



APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024**

President Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

City Staff attending: Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, 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.

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of August 2, 2024 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mrs. Collier seconded.

No comments/questions from Council regarding the minutes.

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

Communications:

1. Access Center for Independent Living, Inc. open house invitation (See Attached)
2. Communication from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control dated July 18, 2024, regarding the new liquor permit application for A Little Bit More, LLC DBA Hot Head Burritos, 669 Scioto St. (See Attached)
3. North Central Ohio Solid Waste District 2023 Landfill Disposal Annual Report (See Attached)
4. Letter from Frederick Dunn, 612 College Way, postmarked August 8, 2024 (See Attached)

Mrs. Bean moved to remove item number two from the consent agenda.

Ms. Jumper moved to remove item number four from the consent agenda.

Mrs. Bean stated she though Hot Head Burritos already served alcohol. Mr. Feinstein stated he believed this permit was to allow the sale of beer as well.

Ms. Jumper stated that she had received an anonymous letter regarding the tower, but was told that it required identification in order to follow up.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments:

Scott Smith (152 Heritage Drive) – Mr. Smith addressed the International Property Maintenance code. He has been having issue with drainage issue in Old Town condos.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading: None

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Resolution 2698-24: A resolution authorizing the Director of Administration to enter into a sixteen (16) month land use agreement with the Pointe North Nature Park (PNNP) Committee for the use of City real property on North U.S. HWY 68 in Salem Township, Champaign County, State of Ohio. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated the City owns the property known as Pointe North. In the past, the City has tried to open the property to the public, but it didn't work well. Mr. Brugger added that during the past three or four years, groups have asked permission for special events to be held there. He stated that Dr. Smith has put together a group of local enthusiasts to hold periodic events. This resolution creates a land use agreement and gives the City someone it feels is competent to monitor the property.

Dr. Smith explained the original plan was for Pointe North to be open 24/7, based on the suggestion from ODNR. He stated the volunteer group is looking to only open Pointe North from dawn to dusk, and will be periodically on site. Dr. Smith commented that the idea is to be open on weekends to the public until they raise enough volunteers to allow for more time than that. Dr. Smith also explained the group is looking to divide the property, with the south side open for fishing and the north side being closed to fishing and vehicular traffic. He added the north side would be for walking and hiking. He explained this was made to appease both groups of people who wish to use the property in different ways. Forming an LLC as the designee for liability insurance.

Mrs. Collier asked if there would be any swimming. Dr. Smith answered no.

Mr. Thackery asked why an LLC over a non-profit. Dr. Smith answered that a non-profit was an eventual goal that they would be working towards.

Mrs. Bean asked if there was a formal committee. Dr. Smith responded that there was, and they had been active for the past five years.

Mrs. Bean asked if the group would be charging people. Dr. Smith stated there would not be a fee but the possibility exists of fundraisers in the future.

Mrs. Bean also asked if the City currently mows the property. Mr. Brugger responded the City does mow near the road and along the lakes.

Mr. Thackery asked if there were any funds coming in. Dr. Smith explained that the group was looking for corporate donations.

Ms. Jumper asked for security reasons, if this was considered the city or county. Dr. Smith answered that the property belongs to the city. Mr. Feinstein added that due to concurrent jurisdiction, both UPD and the Sheriff's office can respond to calls.

Mr. Scott asked if the fence along the west side was intact. Dr. Smith stated there was one location where there may be an issue and they have some repairs to do.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mrs. Collier stated that there was a Safety Meeting last Wednesday. She added that she will submit the minutes for the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Bean stated there would be a Planning Commission meeting next Monday at 5:30 rather than 6. She stated it should be brief as the only business is to approve minutes.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Truelove stated her big concern has been traffic on Oakland Street. She stated she consulted with Mr. Feinstein to see if there is anything that could be done. She added she received an explanation and accepted the situation for what it was.

Mr. Feinstein clarified that because it is a State Route, the City receives state and federal funding, which makes it limited on what it can do to restrict traffic flow. He added that noise ordinances are already in place and the City is unable to add traffic control devices.

Ms. Truelove asked about the possibility of increased officer presence.

Chief Lingrell stated there is a speed problem in every district of Urbana. He stated traffic enforcement is up this year over the past three years, while accidents are down over the past five years. He added that the two speed trailers have a waiting list as they move from neighborhood to neighborhood. He gave statistics to show that when officers are in that area, speeding from semis is not occurring. Chief Lingrell added that increased patrolling has occurred in that area ten times in the recent past. He stated he is going to try and purchase additional radar signs, but it was not in the budget for this year.

Mrs. Collier stated that she didn't realize that because 29 is a state route, the speed limit is 35. Chief Lingrell stated that all state routes in the City in residential neighborhoods are 35 mph..

Ms. Jumper stated that traffic is now coming back down S. High Street. She commented that she has been receiving complaints about traffic not stopping at the stop sign at W. Reynolds Street. She inquired about signage once the project was done about street parking. Mr. Brugger responded that once the project is done, signs will be a part of final stage, after paving.

Chief Lingrell stated UPD is getting ready for the second citizen's police academy. He still would like a few more people to sign up. It starts September 5th, and runs for six straight Thursday nights.

Mr. Brugger stated he had passed out a recycling hand out. He added there is more information on the website. Mr. Brugger stated there would be a meeting this week regarding a tentative date for paving project. He also informed Mr. Smith he would like to speak after the meeting.

Mayor Bean thanked Council for passing the Pointe North resolution. He is hopeful it will give the citizens of Urbana a better chance to enjoy Pointe North as he felt it wasn't really protected last time.

Mr. Thackery asked the about the timeframe. Mr. Brugger stated the contract starts September 1st, and it's just a matter of when committee gets ramped up.

President Paul asked if the City ever went back to the realtor regarding the dumping issue. Mayor Bean responded it was more than just the one dumping. He felt the biggest issue was mudders digging up the land.

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

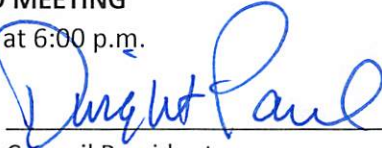
ADJOURNED AT 6:34 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
September 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President