

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2007**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 19, 2007 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Danielle Chynoweth, Alderwoman Ward 2
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6
Lynne C. Barnes, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
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ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Walden; Kent Jepsen; Anthony Foster; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; Delora Siebrecht; Paul Lindahl; Thomas Carrino

OTHERS PRESENT

Debbie Insana; Carroll Goering; Tom Turino; Dave Monk; Rex Bradfield; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 5, 2007 - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 5, 2007. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None presented at this time. Members of the audience wishing to address the Council requested to do so at the time the item was presented.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were none.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2007-03-031: ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)***

Delora Siebrecht (Finance Office Manager) presented the staff report.

Alderman Chynoweth made a motion to file the ordinance with the City Clerk for 30 days, after which it would come back to the Council for action on May 7, 2007. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Ordinance No. 2007-03-029: ***An Ordinance Approving a Combined Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat (Brickhouses Road Subdivision, Plan Case No. 2019-S-06)***

Paul Lindahl (Planner) and Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Following the staff report, Mayor Prussing recognized members of the audience who wished to address the Council regarding this issue.

The following people addressed the Council in support of the ordinance:

Debbie Insana, 1104 Oak Creek Road, petitioner and owner of the property; Carroll Goering, 2606 N. High Cross Road; Tom Turino, 2902 N. High Cross Road; David Monk, address; and Rex Bradfield, 2101½ Pond Street, Design Engineer representing the owners (Insana)

Following debate, Alderman Smyth moved to send this item to next week's Committee Of The Whole. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

This item will go to the Committee Of The Whole meeting scheduled for March 26, 2007.

3. ***Council Common Goals Update***

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) presented the staff report. (See color-coded report attached.)

It was the consensus of the Council to review the three items that were to be discussed at the Caucus meeting at this time, since they were part of the Council's common goals.

- a. Historic Preservation Proposal - Alderman Roberts presented his proposal. Ilona Matkovszki, 402 W. Elm, addressed the Council in support of Alderman Roberts' proposal. Alderman Roberts also informed the Council of an email he had received from Alice Novak (Chair, Historic Preservation Commission) indicating her support.
- b. School Board Meeting - Alderman Roberts informed the Council that he had contacted the Urbana School Administration and was given five possible meeting dates to discuss school issues. He will inform Council Members when a final date has been determined.
- c. Minority Hiring - Alderwoman Chynoweth informed the Council that she and Alderman Lewis had met with Vacellia Clark (Personnel Manager) regarding the progress of the Human Relations Commission's review of vendors and the status of demographics in various departments of the City. In her report, Ms Clark indicated that a plan for a workshop for vendors is planned for the fall. Regarding the internal hiring process and minority representation, Ms Clark indicated that approximately 12% of the City's staff is minority (African American, Hispanic, and Asian). She further indicated that she had conversations with Fire and Police and has suggested they consider advertising with campuses with a large minority enrollment. She has also met with the new Human Relations Officer (Todd Rent) and is in the process of reviewing present sources used, such as television and testing.

No action was required of the Council at this time.

4. ***Closed Session***

- a. ***To Consider Property Acquisition, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)***

Alderman Smyth made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of considering property acquisition, pursuant 5

ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). The Council went into closed session at 9:53 p.m.

The Council resumed its regular session at 10:25 p.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 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: April 2, 2007