

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020**

APPROVED

President Hess called the Public Hearing to order to provide citizens the opportunity to comment on the tax budget of the City of Urbana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021.

Ms. Boettcher began by stating the City is required to adopt a tax ordinance annually. She stated that this tax budget is an exact replica of the one adopted in 2019, due to the pandemic issues. She further stated that the City would know more exactly where it stands after July 15, 2020. She added that historically, the City revenue is increasing annually, but again, she is uncertain at this time due to the pandemic. She stated that the Airport would continue to subsidize alone, stating it supports itself. She said that appropriations would be completed in September or October.

Mr. Hoffman asked if the General Fund is subsidizing? She advised that ½ of the General Fund goes to Police and Fire and that the Police and Fire Levy is not subsidized and that the Police Department and Fire Departments are an operation of the City.

Mr. Paul asked when the City would actually get the numbers to get an idea of where it stands. Ms. Boettcher stated it would be in two parts: the first being around July 15th, with the City Income Tax comes directly to the Finance Department, and second, around July 31st, the City would get an idea what the County's numbers will be.

President Hess called the Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. City staff attending: Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

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

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2020.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes of November 14, 2019.

Mr. Paul inquired as to the delay of meetings and Mr. Crabill stated there was a delay and the 2nd meeting is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday in July and the meeting would begin at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Crabill also mentioned that the Shade Tree Commission is looking to fill a few spots one for the 4th Ward and one for the 1st Ward, he thought.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. **Ohio EPA, DEFA - \$1,610,333.59 (Loan Agreement/Loan Account to be repaid by water rates increase)**

Mr. Crabill said this if finalizing the loan contracts for both of the loans. The first loan is for the water portion only, for Crescent, Ames and Finch Streets, and the second would be for the water and sewer replacement. Mr. Thackery asked if there in fact would be a water rate increase. Ms. Boettcher responded, yes, a single digit or low double-digit increase. Mr. Paul asked how many miles is included with this project. Mr. Crabill stated that it is registered by feet and he didn't know the total off the top of his head. Mr. Fields asked if this line would be hooking up to the sewer line that was ran out to Rothchilds. Mr. Crabill advised no, only to Berwick. Mrs. Collier asked if this project had anything to do with the Bon Air project and Mr. Crabill advised no, the City should be seeking approval in August for that project. President Hess asked how old the lines were on Kenton to Jefferson. Mr. Crabill advised that he wasn't sure.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

2. OWDA - \$366,037.88 (Loan Agreement/Loan Account to be repaid by sewer rates)

Mr. Crabill stated this loan deals with the construction portion of the sanitary sewer project. He added that they were doing a 10- year program instead of a 20- year program. Mr. Thackery asked if there would be an increase for sewer rates. Ms. Boettcher replied no. Mr. Fields asked the amount of the first payment. Mr. Crabill stated that the City does not have that amount yet. Mr. Paul asked the location of the project. Mr. Crabill responded Scioto St., from Jefferson Ave., to the 29/36 split, for water and sewer.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

3. Hull and Associates, Inc. - \$49,095.00 (General Fund – Miscellaneous Non-Departmental)

Mr. Crabill said that the east side of Q3 has transferred to True Inspections and this completes the project. He stated there was a lot of updating of tables due to rule changes. He further stated \$9,742.50 is the amount that True Inspections would be invoiced for. Additionally, True Inspections will pick up 25% of the \$49,095.00, which is \$19,580.13 and the remainder of \$29,514.87 is the City's portion. He also added that actual re-development should be happening in the near future. Mr. Paul stated that it was pretty amazing to see the finish line regarding this project. Mr. Crabill added that this project has been going on since 2009, and said these projects take time. Presided Hess asked how much money was put into this project, the City's investment, True Inspections, grants, etc. Mr. Crabill stated that he did not have the totals in front of him.

Mr. Paul 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 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dottie Landis – 221 N. Locust St. – asked for information regarding sidewalks, curbs and gutters. She asked where the City gets the funding to repair the same to assess the property owners' property taxes, and asked if she could have access to that as well. She also showed photos of her sidewalks that are need of repair and stated there is 70 linear feet and she was looking for the act of prioritizing safety for citizens. She also asked Council if there could be a line item put into the budget for the repair for sidewalks, curbs and gutters for citizens who could not afford to do the same.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

Resolution No. 2411-20

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of Urbana, to prepare and submit final application to participate in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and to execute contracts as required. (Suspension of Rules Requested).

Mr. Brugger advised this project was left over from 2019, due to the bids coming in too high. He advised that A2 is to be extended to the main taxi way, and A5 was to be decommissioned. He also stated that Stantec put together the design and the lowest bid was \$80,000.00 less than the Engineer's estimate. He added that this, with the Cares Act, pays 100% through the FAA. He also stated that the award may not be provided until September and construction would begin in the spring of 2021.

Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the three-reading rule and Mr. Scott seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call for the suspension of the rules: Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Motion passes 6-0.

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

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes.

Resolution passes 6-0.

Ordinance No. 4523-20

An Ordinance to submit City Charter Amendments to the Electors of the City of Urbana.
(Requires three readings)

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

Mr. Feinstein stated that he had invited the Charter Review Committee's members to come to the meeting tonight. He added that the committee had put in a lot of hours into this review and he stated how grateful he was for the work they did. He added that once a decade, a review of the Charter must be done, and during this review the committee found 23 possible changes. He added that the committee is strongly suggesting the formation of a Salary Commission. Further, he went over the Ordinance and what changes the Committee felt needed to be put to the voters.

Mr. Paul thanked the Charter Review Committee, stating they did a great job and put in a lot of hours in this task. He asked how this was going to be marketed? Mr. Feinstein said there would be an insert put into the newspaper and also advised that Justin Weller has offered to head up a campaign committee to get this done.

Mr. Hoffman offered his appreciation of their time. He also stated that Council read all of their minutes and he would support them, whether he agreed with their findings or not, to put it to the voters.

Mr. Earl Evans of the Charter Review Committee thanked Mr. Feinstein for all of his hard work. He also advised that there should be more Resolutions to come that the committee felt would be wise for Council to consider.

Mr. Hoffman stated that he wanted to hear what the citizens have to say. He asked Mr. Feinstein what Council's obligation for the Charter Review. Mr. Feinstein advised that it must be reviewed by a committee appointed by City Council every 10 years. Mr. Hoffman continued by stating that he felt that the Charter Review Committee was a little harsh on Council.

President Hess stated that it was nice to see this Charter Committee gone into depth with its review.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

**Second Reading –
Ordinance No. 4522-20**

An Ordinance to revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting current replacement pages.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

Ordinance No. 4429-20

An Ordinance adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Urbana, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021; submitting the same to the County Auditor.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its second reading.

Third Reading –

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Paul moved to excuse Councilman Ebert. Mr. Thackery seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Paul thanked Mr. Brugger and Mr. Crabill for the maps they provided for the meeting. He also stated that he would like to see the City, as they are looking at the trees in the City, cut down the bad ones as they go. Mr. Brugger stated that Mr. Paul should refer to the Ordinance.

Mr. Scott spoke about the sidewalks, curbs and gutters issue, with regard to Dottie Landis. He stated that basically, the bulk of people have private contractors to do the work. Now it seems that everyone is scared. He said the City should add something for the interest, when it is being assessed on the property tax. Further, he stated there should be a way out of this. He stated that Ms. Landis was correct in stating that her street is terrible. He also stated that Mr. Bumbalough should try to get a summer intern to mark off the sidewalks. Mr. Thackery stated that he believes a review of the communication of what was told to citizens should take place.

A lot of discussion on the sidewalks, curbs and gutter ordinance took place.

Mr. Crabill stated that legislation would soon be coming about a property owner's desire to connect with the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Brugger stated that he has received a lot of communication from residents regarding the Nuisance ordinance. He added that he would expect their Council member to explain the Ordinance and encourages citizens to reach out to their Council member. Further he stated, that only Council could fix the Ordinance. Mr. Brugger also spoke about the recent discussions with the YMCA to open the City Pool. It has been decided that the City would be opening the pool July 3, 2020, and run until August 9, 2020. He stated that the YMCA believes they can put together a plan that would satisfy all the state regulations. He added that there would be a new agreement put together for the same.

Mayor Bean thanked the Charter Review Committee for their hard work. He stated that they were very good at listening and came away with some of his suggestions when he was asked to attend one of the meetings. He also stated Mr. Brugger and Ms. Boettcher for all of their hard work in opening the City Pool for the kids. He also spoke about Q3. He stated that “we are rounding third and heading for home.” He gave thanks to Mr. Crabill, Ms. Boettcher, Mr. Feinstein, Mr. Bumbalough, and especially Mr. Brugger, for getting this done.

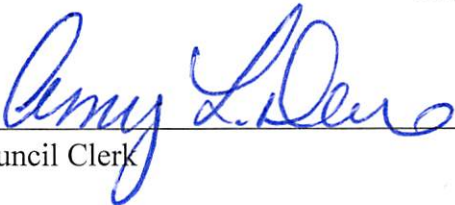
Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Motion passes 6-0.

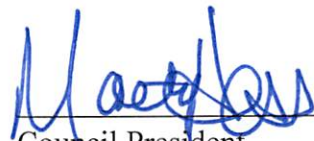
ADJOURN AT 8:06 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President