

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

President Pro Tem Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, and Director of CEP Marcia Bailey.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, absent; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mrs. Collier, absent; and Mr. Ebert, present.

ED 2020 Report – CEP Director Marcia Bailey

Mrs. Bailey provided a handout and said that she wanted to give everyone an idea of what CEP has been working on. She referenced the Cares Act Grant and stated that \$696,000.00 went back into 82 businesses of Champaign County. She also stated that the Cobblestone opened June 12, 2020. She then spoke more specifically to the City and stated that there were 8 specific projects, either expansion, retail or restaurants bringing 75 jobs to the community. She also advised that an upcoming restaurant going into the Security National Bank building is in sight. Mrs. Bailey spoke about putting on a marketing campaign for this year. She stated there were 2 big projects on the table that could bring 50-100 jobs to the community, if it goes through.

Mr. Ebert thanked Marcia for everything the CEP does for the community.

MINUTES

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of January 19, 2021, in addition to the minutes of the Works Session of January 26, 2021, on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding A Little Bit More, LLC, DBA Hot Head Burritos, 669 Scioto St.

Mr. Fields moved to have a hearing held with regard to this action. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

2. Oak Dale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2020, and November 20, 2020.
3. Letter from Champaign County Commissioners regarding the adoption of the 2020 Champaign County Comprehensive Plan Update.
4. 2020 Annual Summary.

Mr. Thackery moved to put all communications on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL

1. **United Healthcare group health insurance and related life, vision (EyeMed), and dental (Delta Dental) - \$1,709,350.00**

Mrs. Boettcher stated this was the annual renewal of group health insurance and related life, vision and dental for fulltime employees. She stated this was the proposal from United Healthcare. She added this proposal came a little early this year and they offered the City their best price and the City accepted. She also added there were approximately 80-90 employees on the policy.

Mr. Fields moved to put this item on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

2. **Best Equipment Company - \$133,766.00 (Sewer Fund)**

Mr. Hall said this request was for the replacement of the 2012 camera unit to inspect the lateral side of the sewer mains. He added that the camera is manufactured by the same company as the 2012 camera. He also said that they were going to keep the 2012 camera for that was already set up for the bigger pic, such as a storm water

system. He said with the new camera, this would provide a 6-12-inch scope and was a very good tool. He added that the City does hold the responsibility for lateral views.

Mr. Ebert moved to put this item on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields, seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Reading

Resolution No. 2601-21

A Resolution declaring the necessity of improving Scioto Street in the city of Urbana, County of Champaign, Ohio by constructing or repairing curbs, gutters, driveway approaches and appurtenances thereto on a section of Scioto Street between Locust Street and Patrick Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that as the City does paving projects, they try to repair curbs and gutters prior to the paving. He also said that the process consists of passing the Resolution of Necessity, follow-up with an Ordinance which would have 3 readings. He also advised the construction would begin June 1, 2021. He said they were in a little bit of a crunch to get this project completed. He also stated that any curbs/gutters that are currently in compliance, will be matched to and kept as is.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Resolution on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded.

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Fields, no.

Resolution fails 4-1 (Needing a majority vote)

Mr. Fields inquired as to who decided whether the resident is up to compliance. Mr. Thackery stated that if the curb and gutter was currently in compliance the resident property tax would not

be assessed and they would just match up with what was currently in place. Mr. Fields wanted to change his vote.

Mr. Thackery moved to allow Mr. Fields to change his vote, Mr. Ebert seconded.

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Fields, yes.
Resolution passed 5-0

Resolution No. 2602-21

A Resolution confirming the appointment of members to the Salary Commission.

Mr. Feinstein stated that an affirmative vote is confirmation of appointed members. He added that this commission would be looking at the salaries of the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Scott moved to put this Resolution on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Ebert seconded.

President Pro Tem Paul called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. Ebert, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; and Mr. Scott, yes.

Resolution passed 5-0

Second Reading

None

Third Reading

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

President Pro Tem Paul stated that at the recent Work Session, some committees were formed and are as follows:

- Economic Development – Dwight Paul, Rich Ebert
- Safety – Mary Collier, Pat Thackery
- Infrastructure – Cledis Scott, Dwight Pau
- Zoning/Nuisances – Pat Thackery, Rich Ebert
- Rules – Mary Collier, President Hess

Mr. Ebert motioned to uphold the committees formed. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Ebert moved to begin committees and to begin Committee Reports beginning at the Council Meeting of February 16, 2021. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Thackery stated that they were going to schedule a Safety Committee meeting soon and advised everyone to stay safe.

Mr. Ebert thanked the individuals that volunteered for the Salary commission. He added that more people that are involved in this process will make things clearer throughout how the process is done.

Mr. Fields stated that the Street Department did a great job on the road with the weather we have been having.

Mr. Hall said that at the next Council meeting, there will be some correspondence about the City's approval for the AMI project. He also said that if anyone had any questions, to feel free to contact him.

Mayor Bean thanked the 5 citizens that are going to be on the Salary Commission. He also gave special thanks to Stephanie Truelove and Michelle Heflin for they were also on the Charter Committee as well as their new roles in the Salary Commission.

Mr. Brugger stated that the AMI Project has been a long process. He said that if there were any questions, reach out to Chad Hall or Joe Sampson. He then spoke about the Scioto Street Curb and Gutter Project. He thanked everyone for their help and added that Mr. Bumbalough has worked very hard in trying to get this done and not be behind the eight ball. He spoke about the 2020 In Review and stated to Council to review the same and if you were to look from 2012-2020, you would see a lot of change. He spoke of the Sanitary Sewer Project, and advised that the infrastructure would be wrapping up today. He also advised that it would be activated within the next 2-3 weeks.

President Pro Tem Paul apologized to everyone for the technical difficulties during the meeting. President Pro Tem Paul moved to excuse absent members Mary Collier and Doug Hoffman. Mr. Ebert seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0


Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 5-0

ADJOURN AT 6:50 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

February 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President