

APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019**

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, Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, and Police Chief Matt Lingrell.

PRESIDENT CALLED ROLL: Mr. Fields, present; Mr. Hoffman, present; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mr. McKee, present; and Mr. Piper, present.

MINUTES of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Thackery moved for the approval of said minutes and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.
Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Charter Review Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2019.
2. Urbana Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2019.

Mr. Thackery moved to accept all of the communications. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.
Motion passed 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

1. **J & J Schlaegel, Inc. - \$548,851.78 (Various City Funds)**

Mr. Bumbalough advised the City would be combining the Hill Street Improvements with the paving program, in addition to the installation of lines for the Stormwater. He also advised that all of the curbs, gutters and sidewalks will all be replaced as well. He also stated that the cost came in under budget at \$347,000.00.

Mr. Paul asked if any of the funding was grant funding and Mr. Bumbalough advised no. Mr. Bumbalough added that the City would be bearing the cost of the burbs, gutters and sidewalks due to the fact that the City had paved over the existing curbs, and gutters and since they are attached to the sidewalk, the City has chosen to be consistent. Mr. Brugger also stated the City would be tearing out some sidewalk areas to install pipe and the City needed to replace what they tear out. Mr. Thackery inquired as to if the project was in the budget and Mrs. Boettcher responded yes. Mr. Piper said that

if Council was to get rid of the curb and gutter ordinances it would solve problems. Mr. Crabill stated some curb and gutter projects have been funded by grants, for lower income and added that it makes sense the City having to replace what the City takes out. Mr. Bumbalough also advised that the project would begin August 5, 2019, and is scheduled to be complete by October 31, 2019. He also added that the program from last year will run on the same time plan as well. Mr. Bumbalough continued by advising the City would be paving six blocks this year and six blocks left over from last years' program.

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

Mr. Paul inquired as to the Sewer Maintenance being on the Purchase Order List a lot, and Mr. Brugger advised that there was a sewer back-up on Bloomfield. Mr. Scott asked about the project on the north side of Court Street and Mr. Crabill advised that this was a joint project with the County and advised the County received quotes last year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nancy Delaney – 310 Scioto Street, spoke about her concerns for curbing for the handicap. She stated that some of the crosswalks through town are frightening. She also stated there are places through town that don't have a sidewalk. She inquired as to a guideline that she needs to follow due to her being handicapped.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

First Reading –

Ordinance No. 4505-19

An Ordinance to modify Section 521.08(d)(1) of the Urbana Codified Ordinances to include lawn clippings in the definition of "Litter," and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Feinstein stated that he was approached to review the prior Ordinance, by Mr. Paul. Mr. Feinstein stated that it was concluded that the penalty was too severe and the enforcement of the ordinance would be an issue. Mr. Paul said that having this Ordinance that has been re-composed will allow the issue to be in the front of the community's minds rather than the back. Mr. Paul also gave appreciate to Mr. Piper. Mr. Thackery also thanked Mr. Piper for addressing this issue and he advised that he is seeing grass all over the roads as well. Mr. McKee stated that Council needs to make citizens aware with some form of communication. Mr. Piper stated that he could see giving the property owner a warning first. Chief Lingrell then spoke on this topic. He said that he appreciated Council for addressing this issue, and although the issue is a substantial one, he doesn't believe that he has the capacity to enforce the issue. He further stated that of course, the department would enforce the issue, but it would be a low priority. He recommended putting a pamphlet in the utility bill stating not to leave grass clippings in the road. Mayor Bean commented by stating that should a motorcycle skid and crash, this would become the home

owner's responsibility and liability. Mr. Paul stated the objective is not to have cruisers run the streets looking for grass, this was to raise awareness of the situation.

President Hess declared this Ordinance to have its first reading.

Resolution No. 2554-19

A Resolution strongly urging the Ohio Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore to Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels.

Mr. Crabill said there has been some talk about some local funding being restored and the Ohio Municipal League was asking for this Resolution to be done to direct the amount of monies the city has lost.

Mr. Thackery moved to put this Resolution on the floor for 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; Mr. McKee, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; and Mr. Fields, yes.
Resolution passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2555-19

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of Urbana to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the Round 26 Natureworks Program for park improvements and to sign the grant agreement and proceed with these improvements upon grant award.

Mr. Crabill stated the City has had quite a bit of success with this program. He said there was \$20,000.00 available for Champaign County and this grant, if awarded, would go towards fencing at the City Pool, concrete apron repair at the City Pool, and lighting on Field 6. Mr. Crabill added that this request was only for the ability to apply for the grant.

Mr. Hoffman moved to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Mr. Fields seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call for passage: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. McKee, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; and Mr. Hoffman, yes.
Resolution passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2556-19

A Resolution declaring the month of June 2019 as "Try The Transit Month" within the City of Urbana, Ohio and supporting community efforts to promote and advance public transit and mobility services in Urbana and Champaign County, Ohio.

Mr. Crabill discussed the efforts of promoting the Transit System. He added that the County Commissioners passed legislation this morning regarding this issue.

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

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

Resolution passed 7-0.

Second Reading –

None

Third Reading –

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Hoffman stated that the City's police force do a great job and the efforts still need to be made to try to solve the issue of the need of more police officers. He added the City needed to be proactive rather than reactive.

Mr. Paul discussed the location of Council meetings. He asked when the training room would be complete and asked Council to consider moving the meetings to that location. He also advised Council that Council was not allowed to appropriate any funding for the Charter marketing. He also spoke about the Compost Ordinance and motioned to rescind 933.05. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thackery. Mr. Hoffman stated this would be another one of those laws that doesn't get enforced. Mr. Scott said that he would like to see what would go in its place. Mr. Thackery stated that he was in favor of it. Mr. McKee agreed with Mr. Thackery. Mr. Piper asked what was the point of having the Ordinance if it was not going to be enforced?

Mr. Hoffman motioned to table this motion to rescind 933.05. Mr. Scott seconded.

President Hess called for a roll call to table the motion to rescind 933.05: Mr. Thackery, no, Mr. McKee, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; Mr. Fields, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Paul, no; and Mr. Scott, yes.

Motion tabled 5-2.

Mr. Thackery said that the Round-a-bout workers are doing a great job and advised how respectful they are. He briefly spoke about communications and asked Mrs. Boettcher how close the City was to finalizing the updated website. Mrs. Boettcher stated they were very close.

Mr. McKee said that he was looking forward to the upcoming Work Session so they may discuss the topic of Communication. He also stated that it was reported to him the Rumpke seem to be picking up later in the day now, so he called Rumpke and was advised that Rumpke was short staffed in the City.

Mr. Brugger advised pertaining to the traffic signals on Pindar and Russell, the process is starting. He added the City Pool opens this Saturday, weather permitting. He spoke about the Round-a-bout and gave Mr. Bumbalough and Mr. Crabill a lot of credit. He also stated that RB Juergens was a great contractor and they were doing a great job. He also said that there are approximately seven to eight items on the agenda for the upcoming Work Session.

Mayor Bean said that he went to Senior Citizen's Day las Tuesday and Vikki Eckstein was selected 2019 Senior of the Year. He gave a summary about Ms. Eckstein.

Mr. Brugger said that the City has been getting a lot of questions about tall grass. He stated the process began on May 1, 2019 and 76 letters have already gone out. He advised that citizens have to show some responsibility for this is our community and we all should take some pride in it.

President Hess spoke about the pot holes in the alleys. Mr. Brugger advised there was a form on the website that could be submitted or anyone could call the City to report it.

Mr. Thackery motioned to enter into Executive Session and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

President Hess spoke about going into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual,, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Mr. Thackery moved to enter into Executive session. Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

7:24 p.m.

Mr. Fields moved to exit Executive Session and Mr. McKee seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, none.

Motion passed 7-0.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURN AT 7:37 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President