



APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

President Paul called the Public Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

This first topic discussed was vacating unimproved Richmond Street (20' wide)(containing 0.180 acres, of which 0.046 acres being in Section 24, and 0.134 acres being in Section 30, more or less) beginning at its intersection with Railroad Street (40' wide) and legally described within the description and detailed within the plat submitted to supplement the original petition filed by Bryan S. Hunt, legal counsel and authorized representative for the petitioner, Urbana Ohio Investors Group 2, LLC.

Mr. Bumbalough stated this was the vacation of a platted street that is unimproved, specifically Richmond Street west off of Railroad Street. He added that the street goes through the apartment complex with private streets. Mr. Bumbalough explained that originally, the petitioner (apartment complex) tried in 2023 but only signed as themselves and therefore could only vacate the part that abutted property. He stated now it has gone to Planning Commission for full vacation.

Mr. Thackery asked why the petitioner was asking for the vacation. Mr. Bumbalough stated it was mainly for clean-up. He added there are private utilities crossing under the private street.

Mrs. Bean stated she went by recently and it looks like people in the complex use the area for parking.

No statements from the public were made at this time.

The second topic discussed was approving and adopting the Urbana North Main Street Corridor Plan as an official planning guide of the City of Urbana, Ohio.

Mr. Crabill stated the City started planning last August with the steering committee. He added there have been multiple community surveys along the way, and even open houses held in this room. Mr. Crabill stated the Planning Commission made the recommendation to approve the adoption of the plan in May.

Mrs. Bean stated she was looking forward to hearing the presentation.

No statements from the public were made at this time.

President Paul called the Public Hearing closed at 6:09 pm.

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

President Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

City Staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Mayor Bill Bean, Police Chief Matt Lingrell, 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.

Jackie Yeoman, Burton Planning – North Main Street Corridor Plan Presentation

Ms. Yeoman present a Power Point Presentation regarding the North Main Street Corridor Plan. The presentation was e-mailed to Council members. A copy of the presentation is also on file with the Council Clerk.

Ms. Truelove asked about the timeline of ten to fifteen years. Ms. Yeoman stated that the City can start to realize that the plan to be put in place is happening within that time frame. She expects slow progress right away but in after those ten to fifteen years, hopefully the City can say “we see it”.

Mr. Crabill reminded Council that nothing will be imminently done by the City. Instead the plan will be driven by private buyers but hopefully aligning with the vision of the plan.

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of July 2, 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 May 9, 2024 (See Attached)
2. City of Urbana 2nd Quarter 2024 Division Activities Report (See Attached)

Mrs. Bean moved to pull both items off the consent agenda.

Mrs. Bean asked if Tree City was something the City has to do every year. Mr. Crabill stated it was and is due in the beginning of December. He added that the application is reviewed by ODNR and approved by the Arbor Day Foundation. He also added that the Growth award indicates a City is moving their program forward.

Mrs. Truelove added that she enjoyed serving on this committee

Mrs. Bean stated she loves seeing the activities report. She asked about the Parks and Recreation comment regarding the airport’s different approach to maintenance. Mr. Brugger stated the person mowing now reports to Ryan Lantz instead of the Airport Manager.

Mrs. Bean also asked about the sewer's non-compliance inspections. Mr. Brugger answered that the inspection was originally given direction to do something and then the reinspection parameters changed.

Finally, she asked about the timing of the Ohio magazine fest hometown. Mr. Crabill stated it is usually published in August or September.

Mr. Thackery stated the report had a lot of good information.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council increase purchase order number 2024-00504 to Peterson Construction in the amount of \$5,750.00 for additional Spaans Babcock site services associated with the replacement of the upper and lower bearings on two screw pumps at the Water Reclamation Facility. This expense will be charged to the Sewer Fund and is in the 2024 budget. **VOTE: 3-0**

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

Mr. Brugger stated the original screws and bearings were from when the plant was expanded. He stated that maintenance that has to occur and this is the additional cost involved.

No comments/questions from Council.

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.

2. The Board of Control recommends Council increase purchase order number 2024-00562 to R. B. Jergens Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$98,993.81 for Change Order #25 – Acceleration Agreement for the South High Street project. This expense will be charged to the OPWC Loan. See attached. **VOTE: 3-0**

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated the underground work on the project has delayed things. As change orders come in, it delays the completion time. He stated that currently the project is estimated around the end of November. This expense would be to compensate for the man hours (overtime) to accelerate the project. Mr. Bumbalough stated the cost analysis is better this route as opposed to going through the winter. He added that if R.B. Jergens does not hit the completion dates, they will not get the money.

Mr. Thackery asked if Mr. Bumbalough felt comfortable about the deadline being met. Mr. Bumbalough indicated he did. He added that an outside lawyer has looked at the agreement about the construction company potentially not meeting deadlines but still trying to recoup the losses. Mr. Bumbalough added the City would also have to pay the inspection firm more if went through the winter.

Ms. Truelove asked if residents have been informed about the delays. Mr. Bumbalough responded there have been weekly updates on the website.

Mrs. Collier asked if all underground work has been completed. Mr. Bumbalough answered no, that there is still 250 feet more of sanitary to be installed. He added that there is still some water main to lower and the project is installing storm lines now.

Ms. Jumper asked what was original cost of the project. Mr. Bumbalough answered \$6.733 million Ms. Jumper asked if the City is over that amount. Mr. Bumbalough stated the City is now roughly estimating \$7.1 million. He added that there will be items at the end that the City won't have used where the costs will be removed.

Ms. Jumper asked what percentage along the project was. Mr. Bumbalough stated billing-wise, the City was over 50%, which means construction is more than half finished.

Ms. Jumper stated the construction trucks line up at 6:00 am and continue to run until 7:00 am.

Mr. Scott asked if the City has a compliance officer. Mr. Bumbalough stated the Inspection service completes wage reports for us. Mr. Crabill added that they also complete a report every month to ODOT for prevailing wage.

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

Passes 6-0 (One Abstention).

3. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize the Director of Administration to enter into a contract with Ohio Billing, Inc. to provide EMS billing services. Ohio Billing, Inc. will provide this service for a one-time implementation fee of \$795.00 plus 5% of net EMS billing revenue. The previous vendor's contract will be retroactively terminated effective February 18, 2024 and cost 5.5% of net ambulance billing revenue. **VOTE: 3-0**

Walk-In Item

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

Chief Ortlieb stated the EMS billing partner changed health care providers and left the EMS billing industry. He stated he created the project to find new billing partner. He added the City gets about \$300 per run and currently has about 700 reports in the cloud.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Passes 7-0.

Citizen Comments:

Kurtis Bump (730 S. Main St.)

Mr. Bump stated he has been dealing with a nuisance issue with the City Director.

He stated the City breached his fence and told scrappers to come get his metal.

Mr. Bump then stated \$630 was added to his property taxes.

Mr. Bump stated he is looking into getting a civil rights lawyer.

He indicated he was a veteran and didn't serve to get his rights trampled on.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading: None

Second Reading:

Ordinance 4608-24: An ordinance to vacate unimproved Richmond Street (20' wide)(containing 0.180 acres, of which 0.046 acres being in Section 24, and 0.134 acres being in Section 30, more or less) beginning at its intersection with Railroad Street (40' wide) and legally described within the description and detailed within the plat submitted to supplement the original petition filed by Bryan S. Hunt, legal counsel and authorized representative for the petitioner, Urbana Ohio Investors Group 2, LLC. (Three (3) readings and public hearing required.)

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated he did not have anything additional to say after the public hearing. Council did not have any comments/questions.

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

Ordinance 4609-24: An ordinance to approve and adopt the Urbana North Main Street Corridor Plan as an official planning guide of the City of Urbana, Ohio. (Three (3) readings and public hearing required)

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

Mr. Crabill stated he did not have anything additional to say after the public hearing and presentation.

Ms. Jumper stated that some properties in the corridor may already have zoning issues and inquired what would happen.

Mr. Crabill stated the recommendation is to utilize code tools we have. He added they are there as the general goal of the plan.

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

First Reading:

Resolution 2696-24: A resolution of financial commitment and support for the Lawnview Board of Directors planned Phase II of the Inclusive Playground at Melvin Miller Park. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated in 2021, Council approved Phase I. He stated that since then, Lawnview has been working on fundraising for Phase II. Mr. Brugger indicated the goal is to complete Phase II by the end of the year. The agreement asked the City to contribute \$25,000. Mr. Brugger added that all funds would come to the City, which would issue the Purchase Order and make sure everything comes together.

Mrs. Collier inquired about the initial \$340,000 that the City paid. Mr. Brugger stated Lawnview contributed \$10,000 to \$15,000. He added this time the responsibilities are flip-flopped. Mrs. Collier asked if this is all fundraising. Mr. Brugger confirmed it was by the Lawnview board, not the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Mrs. Bean indicated she talked to Mary Kay yesterday, and the area being added is focused for children two to five years old.

Roll call on passage: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, no; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Ms. Truelove, yes.

Resolution passes 6-1.

Resolution 2697-24: A resolution to authorize the Director of Administration of the City of Urbana to prepare and submit an application for the Park Avenue storm sewer project and to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Grant Program; to authorize the mayor to execute contracts as required; and to authorize the Director of Finance to commit and appropriate local match funding for this project. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated there is a gentleman's agreement for the pot of money each year for OPWC. This year's turn is for the townships, but he stated that there generally are not enough applications. Mr. Bumbalough stated this is a small project for a storm sewer project to help with flooding and collect the water from farm fields. He explained that he wouldn't expect to go above \$200,000 for the total cost of the project. Mr. Crabill added that the City would typically do an 11% match.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Department Liaison Reports: None

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Jumper showed a picture of fireworks in the Urbana Daily Citizens. She thanked the City for leaving planes out to get an excellent picture.

Mr. Scott stated he went up North Main and saw the wonderful sight of paving at the airport.

Ms. Truelove wanted to complain about traffic on Oakland Street. She stated the trucks speed as they come down. She would like police presence for enforcement.

Mr. Thackery was hopeful that the assassination attempt would bring the country closer together.

Chief Ortlieb stated the Touch a Truck event will be on Friday from 10 am to 1 pm on Patrick Ave. He stated it is an opportunity to show off new vehicles.

Mr. Bumbalough stated paving should start anytime but he has not received the official word.

Mr. Crabill stated fireworks went great. He added that most of funds needed were funded through the community.

Mr. Brugger stated the rehab for taxi relief started on Monday and paving should be done by end of next week. He stated Mr. Bumbalough has done a great job trying to stay ahead of South High street project. He also thanked to Chief, Captain Croker and Chris for getting ahead of ambulance billing and thanked for Phase II support.

Mayor Bean stated there would be swearing-in for new firefighters. Chief Ortlieb stated it will be on the 26th at 1:00 pm.

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

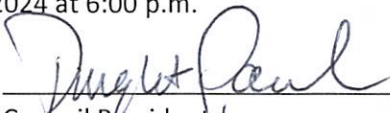
ADJOURNED AT 7:39 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Work Session - July 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President