

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

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, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb.

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

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of May 16, 2023 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Thackery mentioned his name had been listed as both the movant and the second.

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

Communications: None

Administrative Reports – Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading:

Ordinance 4429-23: An Ordinance adopting the tax budget of the City of Urbana, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024; Submitting the same to the County Auditor. (Three readings, public hearing required)

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

Ms. Boettcher reminded Council this is the annual tax budget and the City is estimating the revenues for 2024.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Resolution 2666-23: A resolution to approve a water tap-in for Jeff Martin Construction, LLC at 728 Childrens Home Road (Parcel #K41-11-11-18-00-007-04) as an extraterritorial customer and declaring an emergency. (Suspension of rules requested by utility services applicant) (One reading required)

Mrs. Bean moved to place the resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Crabill stated this property is located across the street from the City park. The developer that purchased this parcel came forth to ask that it be connected to water and sewer. Mr. Crabill stated the plan is to build a home on the property with the eventual application for annexation into the City. Mr. Crabill clarified that while the language in Section three may refer to both properties, there is only one property at issue in the resolution.

Mrs. Collier asked for clarified that this was for a home. Mr. Crabill confirmed, stating that while it is an undeveloped lot, if and when it gets annexed, it would be for residential.

Mr. Thackery moved to suspended the rules. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Roll call on suspension of rules: Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Resolution 2667-23: A resolution to approve sanitary sewer tap-in for Jeff Martin Construction, LLC at 728 Childrens Home Road (Parcel #K41-11-11-18-00-007-04) as an extraterritorial customer and declaring an emergency. (Suspension of rules requested by utility services applicant) (One reading required)

Mr. Thackery moved to place the resolution on the floor for discussion, possible passage, and suspension of the rules. Ms. Truelove seconded.

Roll call on suspension of rules: Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; and Mr. Paul, yes.

Mr. Crabill stated this resolution is the same as the last resolution, but for the sewer services.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Resolution 2668-23: A resolution authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of Urbana, Ohio to dispose of surplus real estate located on East Lawn Avenue (Parcel #K48-25-11-03-35-008-02) through the intergovernmental sale as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Section 721.03. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Thackery stated he believes the original intention of this property was to create another entrance to the park. This has been blocked by the creation of the dog park. The property no longer serves the public purpose. The Historical Society had been using it as overflow. The Historical Society had asked the property be donated, but due to the use of public funds in initially purchasing it, it was determined that the property could be sold, but not donated.

Ms. Truelove stated that while it may not be able to be donated, it would be nice to sell it at a lower price due to the asset that having the Historical Society is to the community. Mr. Feinstein stated the Ohio Revised Code only allows for disposal of property through very limited methods. The law only allows the deviation of fair market value by 20% for a public purpose.

Mr. Scott asked if the same rules apply for the County as the City when it comes to disposal of property. Mr. Feinstein stated he couldn't speak to that.

Mr. Paul asked if the Historical Society would continue to use this land in the same method as they had been. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Society may expand in the direction of the new property, but this gives them options. The main purpose was to protect the property from anyone building close to the current property.

Mr. Thackery asked if the sale price would go into the general fund. Ms. Boettcher stated it would go into the Capital Improvement Fund.

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

Department Liaison Reports:

Mrs. Bean stated there is a Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 26th.

Mrs. Collier stated there was a Safety Committee meeting on June 8th. Mr. Thackery stated he also attended and it was very informative.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Jumper expressed concerns with the High Street project, specifically the loud noise complaints from early morning construction and the lack of accessibility to driveways and parking. Ms. Jumper also informed Council she received a request for extra trash receptacles for Second Saturdays.

Mr. Scott thanked administration for not having any Board of Control items on the agenda.

Ms. Truelove expressed her desire for a City recycling day. Mr. Brugger stated it has been discussed but unfortunately it has not been a high priority lately.

Ms. Truelove also expressed concerns over a lack of progress with 405 Gwynne Street.

Mr. Thackery encouraged everyone to sign up for the Citizen's Police Academy. Mr. Thackery also asked how the North Main Street project was going. Mr. Crabill stated that there would be a meeting soon for staff regarding the North Main Street study.

Mrs. Bean thanked Mr. Cultice for being able to tour the grounds of the airport. She also gave kudos to the Police Division for participating in the torch run.

Mr. Paul has noticed that while vehicles have gotten bigger, streets have gotten smaller as there is not less room to pass. He also expressed concern due to these large vehicles with visibility in crossing streets. He wanted Council to think about parking along curbs close to intersections.

Mr. Crabill stated letters have gone out recently to residents along the South High Street project. The City has set up an open house and meeting on June 29th for residents. The City's contractor is scheduled to start on Monday, July 10th. All the work so far has been private utilities and their contractors.

Chief Ortlieb indicated UFD was involved with all phases of the Fourth of July fireworks, starting with a site visit.

Mayor Bean thanked Kalen Howell and the committee for the Black Heritage Festival. It went off really well and grew from the first year.

President Hess informed Council that former Council Clerk Charlotte Barker passed away. He stated she was one of the nicest ladies.

He also stated he has noticed trees hanging over streets. Mr. Brugger stated they typically go by complaints so make sure the street department knows where these trees are located.

Mr. Scott asked if the progress on Miami Street was running behind. Mr. Brugger stated the City anticipates paving coming in August but with the side streets the construction has been going in different areas. Mr. Crabill confirmed construction should be out of the way by the time paving is scheduled.

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

ADJOURNED AT 6:49 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.



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Council Clerk

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Council President
Pro Tempore