

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024**



APPROVED

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

City Staff attending: Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Mayor Bill Bean, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, 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.

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of July 16, 2024 and work session minutes of July 23, 2024 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper 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 June 13, 2024 (See Attached)
2. Miami Valley RPC Press Release dated July 15, 2024 (See Attached)

Council did not move to take the communications off the consent agenda.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$227,419.00 for Phase II of the “EVERYbody Plays!” inclusive playground project initiated by Lawnview Industries, Inc., a supporting unit to the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The project is funded by the Lawnview Board’s \$177,419.00 donation to the Park & Recreation Trust Fund, a \$25,000.00 match from the Trust by the Melvin Miller Park Board, and \$25,000.00 from the City’s General Fund. This expense will be charged to General Fund – Recreation (\$25,000.00) and Park & Recreation Trust Fund (\$202,419.00), and is not in the 2024 budget. (see attached) **VOTE: 3-0**

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

Ms. Boettcher stated that Council at the last meeting passed the resolution support of project. She stated the \$25,000 from general fund and the donation was placed in the Park Board trust fund.

Mr. Thackery asked if there was a Phase III of the project. Ms. Boettcher indicated there probably was, but it depended on the fundraising efforts.

Mrs. Collier asked if the \$177,419 was from fundraisers and not actually directly from their Board. Ms. Boettcher stated she believed so, and added she knew they sold flowers.

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

Passes 6-1.

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third 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.)

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

Mr. Crabill reminded Council this was a 20-foot section of unimproved Richmond Street that cuts through Lionel Drive apartments. He added the applicant made revisions from the 2023 petition and Planning Commission approved the vacation on May 28, 2024.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Ordinance passes 7-0.

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 and possible passage. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Crabill stated the City started the planning process in June 2023. The corridor plan extends along North Main from Washington/Gwynne up to Airport. Mr. Crabill added that Planning Commission approved the plan on May 28, 2024. He also stated that after adoption, the City would start working through the recommendations within the plan.

Mr. Thackery stated he was glad we have it done, as it has been a long time coming.

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

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Ordinance 4474-24: An ordinance to revise the codified ordinances by adopting current replacement pages. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Feinstein stated the City contracted with Walter Drane to do updates to the City's ordinances. He stated Walter Drane had been taken over by American Legal, who complete updates once a year. He added the updates consist of the City legislation passed and State updates to our code that mirror the Ohio Revised Code regarding items like the traffic code, etc. Mr. Feinstein stated this ordinance states we approve the updates as they are presented.

Mrs. Collier stated it was a great idea to have the codifications updated. Mr. Feinstein added the City was considering quarterly update. He stated the Property Maintenance Code, etc. had not taken effect yet because they had not been published.

Mrs. Bean believed a quarterly update would be a good idea so the City's legislation could not be held hostage.

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

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Resolution 2430-24: 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. (One reading required)

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

Ms. Boettcher stated this resolution was an annual housekeeping item. She stated that the City receives the numbers from the County Auditor, which project our share of real estate taxes.

Mrs. Collier asked what would happen if a resident pays their real estate taxes late. Ms. Boettcher answered the City would receive it next cycle, as disbursements occur twice a year.

Ms. Truelove asked what happens if residents don't pay their property taxes at all. Ms. Boettcher stated that issue is handled by the County.

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:

Mrs. Collier stated the Safety Committee meeting had been moved to Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00 pm in the training room.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Truelove stated she would continue to complain about truck traffic on Oakland Street. She indicated it was really frequent, noisy, and scary, adding that they go too fast. President Paul asked her if she had spoken to Chief Lingrell. Ms. Truelove answered she had, but would get with him.

Chief Ortlieb stated UFD had finished at the fair on Monday. He stated they had spent about a month getting ready. UFD's role is to inspect every food source in the same manner as they would inspect downtown. He added the Fair Board this year was really receptive to their presence.


Mr. Crabill stated the City submitted to Heritage Ohio for a downtown visit. It has been scheduled for October 8-9, with a public hearing to be held on October 8th at 6:00 pm. He also added Urbana had been selected as a Best Hometown from Ohio Magazine for 2024-2025

Mayor Bean thanked Council for passing the North Main Street Corridor Plan. He also encouraged everyone to go to the fair.

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

ADJOURNED AT 6:23 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
August 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President