

URBANA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

President Hess brought the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the Public Hearing was to allow citizens to comment in regards to Ordinance No. 4546-21, amending the street boundary list for the Urbana Downtown Revitalization District to include addresses within Monument Square which were inadvertently omitted from the street boundary list that was approved by Urbana city Council on April 21, 2020. He turned the floor over to Mr. Crabill.

Mr. Crabill discussed the fact that an application was sent back by the Division of Liquor Control, due to the fact that it didn't have the addresses in Monument Square. Additionally, by amending the Street boundary list, the application will be resubmitted including the addresses of 1-42 even and odd. He also added that this would allow the Division of Liquor Control to update their records, and the third reading would be at the next scheduled Council Meeting. He also the notice for this Public Hearing was published in the Urbana Daily Citizen on July 17, 2021.

Joe George also spoke about his living in Urbana for a little over a year and how it is a great place to live. He stated he has a concern to keep the City of Urbana just as it is. He added that he came from Pickaway County, and their City Council and that County were completely blindsided, due the non-existing ordinances. Mr. Thackery asked if he had any issues with the Urbana Downtown Revitalization District including the addresses within Monument Square. Mr. George advised that he has no issues with that.

URBANA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

President Hess called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

City staff attending: Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Airport Manager Elton Cultice, Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

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

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021.

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

Voice vote on approval: all ayes; nays, none

Minutes passed 7-0.

AIRPORT UPDATE - Elton Cultice, Airport Manager

Mr. Cultice spoke about the airport and the 10-year plan of the same. He stated that activity would begin tomorrow or Thursday. He added that it would be approximately 8-10 years for the runway extension. He added that the FAA would pay 90% of the project, but the key is finding the money. He advised that the City Airport receives an "x" amount of dollars every year and he also felt that the project could be complete in less than 8 years. He stated that the project is being worked on. He spoke about the terminal and mentioned that ideas regarding the same are circulating. He spoke of the plane, Travel Air 6000, that was completely torn apart and rebuilt here at our airport, and won the "Lindy" award at the AirVenture OshKosh 2021. This award is the Grand Champion of the world, and it came out of Urbana. He also spoke of activities upcoming on August 11th, rides for veterans, poker run, etc. Also, on 9/10-9/11 the Hot Air Balloon Festival, and on 10/2, the annual fundraiser Fish Fry. He also spoke of the recent pilot mishap. He stated that both the pilot and passenger survived the crash, but hasn't heard anything further. He added that the plane would probably never fly again.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Oak Dale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of Friday, May 21, 2021.
- 2. Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2021.
- 3. 2020 Landfill Disposal Annual Report.

Mr. Paul asked about the Oak Dale Cemetery Superintendent's Office. Mr. Brugger said that there was discussion of having an Interpretation Center, a place to do genealogy research, the history of the cemetery, etc. Also, renovating the building to keep it in good condition was discussed. He added that nothing would be happening soon.

Mr. Brugger spoke about the 2020 Landfill Disposal Annual Report and advised he attended the Solid Waste District Meeting on July 21, 2021, and that he summarized the report for Council.

He said that throughout the country, 25-40% of recyclables are contaminated and that they were working on trying to put a plan together to educate people on how to not contaminate their recyclables. He added that in September, there will be an opportunity for the citizens of Urbana to do a clean up of electronic waste, tires, etc.

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

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

Communications passed 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BOARD OF CONTROL

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ann Houte – 891 Amherst Dr. – spoke about being wakened up in the middle of the night, continuously, due to a loose man-hole on Ames and Amherst. She wanted to address the reasons why the delay to fix this issue.

Mr. Brugger advised that he would look into it.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Reading

None

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 4546-21

An Ordinance to adopt and approve an amended Street Boundary List for the Urbana Downtown Revitalization District that includes street addresses within Monument Square.

Mr. Crabill said that this Ordinance is in regard to the Downtown Revitalization District, and referencing the D5 and D5L licenses, that were approved last June. Applications went forwarded and were rejected and returned by the State for there were no addresses listed. He further advised that there would be a public hearing at the next Council Meeting.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have had its second reading.

Third Reading

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Thackery stated there would be an Economic Development and Zoning Committee Meeting on 8/16/21.

Mr. Thackery moved to remove the "Nuisances" from the Economic Development and Zoning Committee. Mr. Paul seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage regarding the need to have a Nuisances included in the Economic Development and Zoning Committee: Mr. Hoffman, no; Mr. Paul, No; Mr. Scott, no; Mr. Thackery, no; Mrs. Collier, no; Mr. Ebert, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.

Motion failed 5-2

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Paul gave his thanks to the Police Department for an issue of consistent noise complaint on Maple Tree Lane, and they handled it immediately. He also spoke of the motorcycles driving through the round-a-bout, and it being very loud, and wondered if there was anything that could be done. He stated that he has received a lot of feedback on this issue and that it was disruptive.

Mrs. Collier stated that she and Mrs. Boettcher had discussed the American Rescue Plan funding and where the funding should be applied, and wanted to schedule a Work Session to discuss it. Mrs. Boettcher advised that the 2.2 million dollars that was to be disbursed to the City has now been reduced to 1.1 million. Mr. Brugger added that the City continues to receive emails regarding infrastructure plans, but doesn't feel the need to have any meeting regarding the funding until the City has clear guidance and a clear funding amount.

Mr. Scott spoke of new cones on Scioto Street. Mr. Brugger advised that the paving should begin next week from Locust out to the split for Scioto Street. Mr. Scott stated that he reached out to Civista Bank to see if they would do something about the sidewalk issue there. He was told that they would reach out to the supervisors.

Mr. Ebert thanked Council for excusing his absence during his vacation. He thanked everyone who participated in the North Pointe festivities and added that this would be a huge foundation for the City. He also spoke about being approached about North Main Street activity. He stated that the curbs and gutters on Scioto Street look great. He also spoke about some pot holes in the Grimes Circle area.

Mr. Crabill stated that on September 11, 2021, at the Fair Grounds, there will be an Electrical Waste day, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Additionally, the health District will hold a Scrap Tire Recycling day on the same day. He also stated that referencing the North Main Street activity, as discussed in the Economic Development and Zoning meeting, they would be reaching out to the same consultant that did the South Main Street Project, next week.

Fire Chief Ortlieb said that they have been working with the Champaign County Fair Board over the last 2 weeks, and every building and food trucks have been inspected for the upcoming fair. He also spoke about residents over the age of 60 or anyone who has a medical conditioning needing a fan to get through the summer to let them know.

Mrs. Boettcher stated that 130 invoices went out the residents on Washington Avenue, Crescent Drive and Scioto Street. The invoices total approximately \$299,000, and the due date is September 3, 2021.

Mr. Brugger spoke about the pump failure at the pool. He said it was the main circulating pump. He added the parts were coming, and should be rebuilt tomorrow for a re-open on Friday. He also advised that the pool's last open day would be Sunday, August 15, 2021. He also spoke about the Winter Road Salt Bid. The City bid for 800 tons and got that for \$62.99/ton. He added that the City was saving a little money there.

President Hess stated that the water meters were being installed and it was a smooth installation. He added that this was a good thing for the City. He asked about the water problems on Scioto Street. Mr. Brugger advised there was a service line problem and he also spoke about the water line break on North Main by Skelly's.

Mayor Bean said that he attended the basketball camp at the university and welcomed all of the parents and kids. He added that it was amazing and the camp was very well run. He added that he is hoping they will take over the university.

Mr. Thackery said that Coffee with Council will begin on 8/14/21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fire Department.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn. Mr. Paul seconded.

Motion passed 7-0

ADJOURNED AT 7:09 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President