

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

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President Marty Hess called Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. He turned the floor over to Kerry Brugger to speak about the proposed amendment of section 171.01, to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Urbana, to replace the current additional four-tenths percent (.4%) tax on income with an additional one percent (1.0%) tax rate. Mr. Brugger stated that the language on this ordinance has been worked on to make it clear. He stated that the last income tax increase was in 1992. He added that this request was for and foremost to boost up the safety services. He also stressed the fact that the revenue brought in from the income tax can only be used for safety services. Brian Wonn of 788 Amherst Dr. spoke of his concerns on this issue. President Hess stated that this is something the citizens must decide. Mr. Paul was agreeable with President Hess in the fact that the citizens must decide. He also commended the City for practices of being in the black. Ms. Boettcher spoke on the issue of the State cutting their funding for the municipalities. Mr. Thackery stated that he didn't see how the City could continue spending 1992 monies in the year 2017. Mayor Bean said that when the State eliminated the local government fund, it was difficult to find any City out there that does not have this same problem that Urbana has. He also stated that the City has lost over 2 million dollars now due to the local revenue cuts. He also said the only way to get some of that money back is to raise the taxes. He also said that it is the citizens' choice. President Hess declared the public hearing closed at 6:23 p.m.

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017, directly following Public Hearing**

President Marty Hess called the regular session meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:06 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Community Development Director Doug Crabill, and Police Chief Matt Lingrell.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Ray Piper, present; Tony Pena, present; Pat Thackery, present; Cledis Scott, present; Dwight Paul, present; Doug Hoffman, present; and Gene Fields, present.

President Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES - None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Columbia Gas of Ohio, date 11/28/17, announcing their request to the PUCO for an increase to be used to fund its Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP).
2. Design Review Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2017.
3. Urbana Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017.

Mr. Thackery moved to accept all of the communications and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. Urbana Materials - \$5,000.00 (Water Fund)

Mr. Paul moved to put this item on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded. Ms. Boettcher stated that this request was to increase the previously passed purchase order for \$10,000.00, for sand and gravel for water digs. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Brian Wonn – 788 Amherst inquired the amount of increase to the budget of the Fire Department and Police Department should the tax increase pass.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4486-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 171.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO REPLACE THE CURRENT ADDITIONAL FOUR-TENTHS PERCENT (.4%) TAX ON INCOME WITH AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT (1.0%) TAX RATE.

Mr. Paul moved to take this ordinance off the table and Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Mr. Scott moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Mr. Hoffman spoke on the need of this ordinance and he also stated that if the citizens like the way things are right now, they can vote no. If they would like to have improvements to the City with safety services, they should vote yes. Mr. Paul spoke of his support on the tax increase and stated that the City needs this increase. Mr. Scott said that the voters will make the choice. Mr. Thackery also spoke of the need for the City to have this increase. Mr. Pena stated his agreement with it and will be showing his support by voting for the increase on the ballot. Mr. Piper expressed

his concerns for helping the Fire Department and Police Department, and in doing so, will help the citizens. He also stated that it will be decided by the voters. Mayor Bean said that this issue needs to go to the citizens. He also added that infrastructure, maintenance, etc. all costs money. President Hess stated that City Council needed to advise citizens what the money is for in police and fire. Mr. Feinstein gave his perspective by stating that when he began his position here at the City, he was given a tour of the building, and while in the police department, he was shown the “pill pillow” and was advised that in a time span of one month, that “pill pillow” was 60lbs. in weight. He also advised that the Court averages approximately 50 case per week.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Ordinance passes 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2433-17

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE SEVERAL OBJECTS AND PURPOSES WHICH THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO MUST PROVIDE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4487-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF URBANA, OHIO BY REZONING PARCEL #K-48-25-00-01-15-018-00, AKA 109 SOUTH OAKLAND ST., FROM R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT & PROPERTY OWNER, STEPHEN HENDERSON.

Mr. Fields moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Second Reading –

None

First Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2492-17

A RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE AN INTERES IN REAL PROPERTY (IF REQUIRED) FOR THE EAST U.S. ROUTE 36 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Rules suspension requested)

Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the three reading rule and Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for the suspension of the three reading rule: Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Motion passes 7-0.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Pena, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2520-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2929-26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Resolution passes 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Thackery spoke on the issue of a modern hotel coming to Urbana. He offered a lot of information on this topic and said this could be something that could really benefit the City and its citizens.

Mr. Paul reminded all that the spring election is held in May.

Mr. Crabill spoke of the Comprehensive Plan update. He stated that it may be a good idea to have a combined City Council/County Commissioner's meeting in January, as well as having the LUC on board as well pertaining to this issue.

Mr. Brugger stated that the City was in the final stages of leaf pick up and advised that the snow was coming. He added that the Compost Facility was officially closed. He also stated that they were polishing up the draft of information going out to the citizens referencing the tax increase. He also spoke on the topic of the 2018 calendar Ms. Boettcher handed out.

Mayor Bean spoke of Q3, and advised that Honeywell was working hard on the cleanup. He also touched on the subject of a modern hotel opening in the City. He stated that would really service the University's events and downtown activities.

President Hess asked Mr. Crabill if the issue with the bright lights on the hotel was resolved and Mr. Crabill advised him no.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, one.

Motion carries 6-1, with one objection from Mr. Scott.


ADJOURN AT 7:17 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

December 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President