, “Bill, I had a double—one was Section 8, one was regular rent...”

“It’s guaranteed money for the landlord (or the property owner),” Mr. Fields added.

“...and if you want \$1,000 (and it’s \$800), the person who rents it would be responsible for the other \$200...whether you get it or not, (you know) there’s \$800 guaranteed if you keep your property up to code.”

Mr. Evans stated:

“I’d just like to try to clarify two things—to try to explain about the vouchers—now, if we have a resident in Champaign County who is currently holding a voucher from Clark County...that’s (on the books) that’s a Clark County voucher...although the money is coming to (let’s say a Champaign County landlord)...if for some reason that person gives up that house, that voucher goes back to Clark County (it does not stay here)—right?...and then the problem here recently is, is that Clark, Shelby (all the counties around us) are holding their vouchers for their residents and there are no...(as we lose the Champaign County vouchers through the system, they’re not coming back...so we have people who may qualify for the vouchers, but they can’t get one (because they’re on a waiting list from another county). The second thing that I wanted to address (and Doug can help me out here, because he’s the...the Administration is the one that received the letter), the reason that the Judges and the Commissioners aren’t jumping on board is because this whole process has to be initiated by the largest municipality within the County...so we have to take the lead on it (they can’t take the lead on it). We have to—correct, Doug?”

“I’m pretty sure—that’s the way I understand it,” Mr. Crabill answered.

Mr. Lokai verified, “That is correct.”

“So—you know there would be no reason for the Commissioners to say, ‘Let’s go with this,’ when we’re the ones that have to spur it...so hopefully that kind of clears up some questions about why isn’t everybody jumping on the bandwagon...it’s kind of like they’re waiting for us to start the engine...and then hopefully, everything will go,” stated Mr. Evans.

“The Judges were the same way, they said...” Mr. Crabill began.

Mr. Evans interjected:

“I just wanted to clarify one thing—the goal of this is not to buy or build (and I understand what you’re saying on down the road)...I don’t think that Metropolitan Housing Authority in Urbana, Ohio/Champaign County will ever be big enough to buy or build a project (I believe that)...unless we all have a windfall...and secondly (I believe that), if we form the Board and our Administration (through the application process) pick the right people to be on the Board...that we will have a...a...a Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Housing Authority that will do basically what the goal is...and that is to basically be able to manage the Section 8 housing vouchers...I believe that—I do.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 2331 –**

**A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO, TO AUTHORIZE MAKING APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF AVIATION UNDER THE FY12 OHIO AIRPORT GRANT PROGRAM**

Administrative Request for Rules Suspension and Passage.

Mr. Lokai moved to suspend the rules on three readings; Mr. Robert Thorpe seconded. Roll call vote to approve suspension: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes (7-0)

Mr. Lokai moved to place RESOLUTION NO. 2331 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Bean seconded.

Roll call vote to approve: Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Shaw, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes (7-0)

Discussion -

Mr. Crabill explained:

“This is a program through ODOT (for the Airport Program)—ODOT, every year, inspects airports and their pavement conditions...and in public use airports. Last year they put together a report on Grimes Field, and what we were finding was the overall runway (being that it was newly constructed a decade ago) was in great shape...however, a lot of the taxiways and aprons—they were essentially overlaid years ago...and so, like the apron that sits outside from the Café...we tried to have some crack sealant done last year (there’s cracks that are like that wide, and probably 8-10 inches deep), that just go down to where that old layer of asphalt was...so, at that time we used some of our Federal Grant money for the Airport to have R.W. Armstrong go through and analyze the pavements and determine what needed to be replaced...rebuilt into what spec (and all that type of stuff), so they developed a spec for basically repair and replacement of some of the apron areas (and some of the taxiways)...and ODOT has a program...90% ODOT, 10% sponsor of the City...and so we felt this was a good opportunity. This program typically pays for resurfacing projects, and ODOT would rather be paying for maintenance type stuff than rebuilding complete air fields. It seems like a good program—the estimated project cost is \$470,000...so there would be a 10% local share of \$47,000...and then (from what I understand) that money is available on Capital (if we need it). Another option may be to (our next Resolution here in a minute is on the actual Federal Program)—we may be able to use the Federal Program as a match (if I understand correctly)...am I right in saying that, Bruce?”

“Um—no—the State doesn’t fully fund (you know) their portion, the 90% that we can pick up (you know), some of the Federal money to make up the 90%,” stated Mr. Evilsizor.

“Okay—so they only funded \$200,000—the Federal Program...” said Mr. Crabill. “So—essentially that’s what this Grant would be used for...and as you see at the bottom of the application is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. R.W. Armstrong is working on preparing this, so we request passage of this tonight in order to get the application in.”

Mr. Steve Shaw said, “Well—it’s 90/10, and you say we’ve got \$47,000 we can come up with?”

“Yes—it’s a program we can do either this year or next year—we didn’t have it in the Budget this year...but I guess the need is...” Mr. Evilsizor began.

“Well, it can get worse,” Mr. Shaw added.

“Yeah—yeah, the cracks are pretty big, and...” said Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Lokai sought to verify, “We have to come up with \$47,000 and the rest will come from the Grant one of the two different ways. I would say that we need to proceed forward with it—to see what we can do.”

Mr. Thorpe added, “Pass it.”

“Would you explain this next Resolution how it dovetails into...um...?” asked Mr. Bean. Mr. Crabill replied, “Yeah—they’re not completely interrelated. The way I understand it (from what Bruce is saying) is if ODOT comes back and says ‘We’ll only fund your \$470,000 to \$250,000’...then this next program which is pretty much guaranteed money when we apply for it...we may be able to take some of that program and apply Federal money towards making up the difference.”

“...and is there any match to that?” asked Mr. Bean.

“That program is a 95-5—I believe,” said Mr. Crabill.

“Is that coming from the FAA?” asked Mr. Bean.

“Yes,” answered Mr. Crabill. “So—they may end up being related, and they may not—if ODOT comes and funds \$470,000...we come up with the local, and we go forward...so...”

“I think it’s a good opportunity to try to get the runways straightened out,” stated Mr. Eugene Fields.

Mr. Evans defined the Airport as an asset, and said, “Just like any other asset that you own (publicly or privately) you need to be able to do maintenance and repairs...so...I just look at this like this is maintenance that needs to be done, that might not have been done in the past. I think we need to maintain the Airport, and pass this Resolution.”

Council President Hess asked, “Just for the heck of it—if ODOT says, ‘We’ll give you \$200,000,’ and you can only get \$100,000 out of the Federal Grant...do you have \$170,000 to put into it?”

Mr. Crabill answered, “Well, it’s a matter of timing, and working through the process as it comes about...but I don’t think we have to like commit ourselves to anything until we have...I mean, they could award fund to us, and if we can’t make it work...”

“...then you could say, ‘I’m sorry we decided not to do this at this time,’” Council President Hess interjected.

“Yeah—right—until we sign a Grant agreement—yeah, there’s nothing official,” stated Mr. Crabill. “If they awarded it to us, and we couldn’t make it work with that amount of money...we would pass, and probably apply next year.”

“Okay, I was just wondering—you said that ODOT didn’t guarantee their money—I was wondering if...” Council President Hess said.

“Yeah, and I don’t remember the timing of when their announcement is, and when the Federal application’s due so...I think we’ll be able to figure it out as we kind of go, but yeah...there is that option,” said Mr. Crabill.

Mr. Evans said, “Doug--on a lot of programs that we work with with applications for grants and matching money, we’ve been able (in the past) to...the matching, we can do in-kind services...is there any flexibility there for...?”

Mr. Crabill replied, “On this one—probably not (on labor or construction activities).”

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2332 –**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED  
(\*Read and declared a First Reading)

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill defined the Resolution:

“This one is not an emergency, this one’s not until (I think) August...this is the Federal Airport Improvement Program through the FAA...we apply for this every year...we currently have a 1509 and a 1610, this would be for 1711...and (from what I understand), Bruce has been working with this program more than I have, but this would be looking into an access road for a neighboring property (it’s part of the runway extension)...that’s what this money would be used for...did I explain that correctly?”

Mr. Evilsizor replied, “Yes—I guess, just working with Dorothy (Moore) to try to figure out a way to where...um...the 13 acres there...of private property there and the Airport can coexist. I guess uh...working with the FAA, they’re most comfortable with providing an access road back to that 13 acres (or however many acres there is back there)...kind of giving access to that property that way.”

“I think Dorothy needs to have a road to get back to her house—and I think this would facilitate that, so I would say that (between now and the next two readings), that we should give strong consideration to passing that,” stated Mr. Lokai.

“How much is this for?” asked Mr. Bean.

“Uh—it varies from year to year—Bruce, do you remember what the amount was?” asked Mr. Crabill.

Mr. Evilsizor responded, “The normal amount is \$150,000 for the non-primary entitlement that we receive every year—this Grant is for more than that (I guess) it would include some discretionary money. I can’t remember the total amount, but it’s um...yeah, it’s a lot more than \$150,000. I can get that for you for the next reading.”

“So is this going to be enough to build a road, and if something went wrong with the last one we were discussing?” asked Mr. Bean.

“Well—the way that we’ve used these programs in the past is kind of what they’re built on each year...so you go into a year with certain activities that you want to accomplish, and then (you know) you kind of see where you are...and then the next program may help carry on the program before...so there’s that kind of (you know) there is some flexibility there,” stated Mr. Crabill. “So essentially going after the next program...to help keep the process going on...you can hold over this money for a few years (and have a larger pot of money later—that’s been done in the past)...although (right now) you wouldn’t want to do that, because this is another one of those Federal Programs that’s being greatly discussed.”

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Shaw -Nothing at this time

Mr. Lokai - Announced a 3,000 bicycle(s) activity coming through from London on June 25<sup>th</sup> – early AM; He said to exercise caution with traffic  
Also noted a 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion the same weekend (Class of ’61)  
Announced – May 9<sup>th</sup> is the Simon Kenton Pathfinders, ‘Pennies for the Path Project’  
Reminded everyone to get out and vote next Tuesday

Mr. Thorpe -Nothing at this time

Mr. Bean - Nothing at this time

Mr. Fields -Nothing at this time

Mr. Evans -Said, “For those that might be interested, the Area 54 Radio Controlled Speedway is open. For those of you that don’t know—it’s over by the Radio Controlled Airplane Facility. It’s quite a unique place (if you’re

Interested, you might want to stop by and look at it. Mark Mader and his group (with the help of Chris Stokes, and the City) have done an excellent job! It's open—they're going to have their Inaugural Test Race this Saturday (time trials start at noon, and they'll be racing until they're done.)

Mr. Evans said the racing can be viewed on YouTube (Area 54 Raceway)

"I think it's going to be a positive for our City—and I guess I can make a plug—the Opening Race (which if you go onto the website you'll see) is on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and is sponsored by your local NAPA Auto Parts Store," he said. "They're doing a good job out there, and it's going to be interesting."

Mr. Evans gave his telephone number for more info (653-7145)

"Are there dues to join?" asked Council President Hess.

"I don't think so," said Mr. Evans, also indicated that those who desire to participate should obtain the rules. "For the races (of course) there are entry fees."

He also plugged for those interested in starting a parts business related to this type of racing

Mr. Brugger - Expressed appreciation to Police Division for the Annual Report  
Expressed appreciation to Brad Bodenmiller for information regarding Abandoned/Vacated Properties, and indicated he would be meeting with Mr. Bodenmiller and Attorney Gil Weithman next week  
Discussed the Compost Facility

Mr. Evilsizor announced hours as M-F 8-4:30, SAT 9-3

Mr. Crabill - Discussed the TIFs and said Council could look forward to seeing some of the TIF money soon

Mr. Chad Hall - Discussed the Compost Facility; Shared Telephone No. (508-6405)  
Announced mulch as \$15. for City residents; \$20. for County residents

Mr. Evilsizor - Announced Fire Division's Annual Report is also available  
Mayor Ruth Zerkle -

Noted she has received calls regarding the Metropolitan Housing Authority, and said she informed callers, "Please, we will be doing this by application."

Council President Hess -

Announced the 'Pooper Scooper Law,' and reminded residents to abide by that law

Reminded residents to work on cleaning up properties

Asked about the Street Sweeper

Mr. Evilsizor said repairs are being made to get it up and running;

Mr. Evilsizor said the Street Sweeper does not need to get out as often this year

Council President Hess stressed that with major Summer events, the major streets should be cleaned to provide a good first impression

Council President Hess announced the UCC Informal Meeting will

not be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Thorpe moved to adjourn the UCC Regular Session Meeting (approximately 8:20PM); Mr. Lokai seconded. All were in favor of adjournment.

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Council Clerk

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Council President