

 APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 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, and Community Development Manager Doug Crabill.

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 June 18, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Fields 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 June 19, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – BOARD OF CONTROL

None

*****Footnote - \$2,501.00 - \$50,000.00 Purchase Order List for May and June, 2019*****

Mr. Paul inquired as to the disc golf purchase order for targets, and asked if these were replacement targets or additional targets. Ms. Boettcher advised they were new, purchased for the new 9-hole golf course.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Brune – 206 Scioto Street, spoke about the Lodging Tax and stated that he had spoken to the Urbana Township and was advised they have a motel within the township that has not paid their lodging tax and that they do not have any means of collecting it. He further stated that should the motel sell, they might be able to collect with a lien of some sort, but really doubted the collection. He also stated that he wished Council would re-think this issue for he feels the City would be paying more into the collection of the taxes than actually receiving them.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

First Reading –

RESOLUTION NO. 2535-19

A Resolution to authorize a fee waiver from the Local Government Jurisdiction in support of an application to The Affordable Housing Program of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati by the co-developers of Legacy Place, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Crabill stated that Council saw this Resolution approximately a year ago. He further stated the application for the program is due August 8, 2019. He further explained that when the co-developers apply for a loan, they become eligible to pursue the grant. He said they would be asking for about \$500,000.00 this year. He also stated they recently received the Ohio Historic Tax Credit in the month of June. He further mentioned that there was a meeting later this week to discuss the project to utilize 51 units of senior housing. He also added the co-developers would be looking for other local support on the project as well.

Mr. Paul stated that basically speaking, the City waiving the \$500.00 fee, the co-developers get one point toward their application. Mr. Crabill affirmed.

President Hess inquired as to zoning fees and does the City have them. Mr. Crabill affirmed.

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 passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4510-19

An Ordinance repealing 933.05 of the Urbana Codified Ordinance.

Mr. Feinstein stated that Council had previously had an oral motion to pass the repeal of the \$1.00 Compost Fee, the motion was tabled, brought back to the table and passed. He stated this Ordinance is just adds more clarity to the motion to repeal.

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

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

President Hess called for a roll call for the suspension of the three reading rule: Mr. Paul, yes; Mr. Scott, no; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mr. McKee, yes; Mr. Piper, no; Mr. Fields, no; and Mr. Hoffman, yes.

Ordinance passes 4-3.

Second Reading –

None

Third Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 4507-19

An Ordinance to enact a transient lodging tax within the corporation limits of the City of Urbana and to repeal Urbana City Council Resolution No. 2045. (Sponsored by Councilman Patrick Thackery)

Mr. Crabill mentioned stated there was a strike through on the previously submitted Ordinance and Section three had nothing in it. He advised there was nothing different from the second reading in the content of the Ordinance. He also said there was nothing regarding enforcement capability in the initial legislation, but there is enforcement capability in this legislation.

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

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

Ordinance passes 6-0 with Mr. Thackery abstaining his vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

Mr. Thackery said that he attended the “Coffee with Council” and said there was great discussion going on with citizens regarding different subjects. He also mentioned the need to begin looking at parking for the downtown area.

Mr. McKee also stated he attended “Coffee with Council” and also found the event meaningful. He also stated that during this event he spoke with the Fire Chief, and he found the Department’s engagement with social media was outstanding.

Mr. Hoffman said that the Roundabout was looking great.

Mr. Paul had a question on the Charter Minutes and wanted to speak about the unfulfilled seat for a Council member. He asked Mr. Thackery what he exactly meant when he agreed with Mr. Al Evans on his view of leaving the position open for the remaining time of the term. Mr. Al Evans stated that it was discussed at the Charter Review Meeting to leave the position open until the next election, not the remainder of the term. Mr. Paul also said that it was mentioned in the Charter Minutes that members of Council should have some form of training, whether it be from the Ohio Municipal League or some other form of training. He said that he was all for this. Mr. Feinstein added that as he is the facilitator of the Charter Review Committee, there was no allegation from the Committee that Council was not trained, it was just an idea that training would be made mandatory rather than optional.

Mr. Brugger advised that the Roundabout was in Phase 3, Leg 2 of the project. He further stated there was a progress meeting scheduled for August 2, 2019. He further advised that it looks as the middle of August should be the beginning of the work on South Main Street. He added they were making good progress. He then gave an update on the approved application for the FAA Grant. He said the bids came in higher than expected. He advised they would be taking a year off and would restart in 2021.

President Hess spoke about social media and wondered who answered the question that were put on Facebook. He stated the answer submitted were good. He further spoke about the location of the next Council meeting and it was agreed upon that it would be held again, in the Training Room.

Mr. Fields moved to adjourn and Mr. Paul seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays, one from Mr. Hoffman.

Motion passed 6-1.

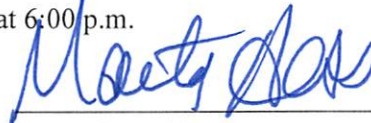
ADJOURN AT 6:33 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

August 6, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President