



STATE OF ILLINOIS

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2005**

CITY OF URBANA

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2005 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; absent: Stevenson – 1 (excused).

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Eddie Adair, Assistant Police Chief Mike Bily, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden and Planner Matt Wempe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in commemoration of Labor Day.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of August 15, 2005 and the regular meeting of August 15, 2005. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

John Lee Johnson, 44 E. Main, Champaign, and Burnell Dixon, 507 Crystal Lake Drive, addressed the Council with their concerns regarding the Police report on racial profiling.

Former Alderman Joseph Whelan presented Fire Chief Rex Mundt with an award in appreciation for the Departments efforts in assisting Mr. Whelan during a medical emergency and for their fine services at all times.

Mr. Whelan presented Mayor Prussing a \$100.00 check payable to the American Red Cross for the aid of victims of hurricane Katrina.

Gabe Omo-Osagie, 2419 W. High Cross Road, addressed the Council to offer free rent for evacuees from New Orleans for two to three months.

Mr. Omo-Osagie also addressed the Council regarding his involvement with the pedestrian bridge at 122 West Main Street.

Alderwoman Barnes announced that SEUNA (Southeast Urbana Neighborhood Association) will be having a meeting September 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Yankee Ridge School Gym.

Alderwoman Chynoweth announced that the Domestic Partner Registry is open and approximately 20 have couples registered.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

Alderman Smyth stated that **Ordinance No. 2005-08-125: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)** was forwarded to council without recommendation.

Debate followed between the Council and Mr. Omo-Osagie regarding the responsibility for the costs of removing the present pedestrian bridge, rebuilding the bridge, and the maintenance of the bridge after its completion.

Alderwoman Barnes moved to delay action on **Ordinance No. 2005-08-125: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement With Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)** until the Council meeting of September 19, 2005 and bring it back with something in writing from Mr. Omo-Osagie regarding his intentions concerning the pedestrian bridge. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth.

Following debate, Alderwoman Chynoweth called for a straw vote to direct staff that Council's target is that the owner expends at least \$200,000 of his own funds, excluding grants or loans from the City; that he complete within 24 months a lease for the first floor and that the City cover 80% of the cost of the bridge rather than the entire amount. The motion carried by a show of hands of vote

Following debate, the motion to delay action until September 19, 2005 carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-08-132: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Demolition Costs, K-Mart Site)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried 7-0 by roll call

vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Mayor Prussing – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-08-129: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Lydia Court West at Myra Ridge Drive)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-08-130: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Romine Street at Hill Street)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; voting nay: none.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2005 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Fire Chief Rex Mundt reported that the Champaign Fire Department will be sending members to New Orleans in the first phase of the Governor's aide to hurricane Katrina's victims. The Urbana Fire Department will send members as a part of the next phase. At minimum that would be an officer and three firefighters.

Mr. Walden presented the report on Economic Development for the month.

NEW BUSINESS

Planner Matt Wempe presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2005-09-135: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (Request to establish an accessory parking lot within 600 feet of the R-1, R-2, or R-3 Zoning District – Plan Case No. 1949-SU-05)**.

Canaan Baptist Church has requested a special use permit for a 16-space accessory parking lot at 306 W. Locust. The necessary permits were not obtained when the lot was built in 2001 and the lot currently does not meet the requirements of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance. The church has worked with the City to bring the lot into compliance, which now includes the requirement to obtain a special use permit.

Following debate, Alderwoman Barnes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-09-135: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (Request to establish an accessory parking lot within 600 feet of the R-1, R-2, or R-3 Zoning District – Plan Case No. 1949-SU-05)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; voting nay: none.

Mayor Prussing presented the following **Mayoral Appointments** for Council consideration:

Grants Management Manager: John A. Schneider – 1610 W. White Street, Champaign

Boneyard Creek Commissioner: Clark Bullard -509 W. Washington

Fine Arts Review Committee: Theodore Zernich - 903 McHenry

Mayor's Task Force on Citizen Police Review:

1. Assistant Chief Mike Bily, Urbana Police
2. Anthony Cobb, President, Urbana Lodge #70, Fraternal Order of Police
3. Ricky Baldwin, co- Coordinator, Coalition for Citizen Police Review
4. Jennifer Walling, co- Coordinator, Coalition for Citizen Police Review
5. Rev. Zernial Bogan
6. Carol Ammons, C-U Citizens for Peace and Justice
7. Tracy Parsons, Urban League
8. Elaine Gehrman
9. Esther Patt, ACLU
10. Rev. Troy Burks, NAACP

Alderman Bowersox moved to approve the above listed **Mayoral**

Appointments. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented staff report on

Ordinance No. 2005-09-134: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Adding Domestic Partnership Registration Fees in the Schedule of Fees stating that the purpose is to add the registration fee for Domestic Partnerships to the Schedule of Fees.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; voting nay: none.

Police Chief Adair and Assistant Police Chief Bily presented additional information regarding the **IDOT Report on Traffic Stop Data** as requested by the City Council.

The report included breakdowns from 2004 for traffic stops by race, age and gender; radar stops by race and age; traffic stops by beak assignment broken down

according to race and time of day; moving violations by race and reason for stop;
disposition of consent searches and various other information.

The Police Department has started "First Thursday" meetings to improve
the department's dialogue with the minority community and other venues will be
explored.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor
Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: September 19, 2005 as amended

AMENDMENTS TO THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 MINUTES

Alderman Smyth noted 2 corrections on page 2, under Petitions and
Communications, the address in paragraph 5 should read 123 rather than 122 and in
the last paragraph "20 have couples" should read "20 couples have".

Alderman Smyth noted a correction on page 4, paragraph 3, "June 13, 2005"
should read "September 12, 2005".