

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, September 19, 2005 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

- Ward 1 - Alderman Charlie Smyth
- Ward 2 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth
- Ward 3 - Alderman Robert E. Lewis
- Ward 4 - Alderman Brandon Bowersox
- Ward 5 - Alderman Dennis Roberts
- Ward 6 - Alderwoman Heather Stevenson
- Ward 7 - Alderwoman Lynne C. Barnes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Eddie Adair; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Paul Lindahl

OTHERS PRESENT

Gabriel Omo-Osagie; Members of the Media

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 6, 2005 - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 6, 2005. Alderman Smyth seconded.

Alderman Smyth noted two corrections on page 2 of the minutes under "Petitions and Communications": 1) The address in paragraph 5 should read "123 West Main Street" instead of "122 West Main Street." 2) In the last paragraph "20 have couples" should be reversed to read "20 couples have"; thus reading "Alderwoman Chynoweth announced that the Domestic Partner Registry is open and approximately **20 couples have** registered." There were no objections.

Alderman Roberts noted a correction on page 4, paragraph 3. "June 13, 2005" should read "**September 12, 2005**". There were no objections.

The motion to approve carried by a voice vote. The minutes of September 6, 2005 were approved, as amended.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Gabriel Omo-Osagie, 2409 N. High Cross Road, addressed the Council with words of appreciation and support for Ordinance No. 2005-08-125, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)."

Council Member Input

There was none.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2005-08-125: ***An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)***

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-125, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With Gabriel Omo-Osagie (Pedestrian Bridge)", was approved by the Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. Ordinance No. 2005-09-137: ***An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Police Review Board Training)***

Alderwoman Chynoweth made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-09-137, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Police Review Board

Training)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). [**Requires Mayor vote.*]

b. **City Council Goals**

Alderwoman Chynoweth made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded.

Alderman Smyth commended Council Members on their participation of these guidelines, and encouraged staff to look at this as a helpful tool of working together to get accomplishments made in the City of Urbana.

Alderwoman Chynoweth amended her motion by referencing Goal #3 (Create an energetic, vibrant downtown that provides needed services to the city) to change item b to read "Create and implement redevelopment plans for **key segments of downtown.**" Alderman Smyth accepted the amendment.

The motion to approve carried by a voice vote, as amended.

Disposition: City Council Goals were approved by Council by a voice vote, as amended.

With nothing further to report, Alderwoman Chynoweth stated that the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderwoman Chynoweth reported that the C-U Joint Telecommunications Commission voted at their last meeting to request councils to sign letters recommending to our legislators to oppose house and senate bills that would cut hundreds of thousands of dollars from our budgets through franchising fees. Alderwoman Chynoweth will be attending a telecommunications conference in Washington, DC, and will try to get a letter to Council Members to sign before she leaves.

Mayor Prussing indicated that a resolution in support of local franchising is forthcoming, and that she will be attending the IML (Illinois Municipal League) conference this week and is sure quite a few legislators will support this issue.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) commented on the Council's goals and indicated that staff embraces the leadership of the Council and is striving to allocate the time and resources needed to get things done.

Rex Mundt (Fire Chief) gave a briefing on the deployment to New Orleans. On Saturday evening an advanced team of firefighters were deployed to New Orleans and a second team on Sunday morning. There were a total of 19 firefighters deployed from Champaign, Urbana, Decatur, Bloomington, Normal, and Danville; including 1 chief officer and 1 engine. This will run for a period of 2 weeks, however, service to our citizens will not be affected. Chief Mundt gave an update on

the activities being performed in New Orleans. [Note: For the benefit of those reading this record, New Orleans suffered tremendous damage when hit by Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005 resulting in heavy flooding, loss of power, homes, and lives. The deployment mentioned here reflects efforts made by citizens of the United States coming together to rebuild the City of New Orleans and helping bring home those thousands of residents who were displaced and forced to leave as a result of this catastrophe.]

Chief Mundt also reported on the Fire Factor Program. The 2nd Annual Fire Factor Program will be held Sunday, September 25, 2005. This is a program to increase the awareness of college students on the dangers of fire. The Federal Government has declared this "Campus Fire Safety Week." Chief Mundt encouraged Council Members to attend.

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) reported on leaf pick-up, stormwater pollution, and herbicide program.

1. Leaf Pick-Up - Signs are being placed about the leaf pick-up. Dates for pick-up are October 17-21, October 31-November 4, November 14-18, and November 28-December 2.
2. Stormwater Pollution - A brochure is being distributed at various group meetings as part of the education process to let people know what they can do to help prevent stormwater pollution.
3. Herbicide Program - This is a pilot program to apply herbicide to brick sidewalks to clean the sidewalks of vegetation, etc.

Alderman Chynoweth requested that a plain text email be sent to neighborhood groups about the leaf pick-up.

Mayor Prussing noted that she had received communication from an Urbana citizen applauding the new pedestrian crosswalk signs on Main Street in the downtown.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2005-09-138: **An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (South Ridge Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1955-S-05)**

Paul Lindahl (Planner) presented the staff report.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Chynoweth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-09-138, "An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (South Ridge Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1955-S-05)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

[Due to a prior commitment, Alderwoman Stevenson left the meeting at this time (7:50 p.m.)]

2. **Scottswood Area Stormwater Improvement Project Presentation**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report. (See attached.)

This item did not require Council action at this time.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 3, 2005