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**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2024**

President Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

City Staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Mayor Bill Bean, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb

President Called Roll: Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Davis, present; Ms. Truelove, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mrs. Collier, present; and Mrs. Bean, present.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Gary Comer and Nicholas Oliver

Mrs. Bean asked how the deer issues were being handled in other communities. She asked if it was important to get ahead of the issue and be proactive.

Mr. Comer stated first a community must address the problem, as it really depends on the issues you're having.

Mr. Thackery stated there had been a request from community members for bowhunting as a solution due to overpopulation.

Mr. Comer stated that trap and transfer is off the table as you can't take the deer anywhere due to the high mortality on trapping. He stated the humane method is euthanasia. Mr. Comer added there are bow hunting programs that work with a caveat. He stated it is important to know what the real issue is: whether to reduce complaints, vehicle collisions, or property loss. He stated it's important for a city to have a baseline for densities. If deer population is so high, methods won't lower the population fast enough. Mr. Comer mentioned that some communities alleviate complaints just by putting a program in place.

Mr. Thackery stated the City attempted feeding restrictions several years ago.

Mr. Comer stated Worthington and Dublin have successful no feeding ordinances. He claimed they are more about being a tool to use. He added the only real habitual case are the ones that end up in Court, where there are feedings of up to 2,000 pounds a week.

Mrs. Collier stated there were a lot of deer in outlying areas. She was concerned that this might bring predators into the City.

Mr. Comer informed Council that there really isn't a natural predator for deer. Coyotes are already living in the City, with coyote issues typically occurring during breeding season.

Mr. Thackery asked which solution tends to produce the best results. Mr. Comer stated in order to reduce complaints, it's important to know where the biggest amount is coming from and figure out the issue. For example, if the complaints stem from plant loss, plant less palatable plants. Mr. Thackery asked how is plant education embraced by the public. Mr. Comer stated it was a give and take with no perfect solution.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the importance of using reliable sources and ensuring the accuracy of the information gathered.

3. The third part of the document discusses the challenges and limitations of data collection and analysis. It notes that while technology has advanced significantly, there are still many obstacles to overcome, such as data privacy and security concerns.

4. The fourth part of the document provides a detailed overview of the different types of data and how they are used in various applications. It covers both structured and unstructured data, as well as the role of data in decision-making processes.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the ethical implications of data collection and analysis. It emphasizes the need for organizations to be transparent about their data practices and to ensure that they are compliant with relevant laws and regulations.

6. The sixth part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions of the study. It reiterates the importance of data in driving business growth and innovation, and the need for organizations to invest in data management and analysis capabilities.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the future of data and the potential for new technologies to revolutionize the way we collect and analyze information. It mentions the rise of artificial intelligence and machine learning, and how these technologies are being used to extract insights from large volumes of data.

8. The eighth part of the document provides a final conclusion and recommendations for organizations looking to improve their data management and analysis practices. It suggests that organizations should focus on building a strong data culture, investing in talent, and staying up-to-date on the latest trends and technologies.

9. The ninth part of the document discusses the importance of data in the context of the current business environment. It notes that data is becoming an increasingly valuable asset for organizations, and that those who fail to leverage their data effectively will be at a significant disadvantage.

Ms. Truelove stated she believes the number of complaints presented is not that large. Mr. Comer asked if the City tracks complaint. He mentioned other communities can track police reports with word deer or track deer-vehicle collisions. Mr. Comer also recommended community surveys. He added that archery can be safe, but takes a lot of education and community buy-in. Mr. Comer also state he would guess that the City has a bigger issue with Canada geese at the park than the deer.

Mr. Scott asked if communities that bow hunt occur on public or private property. Mr. Comer answered both with permission. It would require property registrations and lot-size restrictions.

Mr. Comer recommend putting a plan put together with measurable goals. This could include a survey with metrics, social media accounts, and patrol sightings. He stated in general, deer populations will continue to rise. As a result, health issues can also rise, but those same issues could theoretically occur for a number of reasons. including wild cats.

President Paul stated he sees deer in packs of six during his morning walks. Mr. Comer stated that was a sign that there may be too many or they are becoming too comfortable with people. President Paul asked what happens after bow hunting. Mr. Comer stated if it is individual hunters, it becomes their responsibility to process. He added that the issue can also arise that the deer does not always die in the exact location where it was shot with an arrow.

Mr. Thackery stated that he believes the City has some evaluations to do. Mrs. Collier asked if the City needs to wait until there are more accidents. Mr. Comer stated he can set the City up with some resources. He added that sometimes just starting a program fixes a lot of issues and it's better to address the issues early rather than waiting.

Mayor Bean asked if hunting would only occur during hunting season. Mr. Comer responded that is the preferred way. He added that the opportunity would exist for extended bag limits, with an importance of targeting female deer for population control.

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of April 16, 2024 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mrs. Bean seconded.

No comments/questions from Council regarding the minutes.

Voice vote on approval of the minutes: all ayes; nays none.

Communications:

1. City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes from March 14, 2024 (See Attached)

Council did not have any items for removal from the consent agenda.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize the Director of Administration to enter into a contract with D.L. Smith Concrete LLC in the amount of \$303,340.00 (bid amount \$288,895.00 plus 5% contingency \$14,445.00) for the 2024 Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Project (see attached). The engineer's estimate for this project was \$285,864.00. **VOTE: 3-0**

Mr. Scott moved to put this request on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough stated this was the yearly concrete program with piecemeal replacement on Lincoln, Lafayette, Gwynne, etc. Mr. Bumbalough added that the City has worked with this company before during the South Main Street project and also pouring the concrete on Miami Street as a subcontractor.

Mr. Scott asked if this will cover the water dig. Mr. Bumbalough indicated it would not and that the City has its own asphalt crew. Mr. Scott then asked when they will start. Mr. Bumbalough stated that would be worked out after the contract was signed. Mr. Scott stated he would appreciate a heads up.

Roll call on approval: Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Passes 7-0.

Citizen Comments:

Lynn Mintchell (904 High Street) – Ms. Mintchell stated she was concerned with the scheduling of the South High Street project. She inquired as to the projected completion date.

She also expressed concern about trucks not being cautious of the traffic. She feels trucks are moving quick and almost hitting cars.

Mr. Feinstein reminded Council that responses should be addressed at miscellaneous business.

Mr. Crabill added that the City does post project updates on the city website every week.

Jim Music (221 Sara Street) – Mr. Music asked for a proposed ordinance for regulating parking on the private street from the public driveway. He has been told from numerous officers that there are not any ordinances that prohibits it.

He indicated he has a problem with people parking within six inches of his driveway. He would like it to be three to five feet like on public street. He added that it is also an issue of the street being so narrow that it should be one-sided parking.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading: None

Second Reading:

Ordinance 4572-24: An ordinance to extend the approval of the preliminary development plan and related plan exhibits for the planned unit development to be known as Dugan Place that was originally approved by Urbana City Council on May 17, 2022 with the passage of Ordinance 4572-22. (Three readings required, public hearing required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Crabill reminded Council there was a public hearing last meeting. He stated that Dugan Place has a preliminary development plan PUD planned with a two-year shelf life. He added that it can be renewed for an additional year with the final plan to be within the year.

Ms. Truelove stated everyone knows her opinion from the last meeting. She stated she can't agree to it, but if happens, she wants it to be successful. Mrs. Bean asked Ms. Truelove to clarify her feeling against the project. Ms. Truelove stated she has lived in Urbana forever and has a feeling of the City. She feels this project is out of line with what Urbana is. She knows she is not speaking for everyone. Mrs. Bean asked if there was anything specific besides a feeling. Ms. Truelove stated it was just the project in general.

Mrs. Bean stated the Planning Commission approved the extension and the company has been in contact with Mr. Crabill often. She believes this a great project and we need housing in this community. She really supports this project.

Mr. Crabill stated Council has already passed it once, with this just being the extension.

Ms. Truelove stated the ordinance will pass without her vote, but she hopes it'll be successful.

President Paul declared this Ordinance to have had its second reading.

First Reading:

Ordinance 4607-24: An ordinance accepting the annexation of a parcel consisting of approximately 2.334 acres, more or less, to the City of Urbana, Ohio (Three readings required)

Ms. Jumper moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Crabill indicated this was the parcel on Children's Home Road. In June of 2023, Council passed extraterritorial water and sewer with the condition of future annexation. In February, Council passed land use and zoning buffers. Mr. Crabill added the County Commissioners approved the annexation on March 7th. Then it must sit for 60 days and before being brought to Council. Once passed, the annexation must sit for 30 days before being filed with the County Recorder.

No comments/questions from Council.

President Paul declared this Ordinance to have had its first reading.

Resolution 2692-24: A resolution enacted by the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, to authorize the Director of Administration to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the Round 30 NatureWorks program for park improvements and to sign the grant agreement and proceed with these improvements upon grant award. (One reading required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough stated the Disc Golf course was installed in 2013. This grant would be replacing the asphalt tee pads with concrete tee pads. He added that over time, the tee pads have been worn away and become slick. This project would still need to be approved by the park board.

Mrs. Collier asked if there was amount for the award. Mr. Bumbalough answered that North Lewisburg attained approximately \$21,000 last year.

Mrs. Bean asked if the City has used this grant before. Mr. Crabill confirmed the City had received the award multiple times. He added the Pickleball courts were the most recent City award. Mrs. Bean asked if Mr. Bumbalough was still the City still point person and how many disc golf tournaments are held a year. Mr. Bumbalough indicated they host four to five a year with two to three external tournaments. He added that one such external tournament is in mid-June, run by a local church. Mrs. Bean thanked Mr. Bumbalough for creating this project.

Roll call on passage: Mr. Davis, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Scott, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mr. Thackery stated there was a meeting about the opportunity for Urbana being a Main Street community with Heritage

Mrs. Collier stated there would be a Safety meeting on May 16th.

Mrs. Bean stated she attended the Planning Commission meeting on April 22nd where they approved the remodeling of the Sparky's building. She added that Mr. Crabill had a presentation on North Main Street.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Thackery thanked Administration for how great our corridors are looking when coming into town. He said it has been a huge improvement over last five years.

Mrs. Collier stated that she has seen a semi parked on the curb twice on South Main Street recently.

Mrs. Bean informed Council she attended the 2024 Champaign Mitigation Plan on April 23rd. She stated mitigation was last done in 2019 and needs to be done every five years. She added that the issue will be coming before Council for resolution adoption soon.

Mr. Scott asked when the new building at East Water Street will go into action. Mr. Brugger stated he hadn't heard the final date yet.

Ms. Truelove stated that noise from the construction trucks has increased a great deal and they travel pretty quickly through there. She added it sounds like thunder.

Chief Ortlieb stated the new vehicle is in the final stages before placed into service. He thanked Council and Administration.

Chief Ortlieb stated there would be interviews for two openings next week.

He also thanked the mayor for going to a lot of meetings for the administrative board. He added they have been working lately about severe weather. He appreciates having a working Administration. He added his kudos to Councilwoman Bean for her help with issue.

Mr. Crabill stated that Heritage Ohio has a grant opportunity where the City is taking look at downtown and working towards becoming an official Main Street community.

He stated the North Main Street corridor plan survey closed Monday and a consultant is making final edits before going back through Planning Commission.

Mr. Bumbalough stated the S. High Street project moving along with the project currently near Hovey with stormwater installation. He added there is currently a subcontractor working on topsoil and seed north of Reynolds and finishing paving is almost ready to happen on West Water and the blocks north of Reynolds. Mr. Bumbalough stated that project updates are listed on the website with Mr. Crabill being very good at updating each week. He stated that the project is currently about a month delayed due to utility conflicts with the current projected completion date looking to be at end of November. He added that he will discuss the issue with trucks with contractors.

Mr. Bumbalough also stated that Crack Sealing was going to start tomorrow but weather delayed the start to Thursday. The Asphalt program will start in Mid-July.

Mr. Feinstein clarified that his earlier cut-off was because citizen comments is not intended to be a question and answer. He added that the typical procedure is to direct citizens to the proper representatives outside of the Council meeting.

Mr. Brugger stated the County Hazard mitigation occurs every five years. He was able to meet with everyone and review items of concern from the current plan. He wanted to make sure to capture new items from the past five years. He added the whole process will eventually come before Council to accept the plan.

Mr. Brugger stated it is becoming the Zoning, Nuisance and compliance season. May 1st was the kickoff for high grass where he signed eight letters today. He added the Compost facility is open and staffed.

Mr. Brugger also thanked Council for its Arbor Day support and the opening of the Arboretum. He thought it had a nice turnout and was a beautiful day.

Mr. Brugger was grateful for the opportunity to represent the mayor at the Johnny Appleseed museum reopening.

Lastly, he addressed the recent instances of vandalism. He stated that the City can try to keep things nice and sometimes you just can't, specifically mentioning the Barbara Howell park basketball backboards broken and graffiti. Mr. Brugger asked for everyone's help in spreading the word.

Mayor Bean stated he was invited to Mercy Hospital for Nurses week in which he gave out about 100 awards to nurses and staff. He stated he also was able to give a proclamation for Nurses week. During that time, Mayor Bean was able to speak to Urbana nurses and tell them how much they mean to Urbana.

Mayor Bean also spoke about the Emergency Management Agency in Champaign County, in which funds haven't changed since 1991. He stated there is a clear lack of funds, (Approximately \$39,000, Dollar per person in County) and he is looking to increase that with trying to figure out how.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Ms. Truelove seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 7-0.

ADJOURNED AT 7:18 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

May 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President