

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**

APPROVED

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

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

MINUTES

Urbana City Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2020.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Oak Dale Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2020.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. **Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. - \$33,898.66 (Increasing Engineering Services Contract)**

Mr. Brugger stated this was originally passed by Council in June of 2018. He added that there were some weather issues and the project began in the Fall, and went a few days beyond the schedule. Mr. Brugger advised that the project cost itself, had come in under what was originally estimated and that the state covered their portion of 90% and the City is responsible for 10%, which is in the amount of \$3,066.76. He also stated that there would be some legislation for Council to consider at the next Council meeting regarding the AIP 2020.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading –

Ordinance No. 4522-20

An Ordinance to revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting current replacement pages.
(Requires three readings)

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first 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. (Requires three readings)

Ms. Boettcher stated that this budget represents the tax budget, the revenue side. She added that this Ordinance would have three readings to Council. She also stated that the budget is due to the County Auditor by July 20, 2020. She further went into some detail of the General Fund, stating that the estimate for 2021, is in the amount of \$7,039,000.00. She also advised Council that this was a copy and paste effort due to the fact that no one truly knows what is coming down the road, due to the pandemic. Further she went on to explain the expenses in the amount of \$7,001,890, was also a copy and past effort. Additionally, the Police/Fire Levy for 2021 is in the amount of \$115,000.00 in revenue. Also, the Governmental/Special Revenue is an estimated unencumbered fund in the amount of \$1,529,048.00.

President Hess asked how much property taxes would the City be receiving from the County. Ms. Boettcher advised \$516,300.00, to which would be split into two payments, the first being in March, and the second coming in August.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

Second Reading –

None

Third Reading –

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Thackery asked if the paving was going to be completed this week. Mr. Brugger advised that it would all be wrapped up soon. Mr. Thackery also asked if there was any news on the Big Lots building. Mr. Brugger stated there was nothing confirmed.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Scott asked Ms. Boettcher if there was any feel for loss of tax revenue due to the pandemic. Ms. Boettcher stated that for the exception of the closure of Urbana University, most of the employees in the City have remained working. She added that there was a slight reduction in May, but there is a fair share of employers that withhold quarterly. She added that she would know more when July comes around.

Mr. Brugger stated that they were trying to wrap things up in the downtown area. He added that he is hoping the completion to be sometime in June. Mr. Paul asked if the delay was due to weather and Mr. Brugger chose not to respond. Mr. Brugger continued with advising that bids are due in on Friday for the AIP 2021 project. This would include extending the taxi lane all the way out to the main taxi way. He also spoke about nuisances and that the City has been very punctual on getting the case through to the Court. He added that the City is trying to keep things rolling that best way we can and he stated that he thought everyone was doing a fantastic job on their efforts to keep things rolling. He also stated that the hotel was scheduled to open in early June.

Mrs. Collier asked if shop owners downtown were allowed to have sidewalk sales. Mr. Brugger advised yes and that Mr. Crabill would be sending out a letter to downtown businesses advising them what they are allowed to do.

Mayor Bean said that this has been a tough battle dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. He added that right now, there are only 10 people in this room, and changing our routine has been difficult but we have done it successfully thus far. He further stated that with a heavy heart, he wanted to touch on the topic of the tragedy with Mr. George Floyd. Further, he stated that here at the City, we are horrified about what happened up there. He added that he has spoken with Police Chief Lingrell and discussed what is necessary to keep doing what we can to keep our community safe. He added that the City of Urbana has one of the best police forces in the state and in the country. He stated that we all need to look to the future and mourn what has taken place in our country.

Mr. Fields stated that he heard that there would be some kind of protest or something of the sort on Saturday. Mr. Bean replied that he heard that there would be something located at Freedom Grove, but he wasn't sure what the plans were.

President Hess asked when the project comes up North Main Street (Laurel Oak), could they possibly vacate that street? Mr. Brugger stated there were thoughts of bringing the bike trail off/away from the railroad tracks and there is a possibility to incorporate that in with the project. President Hess also asked about the status of sidewalks/curbs project. Mr. Brugger advised that letters have been sent and should the sidewalks/curbs not be complete, the City would complete the project around the middle of June. President Hess also advised everyone to go down Hill Street.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

ADJOURN AT 6:45 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President