

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb, and City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough

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

Minutes

Mr. Scott moved to put the minutes of December 3, 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. Paws Animal Shelter Letter from November 22, 2024 (See Attached)
2. Columbia Gas Letter from November 22, 2024 (See Attached)

Council did not move to remove the communication from the consent agenda.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to The Shelly Company in the amount of \$65,610.40 for Change Order #1 of the FAA Hangar Taxi-lane Pavement Rehabilitation project at Grimes Field Airport. The FAA eligible portion of the change order, \$31,275.40, will have 90% FAA grant funding, 5% ODOT grant funding, and 5% local funding. The remaining \$34,335.00 of the project will be paid from the Airport Fund reserves and is not in the 2024 budget. (See attached). **VOTE: 3-0**

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

Mr. Brugger informed Council that the taxi lane repairs have been in the process for about a year and a half. He stated when milling was being completed, it required deep reconstruction. Mr. Brugger stated the City was over in the paving amount but under in the contract for engineering services. He concluded that this has been a good project, with the matter now being closed out.

No comments/questions from Council.

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

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading:

Ordinance 4390-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Firefighters and the Urbana Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 595, and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated the previous three-year agreement has expired. The City went through seven negotiation sessions with the firefighters. Mr. Brugger added that the City also negotiated with the Captains at the same time. Mr. Brugger then proceeded to go through the summary of changes from the previous contract.

Mrs. Bean appreciated the comment about keeping up with the market for all contracts.

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

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Ordinance 4392-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Fire Captains & Lieutenants and the Urbana Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 595, and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated he could answer any questions Council had.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Ordinance 4395-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Police Patrol Officers and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated the current three-year contract expires at the end of December. He stated the negotiations started on October 10 and the parties reached an agreement on all open items. Mr. Brugger added the Union ratified the contract on November 7th. He also informed Council the patrol officers negotiated at the same time as the sergeants. Mr. Brugger then went through the summary of changes from the previous contract.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Ordinance 4396-24: An ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Urbana, Ohio and the City of Urbana Police Sergeants and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and declaring an emergency. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Brugger stated he could answer any questions Council had.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Ordinance 4612-24: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration to enter into a pre-annexation agreement with Urbana0624C, LLC. (Three readings required)

Ms. Jumper moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Truelove seconded.

Mr. Crabill stated the annexation petition filed on December 3rd. He clarified that this agreement is specific to the 191 acres currently owned by Organ Farms, LLC and the Board of Commissioners.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Second Reading:

Ordinance 4388-25: An ordinance authorizing the Indigent Defense Agreement with the Champaign County Commissioners to allow the City and County to receive partial reimbursement from the Ohio Public Defender Commission for the indigent expenses in the Champaign County Municipal Court. (Three readings required)

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

Mr. Feinstein stated this ordinance allows the City and County to come to an agreement to provide attorneys to Court-appointed indigent defendants for cases that carry potential jail time.

Mrs. Bean asked the current rate for appointed attorneys. Mr. Feinstein responded the current rate is \$75 an hour for services both in and out of the Courtroom.

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

First Reading:

Resolution 2623-24: A resolution to amend Resolution 2433-23 to modify or increase appropriations within various funds of the City of Urbana, Ohio for current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. (Supplemental Appropriations) (Suspension of rules required)

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

Ms. Boettcher stated this was the yearly supplemental appropriation resolution. She added that this brings our budget up to date with the current expenses.

Mrs. Bean moved to suspend the rules to allow passage on the first reading. Ms. Jumper seconded.

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

Suspension passes 5-0.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the resolution.

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

Resolution passes 5-0.

Ordinance 4613-24: An ordinance adopting a statement of services to be provided to parcels consisting of approximately 219.986 acres, more or less, in Urbana Township proposed for annexation to the City of Urbana by the petitioners: Urbana Health Facilities, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company; governing board of the Madison-Champaign Educational Service Center; Board of County Commissioners of Champaign County, Ohio; and Organ Farms, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, with Andrew Wecker, attorney-at-law, appointed as agent by petitioners, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Crabill stated the annexation petition was filed on December 3. He added the City has twenty days to respond to the County Commissioners. Mr. Crabill stated this ordinance was the statement of services that the City will provide to territory being annexed. He noted that properties currently using services will pay the inside City rate once the annexation takes effect.

Mrs. Bean noted that the agenda labeled both this and the next ordinance as 4613-24. Council Clerk Steffan informed Council there was a typo on the agenda and the next ordinance is numbered 4614-24. He added that the ordinances themselves were properly labeled with the correct numbers.

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

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Ordinance 4614-24: An ordinance relating to land use and zoning buffers for territory consisting of approximately 219.986 acres, more or less, in Urbana Township proposed for annexation to the City of Urbana by the petitioners: Urbana Health Facilities, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company; governing board of the Madison-Champaign Educational Service Center; Board of County Commissioners of Champaign County, Ohio; and Organ Farms, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, with Andrew Wecker, attorney-at-law, appointed as agent by petitioners, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Crabill explained that this ordinance provides language regarding land use and zoning buffers that legislation requires. Mr. Crabill stated the City will work to rezone the territory in accordance with local ordinances and place the land on the City zoning map. He added that there is a requirement to have the zoning in place by the annexation effective date.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance passes 5-0.

Resolution 2703-24: A resolution declaring the necessity of constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs and/or gutters along at least portions of N. Main Street, Abbey Lane, S. Walnut street, W. Water Street, Hovey Street, Eichelberger Drive, Miami Street, N. High Street, Washington Avenue, E. Water Street, and N. Jefferson Avenue, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated this resolution is the City's yearly piecemeal work for replacement. He added that it covers the listed streets, with North Main Street being the largest. He explained that it also includes streets near S. High Street to tie into paving for next year. Mr. Bumbalough stated this resolution does not include any wholesale curb and gutter work.

Mr. Scott asked how these figures were estimated. Mr. Bumbalough answered that these figures were estimated using last year's pricings.

Mrs. Bean asked if this was the first the homeowners heard of the project. Mr. Bumbalough responded it was not, as the homeowners were a sent precursor letter early summer, followed by certified letters which has seen some people already opting into the City's program.

Ms. Truelove asked how the figures compare with current prices. Mr. Bumbalough responded that he hopes that having a large quantity with the wholesale project will help with these prices.

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

Resolution passes 5-0.

Resolution 2704-24: A resolution to authorize preliminary approval between the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio and Ohio Department of Transportation for pavement planing and resurfacing of United States Route 68 from south of Springfield-Urbana Pike (SLM 01.27) to the southern corporation limits (SLM 05.08), with a portion located in the city of Urbana. Reference PID No.: 112491, County/Route/Section: CHP-68-1.27, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated this was similar to the project previously brought forth regarding State route 55. He informed Council this resolution is the preliminary agreement to proceed with the project. He added that the project would start near the county border and extend to the elementary school. Mr. Bumbalough added that there would not be any City costs for this project.

Council did not have any comments/questions on the resolution.

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

Resolution passes 5-0.

Department Liaison Reports: None

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Jumper asked who was in charge of cleaning trees at Urbana University. Mr. Brugger stated it was the responsibility of the property owner. Ms. Jumper asked if they had a chance to look at the property. Mr. Brugger stated the City has talked with them regarding a lot of issues, but not specifically regarding the trees. He added that now that the City has full access to the road, the topic will be revisited soon.

Ms. Jumper asked if there was a guarantee of the newly-constructed S. High Street roads. Mr. Bumbalough stated there is typically a one-year guarantee for craftsmanship, with the potential for a little longer. Mr. Crabill added that the one-year time frame is also from date of acceptance, which would potentially start sometime in the middle of next year.

Also, Ms. Jumper asked why some of the new signs on S. High Street were placed in yards instead of closer to the roads. Mr. Bumbalough stated that the sign placement was due to some signs being larger, and the placement was to avoid large vehicle mirrors and preventing the signs from being hit.

Ms. Truelove gave credit to Chief Ortlieb. She stated she recently visited the Fire Division where everyone was wonderful and she was able to ride the fire truck.

Chief Ortlieb stated the Fire Division has been working on ISO requirements, which asks for different reports. He informed Council the reports are used to make a composite score used by insurance companies to create rates. The score is based on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being best. Chief Ortlieb stated last time the Fire Division was a 4. He stated this time it is a 3.

Ms. Boettcher thanked Council for passing the supplemental appropriations resolution.

Mr. Brugger thanked Council for its labor contract support.

He added the Compost facility is now closed and that leaf pickup is complete with the Street Department tearing down equipment and transitioning the trucks for the snow and ice. He appreciates Council's general support and stated 2024 was a busy year.

Mr. Feinstein shared sad news as the Law Department's victim advocate passed away last Thursday. She was very good at her job and one of the nicest people you will ever meet.


Mayor Bean wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

President Paul stated the next meeting would be held January 7th, 2025. He sent his best wishes to Council members Mr. Thackery and Mrs. Collier. He also informed Council to consider organizational meeting issues, such as President Pro Tempore and Department Liaison assignments.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Ms. Truelove seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

ADJOURNED AT 6:46 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
January 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President