

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

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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, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb.

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

MINUTES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mayoral Proclamations: Constitution Week, Direct Support Profession Recognition Week
2. Salary Commission Meeting minutes from their first meeting in March, 1021, through May 11, 2021, as presented
3. Champaign Health District's Scrap Tire Disposal Day Flier
4. NCOSWD's Electronic Waste Day Flier
5. 2021 Champaign County Chamber of Commerce Community & Membership Guide

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

Mayor Bean stated that September 17, 2021, is Constitution Day, and it marks the 234th anniversary of the drafting of the United States Constitution. He added at 4:00 p.m. at Freedom Grove, the DAR would be conducting a bell ringing for the celebration of the same.

Mayor Bean spoke about the direct support professionals which have worked tirelessly and heroically during the Covid-19 pandemic to support individuals with disabilities and keep them safe. Direct support professionals have put the needs of individuals with disabilities ahead of their own safety, bravely, working with individuals who have chronic health conditions and under circumstance which did not allow social distancing. He encouraged our community to recognize and thank those who support our residents with intellectual or development needs.

Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none.

Communications passed 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Reading

Resolution No. 2430-21

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

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. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; and Mr. Ebert, yes.

Resolution passed 6-0

Resolution No. 2617-21

A Resolution setting rules for the Salary Commission.

Mr. Paul stated that the City Council has no input on the decisions that the Salary Commission makes.

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. Eber, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes.

Resolution passed 6-0

Ordinance No. 4547-21

An Ordinance levying special assessments for the purpose of constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and declaring an emergency. (Suspension of the rules requested)

Mr. Bumbalough said that once the work is done and assessments tabulated, bills were sent out in August. He added that bills that have not been paid get assessed to the property owners' taxes. He also stated regarding Washington Ave, the aggregated amount is \$13,431.16, and September 10, 2021, is the last day of payment acceptance. He added that on that Friday afternoon, the assessments would be taken to the Auditor's office. He also mentioned that \$26,000.00 is the amount of work done by the City and that approximately 50% of that has been paid.

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

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

Motion passed 6-0

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

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

Ordinance passed 6-0

Ordinance No. 4548-21

An Ordinance levying special assessments for the purpose of constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs, driveway approaches and appurtenances thereto on Crescent Drive between Finch Street and Ames Avenue, and declaring an emergency. (Suspension of the rules requested)

Mr. Bumbalough stated that this Ordinance was the same as the one aforementioned, just regarding Crescent Dr. He added that \$79,482.00 was the original billing and now it is \$62,455.00 He added that this project was a benefit to the entire street and that most property owners had 80-90 feet of frontage.

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

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

Motion passed 6-0

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

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

Ordinance passed 6-0

Ordinance No. 4549-21

An Ordinance levying special assessments for the purpose of constructing or repairing sidewalks, curbs, driveway approaches and appurtenances thereto on a section of Scioto Street between Locust Street and Patrick Avenue, and declaring an emergency. (Suspension of the rules requested)

Mr. Bumbalough advised this Ordinance was the same as the aforementioned, just regarding Scioto St. He added that the total project was in the amount of \$193,742.00, and that 20-25% of the bills have been paid.

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

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

Motion passed 6-0

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

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

Ordinance passed 6-0

Second Reading

None

Third Reading

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chief Ortlieb stated that the Urbana Township were selling their vehicles to the City.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Ebert stated that with a heavy heart, he must step down from City Council, and that tonight's meeting would be his last meeting. He advised that he would be taking over for Marcia Bailey, the Director of CEP, come the first of the year. He added that it was too big of a conflict of interest to remain on City Council. He introduced Tonia Feinstein, who would be acting as his assistant.

Mrs. Collier spoke about having restrooms downtown and feels that it is the City's responsibility.

Mr. Thackery stated that he noticed on Court St., by Tea Baggers, the curb and asked if that was in fact a curb. Mr. Bumbalough advised that it was a combination, curb walk, and that was a result of their markings next to those streets.

Mr. Scott spoke about the new curb on Boyce St., near Wood Street, and asked what was going on there. Mr. Bumbalough advised that there has been an absentee contractor for the past couple of weeks.

Mr. Paul thanked the Salary Commission for their efforts and thanked Ms. Boettcher for her support and her attendance in some of their meetings. He also wished Mr. Ebert good luck and much success in his new role.

Fire Chief Ortlieb inquired as to the upcoming Coffee with Council and mentioned that it might be relocated for the upcoming session, to Freedom Grove, for that's where the Fire Department was going to be.

Mayor Bean recommended everyone's attendance at Freedom Grove this Saturday, September 11, 2021, for the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Mr. Bumbalough stated that the cracked seal program finished last week and that paving would begin September/October.

Ms. Boettcher advised that the Automated Reader Program is moving forward and that 33% of the installations have been completed.

Mr. Brugger said that with regard to the Airport Taxi Way, the final touches would be finished next week. He also added that the Airport Manager, Elton Cultice, was elected Vice-President of the Ohio Aviation Association. He also mentioned that there were 12 balloons coming for the upcoming Balloon Festival. He added that people are noticing the Airport. He then spoke about restrooms for downtown and advised that the City has a contract with the Monument Square District, and unfortunately, the restrooms would have to go through the Monument Square District.

Mayor Bean spoke of the 14th annual Chili Cook-Off, on September 25, 2021. He also mentioned that there would be the Hoopla Parade as well. He stated that he hoped everyone would come for the festivities. He also stated that he received a letter for the First Baptist Church, regarding their 175th anniversary in October.

President Hess asked if the curbs on Crescent Drive, if they were up to standard. Mr. Bumbalough advised that they put them up as much as could be done for draining purposes.


Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Mr. Thackery seconded.

Motion passed 6-0

ADJOURNED AT 6:51 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President