

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022**

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President Pro Tempore Thackery called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. (President Hess absent)

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

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

Minutes

Mr. Paul moved to put the minutes of July 19, 2022 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Scott seconded.

No corrections/comments.

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

Motion passed 6-0

Communications

1. Clark Schaefer Hackett – Audit Management Letter
2. City of Urbana – Regular Audit for year ending December 31, 2021.

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

Mr. Paul indicated that he would save his questions for miscellaneous business.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

Board of Control Item #1 was struck from the agenda as a duplicate item.

2. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to the Ohio Department of Transportation in the amount of \$17,734.00 for the city's share of improvements of U.S. 68 to be completed by ODOT through the Urbana Resurfacing

Program. This amount is the city's share of the additional amount due because the bids received by ODOT exceeded their original estimate. This expense will be charged to the Capital Improvement Fund and is not in the 2022 budget (see attached). **VOTE: 2-0**

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

Mr. Bumbalough indicated the bids came back high: 16% over the ODOT estimate. The city has already paid its 20% of the original estimate. This amount represents the city's share of the overage. The resurfacing excludes the square.

No comments/questions from Council.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

3. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to LJB, Inc. in the amount of \$53,491.00 for the design of the Urbana Bike Trail Safety Improvement Project, which will improve the bike trail crossings on North Main Street and Miami Street. The city will be reimbursed up to \$44,900.00 through a Federal Highway Administration Grant administered by ODOT and the remaining balance, \$8,591.00, will be charged to the General Fund – Miscellaneous Non-Departmental and is not in the 2022 budget (see attached). **VOTE: 2-0**

Mr. Paul moved to put this request on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded.

Mr. Bumbalough indicated City obtained a grant for design money. This was the first time this grant was available. The city wishes to put it towards the design costs for this project. The City also applied for a safety grant through ODOT and was awarded \$542,000. The construction costs are also covered, minus a 10% match.

Mr. Paul asked if the City knew the construction costs previously. Mr. Bumbalough answered that the costs also included engineering costs. The project is potentially installing an island and stormwater drains.

Mr. Scott asked if the costs were more for eliminating the island. Mr. Bumbalough responded that the costs could potentially be reduced by reducing the right of way. The City is paying extra for the studying to theoretically lower the costs later during construction.

Mr. Thackery asked if the bids were being adjusted for inflation. Mr. Bumbalough stated the City was seeing this issue a lot recently. The City just got ahead of increased construction costs with the curb and gutter project, but these inflated costs are an epidemic throughout the State.

Voice vote on approval; all ayes, nays none.

In regards to the June purchase orders, Mr. Paul inquired as to the status of the fire ladder. Chief Ortlieb indicated it had not been in service for about a year. It is closing in on 25 years old and had hydraulic leak issues.

Mr. Paul also inquired as to the sidewalk listed. Mr. Bumbalough stated the City sent a letter to the owners. It required approximately one hundred feet of replacement, or roughly half a block. They will have the option to pay through their property taxes.

Mr. Thackery inquired as to what was a green channel post. Ms. Boettcher indicated it was a standard street sign post.

Citizen Comments:

Fred Seeberg, 316 Scioto Street, spoke regarding the proposed one-way street for Lynn Street. He stated his property would be affected and didn't see the point.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading: None

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Resolution 2430-22: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mr. Paul moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded.

Ms. Boettcher indicated this was the annual legislation from the Auditor that shows what real estate taxes will generate for the City. The 2023 expectation would generate \$722,800, a modest increase from \$716,900 in 2022.

No questions/comments by Council.

President Pro Tempore Thackery called for a roll call on passage: Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Paul, aye; Ms. Truelove, aye; Mr. Thackery, aye; Mrs. Collier, aye; and Mrs. Bean, aye.

Ordinance passes 6-0.

Resolution 2635-22: A Resolution accepting the Opioid Settlement funds, authorizing the Director of Finance to create the OneOhio Fund, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Bean moved to place this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded.

Ms. Boettcher stated the City received the 2022 allotment for the settlement. The City will receive this same amount for the next 17 years. The City needs to pass legislation accepting distribution and creating a fund so it doesn't intermingle.

Mr. Feinstein added that the payout will be over 18 years due to an agreement by the Governor, with no exact explanation why. A special fund must be created under Ohio law.

Mr. Paul asked what the strings attached were for how to spend the money.

Ms. Boettcher indicated that it must only be spent on addressing the opioid issue in Urbana, such as Narcan purchase or EMS services.

Mr. Paul stated that he believed Narcan was previously \$200 a dose. Chief Ortlieb informed Council that currently the price is way down.

Mrs. Bean asked if it had to be spent each year or if it was allowed to accumulate. Ms. Boettcher answered that it could accumulate for larger projects.

President Pro Tempore Thackery called for a roll call on passage: Mr. Paul, aye; Ms. Truelove, aye; Mr. Thackery, aye; Mrs. Collier, aye; Mrs. Bean, aye; and Mr. Scott, aye.

Ordinance passes 6-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mr. Paul indicated he has had very ground level talks with administration about lateral transfers within civil service. He added it will take a long time to hammer out details.

Ms. Truelove recently met with Mr. Feinstein and Zoning Officer Preston Carter. They are trying to do something regarding condemned houses. She would potentially like a work session for September. Council agreed to a September 27th work session, with the topics being finalized at the September 6th regular meeting.

Miscellaneous Business

Mrs. Bean indicated she thought the Second Quarter Staff highlights from the last meeting were an excellent tool.

Mr. Scott asked for updates regarding the Eastview resurfacing. Mr. Bumbalough stated Dellinger road finished milling today and paving would begin as early as Thursday. Mr. Scott also thanked the City for cleaning 75 Wooddale Drive.

Chief Ortlieb stated the City finished the interview process and gave his recommendations to the Director. There is currently one opening, with the potential for more in the near future.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that billing has gone out for the Main Street curb projects.

Mr. Crabill informed Council that the water main on Dellinger Road is substantially complete. He also stated that the special meeting for next Thursday would be in regards to a proposed CRA agreement for the ORBIS expansion project that needs to be approved by the school districts first. The overall project would be in excess of \$46 million with the potential to create 46 new positions. The other topic would be a resolution in support of a Phoenix Ag loan application.

Mr. Paul asked about the terms of the CRA. Mr. Crabill stated it would be for 10 years at 75% for only the new expansion.

Mr. Paul made a motion to hold a special meeting on Thursday, ~~August~~ 25th. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

Mr. Brugger appreciated the additional funding for South Main Street. It's nice to wrap up this project in the summer. He also stated that the tennis courts at the park have been repaired and they are in the process of being painted.

Mayor Bean informed Council that the Chili Cookoff is scheduled for September 24th with a grand prize of \$1,000. He also informed Council that the City lost a prominent citizen with the recent passing of Janet Ebert.

Mrs. Bean moved to adjourn. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none. Motion passes 6-0.

ADJOURNED AT 6:44 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
August 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President