

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES – JULY 26, 2011**

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

Attendance: All Councilmen were present with the exception of Mr. Steve Shaw.
City Staff in Attendance: Mayor Ruth Zerkle; Mr. Bruce Evilsizor, Director of Administration; Mr. Lee Williams, Finance Director; Mr. Doug Crabill, Assistant to the Director of Administration; Mr. Brad Bodenmiller

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Robert Thorpe moved to approve the UCC Public Hearing Minutes (July 12, 2011), the UCC Regular Session Minutes (July 12, 2011), and the UCC Work Session Minutes (July 19, 2011); Mr. Eugene Fields seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Communications

Mr. Larry Lokai moved to place the LUC Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (July 14, 2011) on file; Mr. Bill Bean seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control

1.

Mr. Lokai moved to authorize a purchase order to Software Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$11,664.10 for the annual software support (August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012) for all financial modules; accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, general ledger, income tax, and utility billing (This will be charged to the Finance Division, and is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Bean seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Fields asked, “Did it go up any? Much?”

“It did—in fact, we actually to the next level of coverage,” Mr. Lee Williams explained.

“We got an opportunity to put an upgrade in the software (for enhancements, and future upgrades)—had no additional costs in the future. We also have unlimited service calls (and off-hours service calls) included...and given the fact it’s 6 modules, it’s less than \$2,000 a year per module...so we did the upgrade...we went from \$8,000 to \$11,000.”

“Is this the part where we can sift stuff out through the bills...through the water...or that’s not encompassed in this?” asked Mr. Fields.

Mr. Williams replied, “It’s part of the software—it’s not in this package, but it is part of the software.”

2.

Mr. Fields moved to authorize a purchase order to J&J Schlaegel, Inc. in the amount of \$8,998.50 to improve the turning radius at W. Twain Ave. and No. Main St. (This was the lowest of 3 bids received. This cost will be charged to Street Paving, and is not in the 2011 Budget, but the Street Paving Budget has the funds to support this capital expense); Mr. Kerry Brugger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Doug Crabill noted, “There’s 3 quotations there that Mike received from 3 different contractors.”

He further explained the purpose of this purchase order.

“We also are going to be receiving what they call a 629 grant from the Ohio Dept. of Development, that’s going to pay for the cost of resurfacing Twain Ave., so this work needs to be done prior to the resurfacing...but we can’t start any of this work (I believe) until around August 9th, which is after the Controlling Board (hopefully) approves the 629 grant. At the end of the day this improvement will be made to the corner using local funds, and then the 629 funds will go towards the paving of Twain Ave.”

“...and it’s a 50/50 grant (50% grant)...up to \$45,000 from the State,” added Mr. Bruce Evilsizor.

Mr. Lokai noted the quote/bid process does work, but expressed concerns about the subcontracting (and the need to keep on top of the subcontracting work).

Mr. Crabill replied, “They have a pretty tight time line for this...this has to be done before the paving company comes in (which they come in August 21st or 22nd, to do our paving contract)...so this will have to be done before that...that’s one reason it’s before you, so that this step’s taken and we get the Controlling Board’s approval for the grant...and then it will be good to go...we’ll be able to get the work done.”

Mr. Thorpe questioned the difference in bids, and said, “Schaegel’s obviously the low bidder, so...”

Mr. Bean stressed the importance of passing this item for the area (improvements). “There’s plenty of right-of-way there—it’s just not as wide as it could be,” said Mr. Crabill.

Mr. Fields questioned this item in relation to the storm sewers.

Mr. Crabill said, “I asked Tyler that this afternoon—these 2—I believe there’s 2 catch basins where these radiuses are being changed that they’re not part of that No. Main storm project...so...that ends on the other side of the street, I believe.”

“...so it won’t have any effect on that?” asked Mr. Fields.

“No,” answered Mr. Crabill.

Mr. Al Evans asked, “Do we have a right-of-way there?”

“Yes, yes,” said Mr. Crabill, also noting there is supposed to be plenty of right-of-way present to not impose on properties discussed.

Mr. Brugger echoed the importance of the quality of the work, and the need to monitor any subcontracting work.

3.

Mr. Evans moved to authorize a purchase order to All Phase Electric in the amount of \$3,600 to replace a light pole on So. Main St., damaged by an accident (This will be covered by insurance. The City will be responsible for the \$1,000 deductible, and is not in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Lokai seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill explained the accident situation that occurred on July 7th/ 2:30AM. The driver involved did not have insurance.

“Basically, I was asked to file this with our insurance to get it replaced,” he said. “This is one part of it (this is the light pole itself), then there’s a separate purchase order to Evan’s Electric to reset the pole when it comes in.”

“So we know who this is?” asked Mr. Evans.

“We know who they were—yes,” answered Mr. Crabill.

“Do we have any recourse to go after them for the...?” asked Mr. Evans.

“The insurance company will do that—we actually are just seeking restitution for the deductible,” said Mr. Crabill.

Mr. Thorpe questioned, “I see you have a \$1,000 deductible, but you’re telling me there’s two purchase orders?”

“Correct--the total claim would have a thousand dollar deductible on it,” said Mr. Crabill.

“The insurance company has both quotations, so...yeah, the deductible would apply to the overall project (I guess you could say).”

Mr. Bean briefly explained the insurance company process inclusive of ‘going after our money too.’

“We’re not going to go after the \$1,000—the insurance company will,” he said.

“She was going to contact the prosecutor and work with them on that...so...” said Mr. Crabill.

4.

Mr. Lokai moved to authorize a purchase order to Reliant Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$8,241.25 for the replacement of the mini-split air conditioning unit in the Fire Department (The existing unit has reached the end of its useful life. This will be charged to Municipal Building Capital Improvement, and is in the 2011 Budget); Mr. Thorpe seconded. Motion carried with voiced objection noted by Mr. Kerry Brugger. (5-1)

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill explained:

This is a small air conditioning system that is on the roof above the Fire Chief’s office (and there’s an office that’s to the south of that office—I think they call it ‘the library’ I believe). This unit serves those 2 rooms. Last Summer--when it got really hot last Summer—this unit wasn’t keeping up. Reliant came and looked at it at that time...and said that the valves were going bad, and the compressor was going bad...basically, that we should look at replacing it. Well then...when we had the warm weather last week—they came back and looked at it again, and said it was definitely time to do something else...so that’s why we brought this to you.”

Mr. Crabill added that the Fire Prevention Office/Dave Torsell’s Office would be added to this cooling system as well. He noted the City has \$15,000 set aside for air conditioning units, and added that this expenditure will come out of that money.

Mr. Bean asked, “This wasn’t bid out at all...and why?”

“No—well, in our contract with Reliant, they have like first priority refusal to do work here at the buildings—that will be going out to bid here again in the Spring...” stated Mr. Crabill. “Bruce and I talked about...maybe if we were getting up into a higher amount of money being spent...let’s say we were doing 2 or 3 rooftop units (or something), we would definitely want to consider bidding that...and also time it needs to be replaced...”

Mr. Brugger said he does not believe the work should be handed over, and stressed that he still believes the work should be bid out, or quoted.

Citizen Comments

Interim Fire Chief, Dave Torsell, introduced new probationary firefighter, Mr. Tyler Wolfe (son of Urbana Firefighter, Barry Wolfe).

“We watched him grow with his father standing behind him and his aspirations,” Mr. Torsell said of Tyler Wolfe. “Now we get the honor of watching them stand side-by-side and serve this community. Tyler has prepared himself very well for this job (and his career)—not only to be a firefighter, but to be a firefighter for the City of Urbana...and

that says a lot for this young man...to want to work for this city, and work for the same department his father does.”

“I knew at a young age this is where I wanted to be, so this is a great privilege,” stated Mr. Tyler Wolfe. “I look forward to doing everything I can to help this department (and the City) progress forward, as much as I can.”

Council President Hess wished Tyler, ‘Good Luck.’

Ordinances and Resolutions

Third Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2332 – Revised/Now off the TABLE

Resolution No. 2332 had a Third Reading, and Mr. Evans moved to place Resolution No. 2332 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Lokai seconded.

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

Discussion –

Mr. Bean said this Resolution should move forward for passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2338 –

Mr. Lokai moved to place Resolution No. 2338 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Thorpe seconded.

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

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill noted the loan application for Phoenix Drive is due Friday.

Second Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4364 –

(*Read and declared a Second Reading)

Discussion –

Mr. Crabill noted the Exhibit changes/revisions.

“At the First Reading we talked about whether or not a person could be forced to connect—and (if I heard right) they could not be required, unless they were in City limits—is that true?” asked Mr. Brugger.

“Yeah—the only thing this does say (in the actual Ordinance that’s written) is that if you connect to sewer, you have to connect to water,” stated Mr. Crabill. “That is written in your Ordinance that you have—4364.”

“Now if at some point...” Mr. Brugger began.

Mr. Crabill interjected, “Which is actually consistent with our ordinances in general.”

“...that area’s annexed...does that change that situation?” asked Mr. Brugger. “I mean—if they’re annexed after the fact, are they then required...or do they still have the option?”

Mr. Crabill replied, “They still would have (as far as I understand) yeah—as long as they still have a functional well, then...yeah, they can...and I think (even if they didn’t) they could drill a new well. I think the sewer’s the one that could be pushed more, because it’s more...a public health thing.”

Mr. Lokai sought a point of clarification, “In other words—if this property is in Urbana Township right now...and 3 years down the road we annex it in...for the record I guess I’d like to make sure that that’s correct that if they’ve got a functional well...that they can keep that well. If their well goes non-functional/not useable...they would have to tap in?”

“According to what Bob (Munch) shared with us at the last meeting, they can’t be forced to hook into the water...by any regulation, is the way I understand it,” stated Mr. Crabill. “Sewer’s a little bit different...I mean, we’ve seen that...where the EPA will say you’re too close to a sewer line, and you need to hook in...and then like I said, this ordinance is written that if you take one service, you have to take the other...which is also consistent with all of our other ordinances (our water and sewer ordinances).”

Mr. Evilsizor said he would have Mr. Munch do ‘a position statement on that,’ and get it out to Council before the Third Reading. It stressed the importance of an accurate statement that is in writing.

Mr. Lokai said that was the precise reason that he sought clarification, so that someone did not come back in 3 years with uncertainty.

“You’ll probably hear it anyway,” commented Mr. Thorpe.

Mr. Fields said, “On this frontage, how’s that going to work?”

“That’s collected at the time of application, so if I’m buying the house and I want to hook in...” said Mr. Crabill.

“You’re telling me—if they want to hook in, they have to pay that,” said Mr. Fields.

“Correct,” Mr. Crabill responded. “The only other thing to clarify (it says in this), and this is again consistent with our ordinances...but if they’re able...let’s say they’re right on the edge of the City right now (there’s nothing between them and...township and city)...if they need water or sewer, they basically would be forced to annex, because they’re right beside the City (if they are requesting the service)...so if they came to us and said, ‘We want water and sewer, but we don’t want to annex...and we’re right beside the City, and about the City’...then they would have to annex...because it’s the earliest time allowed by law (we’re essentially providing them a service), so...but they’d also save money on the water and sewer by being annexed...but again it’s voluntary—they’d have to come to us and say they want the service.”

Mr. Evans said, “When you talk about (I don’t want to say ‘forcing them’), but if their sewer (if their sanitary goes out)...I know that the County Health Department has a program where...if...you’re not allowed to replace the septic system. If yours goes out (and it’s not functional), you have to do another...”

“Yeah—the best example would be if...let’s say you’re in the City, and your neighbor’s in the township (right beside you), and their septic system fails...and the County says, ‘You have to hook into the City sewer system’...then by this Ordinance, you would have to hook into City water...and annex, because you are contiguous to...” said Mr. Crabill.

“Because...and there was also sewer available,” said Mr. Evans.

“Right--right,” Mr. Crabill said. “It has to be available, and in this case...it would be.”

“So since sewer’s available out there...” said Mr. Evans.

Mr. Crabill interjected, “But if they were further out then they weren’t contiguous to the City, and there were lots in between that weren’t hooking in, they couldn’t be forced to annex...it would just be at the earliest time.”

Mr. Bean asked, “We’re going to have hydrants out along there, aren’t we? About every 1,000 feet?”

“There’s 6 or 8 in the distance including the ones that are being replaced,” said Mr. Crabill.

“Because by doing that, the fire rate for insurance should be cheaper...because you’d have a hydrant there...where right now they don’t, so that’s something to consider for the homeowners and property owners out there,” stated Mr. Bean.

“Yeah—that’s an advantage,” Mr. Crabill agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2340 –

(*Read and declared a Second Reading)

No further discussion.

First Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2341 –

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF URBANA COUNCIL ADOPTING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA AS THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, WILLOW RUN REALTY LLC AS THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THE AMERICAN PAN COMPANY AS THE ENTERPRISE

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

Roll call vote to approve suspension: Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes (6-0)

Mr. Lokai moved to place Resolution No. 2341 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Thorpe seconded.

Roll call vote to approve passage: Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes (6-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller explained the purpose of this Resolution, and also the revised sheet distributed to Council (change: in witness whereof/format of signatures).

He noted this as an offer ‘an enterprise zone agreement that covers their real property taxes from their expansion.’

Details of expansion, and personnel increases/payroll (\$600,000) were highlights of Mr. Bodenmiller’s discussion. He requested passage of this Resolution to allow for progress in moving on with construction.

In regard to the sheet distributed to Council, Mr. Lokai said, “You’ve not changed the intent, just the signatures.”

Mr. Gilbert Bundy (American Pan President) addressed Council:

“I just wanted to thank this Council very much for the assistance we received from the City of Urbana (Brad, Bruce, and their team)—it’s been very helpful in getting through this process—and we’re thrilled that we live in a community and a state that helping to facilitate economic growth.”

RESOLUTION NO. 2343 –

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL COLLECTION OF DONATIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO BENEFIT THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 371.06 OF THE URBANA CITY CODE

Mr. Lokai moved to place Resolution No. 2343 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Fields seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Discussion –

Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Croker addressed Council regarding the Annual Muscular Dystrophy Drive conducted by the Urbana Firefighters.

“This is something we’ve done for the past several years annually to help raise money for the research of Muscular Dystrophy—in an attempt to try to find a cure,” he said. “This year we would like to collect at the intersections of So. Main St. and Market St. where we’ve had great success in the past. The dates that we’d like to do this would be August 5th, 12th, and 19th from 10:00AM to 7:00PM...and just a reminder again, all the money collected will be presented at the Jerry Lewis Telethon on Labor Day.”

Mr. Fields commented, “Keep up the good work!”

“Do you have an idea of...how long you guys have been doing this?” asked Mr. Evans. Mr. Croker said, “I wish Capt. Torsell was still here (because he would have a better idea)...he says they’ve been doing it as long as he’s been here. I’m going to estimate 30 years.”

“Do you have any idea how much money as a community (through you guys) we’ve donated to Muscular Dystrophy?” asked Mr. Evans.

“I can tell you that in the past several years we ran between \$10,000 and \$12,000.,” said Mr. Croker, also noting (that in the years when the economy was great) the firefighters were bringing in as much as \$18,000 a year over 3 days. This made Urbana one of the top Fire Departments in the state. “I would say hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years.”

Mr. Brugger asked Mr. Evilsizor whether anything has changed on ‘the liability side.’

Mr. Evilsizor replied, “The firefighters will be doing this on their own time, as much as we’d like to help and let them do it on City time...we need to protect the City, but...so they’ll be doing it on their own time.”

ORDINANCE NO. 4366 –

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO

(*Read and declared a First Reading)

Mr. Bodenmiller explained the purpose of this Ordinance.

Council President Hess noted that the 6:45PM Public Hearing (prior to this UCC Session) was in regard to this Ordinance. He also noted this Ordinance should have three readings.

RESOLUTION NO. 2344 –

RESOLUTION OF THE URBANA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, UPON LEGAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE RITTAL CORPORATION TO RETAIN AND EXPAND THEIR COMPANY AT 1 RITTAL PLACE IN THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO

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

Roll call vote to approve suspension: Mr. Lokai, yes; Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes;

Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes (6-0)

Mr. Lokai moved to place Resolution No. 2344 on the business floor for discussion and passage; Mr. Thorpe seconded.

Roll call vote to approve passage: Mr. Thorpe, yes; Mr. Bean, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Evans, yes; Mr. Brugger, yes; Mr. Lokai, yes (6-0)

Discussion –

Mr. Evilsizor stated:

“For several months now, the City and the County and the Ohio Dept. of Development has been working with Rittal...with their plans of expanding...they really wanted to expand here in Urbana, but they were looking at some other places also (as far as looking at options). If I can just mention a few things, and then turn it over to Mike Morris...Mike’s got more details. This was a group effort between the City, the County, and the State...and it’s turned out really well, and...there’s 2 elements to this Resolution...the first is the Incremental Income Tax Abatement on the business end of the income, that would just be an abatement on the many new profits (not the existing)...and then, just a commitment that in the near future, if an enterprise zone agreement comes forward then Council would support that. Rittal is still working on the details of the actual building expansion. They know (employee-wise) what their target is, and what their plan is.”

County Economic Development Director, Mr. Mike Morris, then addressed Council:

“Good evening. The team effort that Mr. Evilsizor referred to was exactly that. The process started some 9 months ago with executives of The Rittal Corporation in looking to...well...probably really about a year ago, we began engaging them to discuss issues relative to talent procurement in their possible expansion here in Urbana. The discussion in earnest began about 120 days ago (or so) relative to this actual project that we’re embarking on here...the State of Ohio (as Bruce has said) stepped in...you probably saw in the *Springfield News-Sun* today (and I know you saw Channel 7, just a little bit ago), that Tech II (owned by the Shiffer Family here in Champaign County, but located in Clark County)...has agreed in principle to purchase the former Rittal facility at Upper Valley Pike and Baker Rd. in Springfield (about 4 miles south of the current Tech II facility). For Rittal to do what they wanted to do, they needed to divest themselves of the Springfield facility...they currently only had about 5 or 6 employees down there that would use some of the space for training and a showroom of their products when clients would come into town, but it really wasn’t convenient for them...and just the upkeep/maintenance/taxes, etc. of that facility...they wanted to divest it....”

He continued:

“Rittal was looking at looking as to whether or not it was feasible for them to possibly move some of their functions to a larger city (where they could get a larger talent pool), and recently they came to the determination that their commitment to Urbana and Champaign County...and have decided to aggregate everything here, so you’re looking at (as Mr. Evilsizor said) 545 retained jobs...a conservative guarantee of 118 new jobs over the next 3 years. In some form or fashion, they have entertained to the State \$6.7mil worth of investment in this facility—they haven’t made a determination from what I understand (I don’t want to speak on behalf of the company)...but they haven’t made a determination whether that’s going to actually be a new building on the site, or they’re going to retrofit the interior. The goal is to have their training center and their customer showroom all at one site...”

Mr. Morris stated:

“My words (not theirs, for all intents and purposes)—Urbana, Ohio, will be the North American Headquarters for The Rittal Corporation...hopefully, for many, many years to come...and I might add that that’s a very conservative company...and 118 jobs (I think) is just a tip of the iceberg, if their business plan holds down I think we’re probably going to see in excess of that, so...I encourage you to approve this Resolution tonight, and

continue the support that we've already received from the State...and probably, as side note—if things are able to be worked out with the Shiffers (and the other entities that are involved in the deal), you'll probably see more jobs come to the area relative to that facility as Tech II continues to grow. I know there's a number of Champaign County people that work for Tech II also...so this is just a huge win for the region. We don't...a...(you know) have a...underutilized properties...we've got a...hopefully, no vacant properties soon...and oh by the way (side note), Tech II also (I think) privately through the Shiffer Family owns the Cornnuts building on Edgewood, and they will no longer need that for the storage capacity...so that will be available for us to attempt to redevelop in the coming months also..."

He added:

"Can't say enough for the City of Urbana. You know--I took the lead on this, but (as Bruce says) it was a team effort, and uh--the State really stepped forward (put their weight behind it), and City staff (and myself) worked really well to bring this deal together, so...it's a great thing for the community."

Mr. Lokai commented regarding this opportunity to 'move forward, to retain people, and expand.'

"I think we (as members of Council and Administration) need to do everything we can to entice, encourage, and do whatever's possible to retain and grow business," stated Mr. Lokai. "I applaud the Economic Development team and the Administration for moving forward with this (and getting the ball rolling)..."

Mr. Fields said, "Good work...Appreciate it,"

Mr. Evans said, "I love good news—thanks Mike, and everybody involved!"

"It's been a long time coming—thank you!" stated Mr. Brugger.

Mr. Morris provided 'a baseball analogy,' in citing 'home runs' (as a team in the last 12 months) with Fox River/WICOR. He credited Ms. Melanie Kendrick and City staff with a 'home run' (120 jobs/using an old facility/investing \$35-40mil in machinery) in work there. He pointed to Rittal as another 'home run' with expansion/job creation, and cited other achievements as well.

"I think we're on a roll...it is a team effort (and as I say) without getting too giddy, I think we're on a roll," stated Mr. Morris.

Council President Hess referred to the number of years Urbana has had a cloud overhead regarding being 'not business friendly.'

"I think with the State doing what they've done...I think the State's going to see that Urbana's working with all these businesses, and possibly push more business this way," said Council President Hess. "Hopefully, this is going to show people that we are business friendly, and we do want businesses to come to Urbana...and we'll do what we have to do to get you to get here!"

Council President Hess expressed appreciation for the work of the Council and Administration in getting this accomplished.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Bean - Noted receiving a call from a resident who requested that citizens stop at stop signs; Asked everyone to obey the law

Mr. Fields - Noted receiving several calls regarding the parking lines downtown "We've talked about this before—is there anything we can do to try to facilitate trying to get those lines put in?" he asked.

Mr. Evilsizor answered (chuckling), “Yeah—I guess I’m just not sure how important it is. I know it’s important to some, but is it important enough to people to make the change, or not.”

“The business owners are calling!” Mr. Fields emphasized. “I mean—that’s pretty important...these are business owners in downtown.”

Mr. Evilsizor replied, “Yeah—I know we were definitely (south of North Main St.) when it starts to get repaved next year...um, go back and go with the individual parking spaces on Main St., so...

we’ve heard it enough, that we’ll make that change on Main St...maybe at this point (yeah) do we go back and change it on Scioto and Miami St. also. We’ll definitely do it on Main St., and go from there.”

Mr. Fields pushed for Miami and Scioto St.s also.

“If that’s what the group wants to do—(I know I’ve heard from a few of you) if that’s what the group wants (you know) we can do that,” said Mr. Evilsizor. “I just have to be careful if I just hear from a few vs...”

Mr. Fields sought other remarks from Council.

Mr. Fields also discussed the Columbia Gas lines; Noted if residents are experiencing problems, they can call 1-800-344-4077 (7AM-7PM/M-F)

Mr. Fields discussed the question of Waste Mgmt. reimbursements for monies taken out for recycling

“In their bills they were paying for that—does anybody know?” he asked.

Mr. Evilsizor said, “No—the way that shook out, they took that into consideration when they did their bid...but no it’s not going to get subtracted, and then added on...just added on.”

“So Waste Mgmt. is not going to deduct three sixty two from people’s billing?” asked Mr. Fields.

“No,” replied Mr. Evilsizor.

“So they need to call Waste Mgmt. to complain?” asked Mr. Fields.

“Yes,” said Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Evans - Mr. Evans noted he had a short conversation with Mr. Bob Roberts “He was telling me that Waste Mgmt. just increased their fees again,” Mr. Evans said. “Obviously the chances of getting that back are pretty slim, but he says--just him a call, and he’ll provide you with the service.”

Mr. Evans also reminded folks that the speed on Amherst Dr. (which is a residential street) is 25MPH. He said there are a lot of younger families on that street engaged in lots of Summer activities (walking, bicycling, etc.) He asked that drivers obey the law, and drive on Amherst (and other residential areas) at 25MPH or less.

“I understand that the Police can’t be everywhere, and they do an excellent job...but it’s up to citizens to follow all the rules,” he said.

Mr. Brugger - Discussed street openings (200 block of E. Court/800 block of Boyce St.); Asked whether it is on schedule “I haven’t got to that yet—I’ll have Doug remind me to do that tomorrow,” said Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Lokai - Noted, “When we come to Work Sessions, it is great that we have

things in advance, we can look them over, and we can streamline the discussions to 50 minutes or less...if you want short meetings, get the stuff out ahead of time and it works out pretty good. I always like those meetings that last 60 minutes, or less.”

Discussed the (red) traffic lights on E. Ward and E. Lawn

“School’s not in session now—is there any way we can look into traffic studies—if they can put that on a blinking light?” asked Mr. Lokai. Requested residents/others to leave telephone messages with a name and number, if they would like him to call back

Echoed what Mr. Fields and Mr. Evans discussed regarding Waste Mgmt. situation; He provided the Roberts Refuse number #653-2436

Mr. Thorpe - Said, “Thank you Mr. Lokai—and you made the comment that we could shorten the meetings by not talking so long...so I’d like to pass at this time.”

Mr. Crabill - Discussed the upcoming legal ad (in the newspaper Friday) regarding advertising for paving at the Airport; Discussed the FAA Grant Discussed the Ash Borer Restoration Grant; Discussed a letter that went out to property owners (the form needed is on the website) Discussed Street Openings; Noted a change in the contract regarding timing (when this goes out for bid next year) for that work to be completed—change in the language

At this point, Mr. Mike Morris jumped to the podium to state, “I’d be remiss if I didn’t—it just struck me as I was just sitting here, and reading your Agenda—one of the other...uh...let’s call it a double (back to the baseball analogy)...what you just approved tonight (the Enterprise Zone Agreement with Bundy’s)...adding forty some thousand square feet up there, and uh...adding temporary or part-time jobs...it’s been a nice quiet company for the community...I really (until 2 ½ years ago) didn’t realize you know...just how big they were...but Urbana, Ohio, is the world headquarters for Bundy...they have operations I believe in Canada and France, but we’re literally the world headquarters with several hundred employees here...and they’re expanding. Kudos to Brad, Marsha, and Bruce for helping them solve the problem relative to (you know) acquiring the property, and putting things together.”

Mr. Morris also commended Mr. Evilsizor’s astute ability to (with the City’s upgrade of the technology system) realize the need for a computer rack.

“He asked me to get a hold of Rittal, and see if they wouldn’t uh...mind selling a little old customer one rack, so your new system here (the guts of it) has a Rittal rack, and it’s a good catch,” stated Mr. Morris.

Acting Police Chief, Matt Lingrell, addressed Council pertaining to Mr. Lokai’s question of blinking traffic lights on E. Lawn / E. Ward.

He said (to Mr. Lokai), “I think that was something that was talked about at the last meeting (I know you weren’t here)...as far as the traffic lights on E. Lawn, I’m not sure where the Administration’s at with that. That would really be their decision.”

Acting Police Chief Lingrell noted the issue of speeding as a problem throughout the city, and added, “We’re just in an age where everybody’s always in a hurry...that’s where crashes occur, through speed or driver inattention.”

Attorney Gil Weithman (in the audience) – Nothing at this time

Mr. Williams - Said, "Since Mr. Bean didn't ask (and it wasn't totally documented) I thought I would throw out July numbers...If you guys remember when we started the first or the second half of this year, we were behind by \$74,000 at the end of June...we've picked that pace up (quite a bit, actually)...we've collected five thirty five, \$135,000 this month so far against an estimate of three-fifteen...so we're two-twenty ahead...based on projections right now we're going to end the month (excuse me) we're going to end the year-to-date through July at \$166,000 ahead of what we anticipated in the budget for income tax...that's a pretty monumental feat, so I feel good about that tax budget we submitted to the Auditor last month. I feel much better about it now that we've got a good solid month of July behind us...that's where income tax is."

"I was going to ask about lottery tickets, but I won't," said Council President Hess (chuckling).

Mr. Evilsizor - Said, "About the traffic light at E. Lawn, check with Colin...and I guess we replaced the controllers there when we did the E. Lawn Project. The new controllers do not do the old 2 yellows and 2 reds flashing...it was designed to be more safe with having the 4 red lights, so we don't have that option anymore."

He added, "If I can just say 'Thanks and appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their efforts on the Economic Development Projects. I know it's really good to be able to tell companies when we talk to them that (you know) there's strong support from the elected officials. The Mayor and Council has been involved along with this—with both of these—throughout the process. It's been a pleasure working with everybody on that.'"

Mr. Evilsizor applauded Mr. Morris' efforts in developing relationships with area people, and especially larger companies. He stressed the importance of Mr. Morris' relationship with Rittal Corp. early on.

Mr. Evilsizor recognized the efforts of Mr. Brad Bodenmiller for working with Bundy's. "He developed a relationship with Bill Bundy there, so we let Brad take the lead on that since they had a real good relationship," stated Mr. Evilsizor. "Brad was somebody that Bill was comfortable working with, and it was a good learning experience for one of the staff members."

Mr. Evilsizor also noted that Marcia Bailey has been helping out, and she will 'have the chance to take the lead on one of these things in the future—so we'll get her more involved also.'

Mr. Evilsizor requested an Executive Session to discuss "Personnel" and "Labor Negotiations."

Mayor Ruth Zerkle - Expressed appreciation to everyone and 'my Administration and all of the departments for their due diligence...staying on all these new businesses, as well as grants that they have done.'

"They've worked very, very hard...brought forth for Economic Development, businesses as well as grants that we were able to get to also utilize throughout the city," Mayor Zerkle said. "Thank you Council for your support—your 100% backing on these new businesses, our regular businesses, and expansions—and now we do have a new enterprise zone also. Thank you to Mr. Mike Morris for coming in at the right time—amen—and also worked with us/and also brought success to the city of Urbana. Marcia has always been very helpful as well, with Economic Development. She is a first contact

when they call the City of Urbana. Brad has come forth with many new and creative ideas...and has also been very involved...so I'm very grateful for this teamwork effort (and let's continue that)...and thank you so much, Lee (thank you for all your mathematics, and punching those figures to make sure we can go ahead and do things...and halt things that we should not be doing). Everybody's important here...due diligence just absolutely showing...I commend all of you, thank you."

Council President Hess - Noted he attended a family reunion a few weeks ago, and said he saw 'signage for free parking' there; Questioned whether Urbana has signage for free parking
Announced the start of the Champaign County Fair, and encouraged great attendance
Asked when the water lines would be covered up, and the sidewalks would be put in next to the old *Urbana Citizen*
Mr. Evilsizor replied, "I know they were finishing up the service lines...I guess I don't know for sure...if they're not done, they should be done shortly with that...and then it will be a matter of putting the sidewalk back. We talked to staff about your suggestion of (you know) just not having the 12 inches of green space in between the curb and the sidewalk... there's definitely merit in doing that differently, so Tyler's looking at that."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thorpe moved to adjourn to EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:14PM) to discuss "Personnel" and "Labor Negotiations"; Mr. Lokai seconded.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Following the Executive Session, Mr. Thorpe moved to reconvene to Regular Session and adjourn; Mr. Fields seconded. All were in favor of adjournment.

Council Clerk

Council President