

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

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

**City Staff attending:** Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Mayor Bill Bean, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Fire Chief Dean Ortleib, and Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall

**President Called Roll:** Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, absent; Mr. Paul, absent; Mr. Thackery, present; Mrs. Collier, present; and Mrs. Bean, present.

President Hess spoke as to the scheduled Executive Session. Mr. Thackery moved to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Jumper seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:01 pm.

Mr. Thackery moved to reconvene the regular session. Mrs. Bean seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Regular meeting reconvened at 6:20 pm.

**Minutes:** Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of the regular meetings for January 4, 2022 and March 1, 2022 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded. No comments/corrections noted. Voice vote on approval of minutes: all ayes; nays, none.

**Communications**

1. Champaign Health District Annual Report for 2021 (See Attached)

Mr. Thackery moved to put the communication on the floor for further discussion and possible acceptance. Mrs. Bean seconded.

No comments/questions about the communication.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

**Administrative Reports – Board of Control**

1. Authorization of a purchase order to Insight Pipe Contracting LLC for the CIPP sanitary sewer lining in the amount of \$78,570.00. The sewer mains are located in Monument Square and one block in each direction. This expense will be charged to the Sewer Fund and is in the 2022 budget.

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

Mr. Hall indicated these sewer main projects would be done over the course of two days, solely at night. He does not anticipate any interruption in service. Mr. Thackery asked where the equipment would be parked during the course of this project. Mr. Hall indicated there would be a staging area, away from downtown.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

2. Authorization of a purchase order to the Champaign Family YMCA in the amount of \$89,800.00 for the management of the Wendell Stokes Municipal Pool for the 2022 season. This expense will be charged to the General Fund – Pool and is in the 2022 budget at \$70,000.00.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Brugger indicated this was the sixth year the City has contracted with the YMCA for the operation of the city pool. It works out on a cost perspective by contracting with an organization that already has experience running a pool. It never completely pays for itself. Mr. Brugger indicated it is considered more of a benefit to the city.

Ms. Jumper asked where residents could buy pool passes. Mr. Brugger stated around April 1<sup>st</sup>, people can go to the YMCA or to its website. Mr. Thackery asked if the patronage was increasing each year. Mr. Brugger stated last year was a bounce back year after the partial 2020 season due to the pandemic. Mainly it is weather driven, though. Mrs. Collier asked if the revenue from sales goes back to the City. Mr. Brugger answered affirmatively. Mr. Hess asked why the price had gone up from the estimate. Mrs. Boettcher indicated the City tried to get the estimate as close as it could. It really came down to the management fee. The City considers this a service to the community.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

Mr. Thackery asked about Goosebusters in the Board of Control footnotes. Mr. Brugger stated the City was changing companies from the past three years. The old company didn't want to come back. The new company is out of Dayton and the price is a little higher. This is something the City wanted to keep pushing for as its important to get rid of hundreds of eggs early in the season. Mr. Thackery asked if the city could find a Pigeonbusters.

#### **Citizen Comments:**

Becky Evans (200 Park Avenue)

Ms. Evans distributed a copy of here statement. She spoke as to the ordinances involving the Police Chief and Lieutenant. She alleged that these ordinances would cause a raise for both positions, and raises should be based on performance.

She stated there are multiple complaints filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She stated that her daughter, former UPD Officer Casey Evans filed complaints to her Lieutenant regarding her treatment by a former Sergeant. She alleges the Lieutenant

mishandled those complaints. She believes that these investigations have been mishandled and costing the City money.

She stated her daughter holds the record for longest service at UPD by a female: six years. She asked Council to table the Police Chief and Lieutenant ordinances until after the investigations, or in the alternative, vote no.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Third Reading:**

**Ordinance 4397-22:** An ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Fire Chief for the City of Urbana (Three readings)

Mrs. Bean moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Brugger informed Council that all of the next ordinances are approving the ranges, not for specific salaries. No one in Council's power is getting a range. The City is only shifting the ranges after the previous negotiations.

Mr. Thackery asked for clarification that this is only a range shift. Mr. Brugger confirmed.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 4398-22:** An ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Urbana (Three readings)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated the City does not currently have an Assistant, but it's important to keep the ordinance current.

No questions/comments by Council.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Thackery, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 4399-22:** An ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Central Staff Employees of the City of Urbana (Three readings)

Mrs. Bean moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated this was the Central Staff ordinance, for those non-represented employees. The attachment shows all of the changes. A table of contents was also added to find things easier. This ordinance would be applied retroactively to January, 1, 2022.

No questions/comments by Council.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mrs. Collier, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 4400-22:** An ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Police Chief of the City of Urbana (Three readings)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Brugger informed Council that this ordinance shifts the range for the Police Chief. It also added to the uniform allowance to the mirror the FOP contract.

Mr. Thackery asked again for clarification that it was only the range, not an actual raise. Mr. Brugger confirmed.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; and Mrs. Bean, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 4401-22:** An ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Police Lieutenant of the City of Urbana (Three readings)

Mrs. Bean moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated this is the same ordinance, but for the Lieutenant.

Mr. Thackery asked again for clarification that it was only the range, not an actual raise. Mr. Brugger confirmed.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 4405-22:** An ordinance fixing salary and other benefits for the Director of Administration (Three readings)

Mrs. Collier moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated the next three ordinances are for the City Directors. These only shift the salary ranges. Individual contracts go through the mayor.

No questions/comments by Council.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Thackery, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 4406-22:** An ordinance fixing salary and other benefits for the Director of Finance (Three readings)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated this changes the pay range for the Director of Finance.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; and Mrs. Collier, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 4407-22:** An ordinance fixing salary and other benefits for the Director of Law (Three readings)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Brugger stated this is for the pay range of the Director of Law. The City left the “Whereas” language in place for tracking purposes in regards to the City audit.

No questions/comments by Council.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; and Mrs. Bean, yes.

Ordinance passed 4-0.

**Second Reading:**

**Ordinance 4567-22:** An ordinance determining to proceed with the improvement of South and North Main Street in the City of Urbana, County of Champaign, Ohio by constructing or repairing curbs, gutters, driveway approaches and appurtenances thereto on a section of South Main Street between State Route 55 and Market Street and on a section of North Main Street between Court Street and Washington Avenue/Gwynne Street, and declaring an emergency. (Three readings)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough passed out the bids for the project. They had been due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Engineer's estimate was \$713,000. The estimate from DL Smith concrete came in at \$544, 127.60. The City received five bids. DL Smith had previously done work on Oakland Street and subcontractor work on Crescent Drive.

Mr. Thackery was glad the City was comfortable with the company's work and loves saving the taxpayers money.

President Hess declared this ordinance to have had its second reading.

**New Business:**

**First Reading:**

**Resolution 2629-22:** A resolution to authorize preliminary approval between the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio and Ohio Department of Transportation for pavement planing and resurfacing of United States Route 36 from the Western Corporation Limits (SLM 14.04) to Walnut Street (SLM 14.88), Reference PID No: 108875, County/Route/Section: CHP US 36 14.04, and declaring it an emergency. (Passage on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated this was the preliminary approval for ODOT resurfacing for Miami street. It spans from the westward corporation limit to Walnut Street. The City already did this process in January for US 68. This paving would happen later in 2023.

Mr. Thackery stated the City was going to look really nice with all of the roads resurfaced.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Resolution passed 4-0.

**Resolution 2630-22:** A ceremonial resolution in support of the Champaign Aviation Museum's efforts to expand their museum and to obtain additional grant funding from the State of Ohio Capital Budget through the State's Cultural Facilities Grant Program.

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

Mr. Brugger stated that this ordinance was a natural follow up from Dave Shiffer's presentation from the Aviation Museum. This ordinance would be the official weigh-in of Council's support. Friday, March 18, 2022 is the deadline for support of grant agreements in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Thackery thought this was a good project and good for tourism for the City of Urbana.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Thackery.

Resolution passed 4-0.

### **Walk-In Legislation**

**Resolution 2576-22:** A resolution accepting the report of the City of Urbana Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) on the status of the enterprise zone and community reinvestment area agreements, to accept recommendations of the TIRC concerning those agreements.

Council Clerk Roger Steffan passed out copies of the legislation to Council members.

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

Marcia Bailey spoke as to the recommendations after the TIRC meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. All recommendations are to continue with the tax abatements. Companies have been creating more jobs than they had previously agreed upon.

Mr. Thackery stated it appeared the abatements have been working. Mrs. Bean stated she attended the meeting with other TIRC representatives. She said it was efficiently ran by Ms. Bailey.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage. Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Thackery; and Mrs. Collier, yes.

Resolution passed 4-0.

### **Committee/Department Liaison Reports:**

Mrs. Collier stated the Safety Committee meeting will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm in the training room.

Mrs. Bean stated the Planning Commission meeting will be on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Jumper announced the Cemetery Board meeting will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Mrs. Bean informed Council she attended the OML training for new officials. It was well worth her time.

Mr. Bumbalough stated the cracked seal project went out to bid and paving out to bid. He expects to have those in a few weeks.

Chief Ortleib stated 26 people are signed up for the G402 meeting. There is great County representation. He is also pleased that the Council went to the liaison format. The medic is currently out to bid. He has also been working with Ohio Fire chiefs for fireworks legislation.

Mr. Hall informed that the compost center opens Saturday. It will be self-serve until seasonal help arrives. Hours will be same – M-F 7-4, Saturday 9-3. The street sweeper is starting to go out when time allows. If anyone sees workers at the street signs, they're working on the GPS program. The winter weather annual report will be coming soon.

Mr. Brugger thanked Mr. Hall for the compost facility. People often call asking where to take sticks. Bids come in soon for curbside recycling program. 12,000 lbs of patch for potholes have gone out as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are also grants for revitalization for properties that will be awarded for each county. 15 applicants came from Champaign County. 14 of those 15 got submitted to the State. Awards are granted around May.

Mr. Feinstein stated he has been working on the new proposed fireworks legislations with the chiefs. The question is whether to follow the new state laws or to opt out.

Mr. Bean informed that there will no longer be a weekly COVID update from the Health District. Only once a month. Ohio appears to be getting past the pandemic. He thanked the health district for getting through this. Also, TIRC review is important to know what is going on in our community. He also thanked those committee members.

Mr. Steffan asked Council if they were still desiring the Work Session on March 22<sup>nd</sup> they had previously discussed. Mr. Thackery asked if administration would we be prepared for next week.

Mr. Bean stated it wouldn't be a long meeting but it would be important to hear about.

Mr. Thackery motioned to hold a work session on March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 pm. Mrs. Bean seconded. Voice vote on holding the meeting: all ayes, nays none. So ordered.

Mr. Hess asked if the compost facility will have grinding. Mr. Hall stated that should be coming in the next sixty days. Mr. Hess also asked if there were any frozen pipes this winter. Mr. Hall stated there were breaks, but nothing frozen.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 4-0.

**ADJOURNED AT 7:17 p.m.**



**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**  
Work Session - March 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



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Council Clerk

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Council President