

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

APPROVED

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein and Community Development Director Doug Crabill.

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020, in addition to Work Session Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2020, were presented for approval. Mr. Thackery moved for the approval of said minutes and Mr. Fields seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2020
2. Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2019
3. 2019 In Review (handed out by Kerry Brugger)

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL**

**1. UnitedHealthcare - \$1,608,148.00**

Ms. Boettcher stated that the purchase of group health, live, vision and dental insurances would be effective 3-1-2020. She added that the insurance covers 95 employees and their dependents, with the exception of 14 employees that opt-out. She also stated there were no changes to the PPO Plan but there was an increase to the deductible for HSA holders. She also mentioned that the employee pays 10% of the premium, for either family or single coverage.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this item on the floor for further discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.  
Motion passed 7-0.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **First Reading –**

#### **Resolution No. 2414-20**

A Resolution confirming the appointments of Richard “Dick” Kerns and Eugene Fields, Jr. to the Housing council.

Mr. Crabill advised that the appointments were for a two year time period.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.  
Resolution passes 7-0.

#### **Resolution No. 2437-20**

A Resolution confirming the appointments of Ronald T. (Tom) Coles Jr., and Nathaniel P. (Pat) Bass to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for calendar years 2020-2022.

Mr. Hoffman moved to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.  
Resolution passes 7-0.

#### **Resolution No. 2571-20**

A Ceremonial Resolution in support of the Grandworks Foundation’s efforts to revitalize and renovate the Gloria Theatre in Downtown Urbana and to obtain grant funding from the State of Ohio Capital Budget through the State’s Cultural Facilities Grant Program.

Mr. Paul asked if there were any points involved and Mr. Crabill stated he wasn’t absolutely sure, it just shows the support from City Council.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.  
Resolution passes 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2572-20**

A Ceremonial Resolution in support of a local community group’s effort to nominate the City of Urbana, Ohio as a filming location for the new HGTV series called Home Town Takeover.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.  
Resolution passes 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 4519-20**

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Champaign Economic Partnership (CEP) of Champaign County, as an agent for the City of Urbana, to sell and convey real property which is owned by the City of Urbana, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Fields moved to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Mr. Brugger advised this involves the Habitat group. He stated further that Habitat had approached Mrs. Bailey regarding available properties. The properties in question are located at 108 Richmond St. and 107 Richmond St. He further explained that the CEP would act as the City’s agent and also Habitat could build at least 2 houses on the properties. This would put the properties back into productive use. He also added that Superintendent of Public Works, Chad Hall, would be extending the sewer line as well.

Mrs. Bailey stated that the CEP currently have templets that could be used for this subject. She also advised that Habitat must secure the location initially to receive the funding available.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

**Second Reading –**

**Third Reading –**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION**

Mr. Thackery advised that “Coffee with Council” is this coming Saturday, and it is moved to the location of the Lion’s Club Pancake Breakfast.

Mr. Paul spoke about some of the topics that were discussed at the Work Session. He also stated that a lot of questions seemed to come up about the reappropriation of funds and asked Ms. Boettcher if she could clarify this a bit. Ms. Boettcher stated that the Finance Department waits until the end of the year to appropriate funds. She said that last year, the Fire Department had

unspent money and they used that unspent money for other departments that had gone over there budget. This all goes through the General Fund to disburse the overages. Mr. Paul continued and asked Council if anyone had anything to add to the list of goals. He added to think about goals and they could be discussed at the next Work Session.

Mr. Brugger reminded Council to please review the Annual Review he handed out at the beginning of the meeting. He added that he felt that Council would find it enlightening and that it helps refresh on how things went last year. He also stated that this review would be posted on the City's website.

Mayor Bean mention the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast this coming Saturday. He also stated that next Monday at 5:00 p.m. the Republicans would be having their candidate night. He also said that on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Council members were invited to a Boy Scout luncheon held at Coppertop, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Bailey stated that the Housing Market Study is complete and there would be a presentation on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. She said that the data compiled included the City of Urbana and the three large villages of the County. She added that the study will show what our current market is, the cost of construction, what product is in demand, etc.

President Hess spoke of some topics that surfaced at the Work Session. The same being Police Auxiliary, Sidewalk Ordinance, finding more money for paving, Building Maintenance Code, visibility at intersections, grant writing, water rates and communication. He added that there was a company here in town who would come video a meeting and put it wherever Council wanted to put it. Further, he stated that this company charges \$60.00 an hour.

Mr. Fields move to adjourn and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 7-0.

**ADJOURN AT 6:55 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

February 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President