



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 4, 2007

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 4, 2007 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, in the absence of Mayor Prussing, Chair Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

Members of the Council physically present at the meeting were: Bowersox, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 5; present by teleconference: Barnes and Chynoweth – 2; Members absent: Mayor Prussing – 1.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Mike Bily, Planner Jeff Engstrom, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Planner Paul Lindahl, Planning Manager Robert Myers, Acting City Attorney Ron O'Neal, Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti, and Community Development Director Libby Tyler,

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2007 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Bowersox moved to move E1 to follow I6 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ernest Westfield, 918 N. Harvey, addressed the Council with his concerns regarding the problems in the King School area and the need to find productive activities for teens and younger children.

Stan Summers, 406 E. Mumford, addressed the Council in opposition to Ordinance No. 2007-05-044 regarding off-street parking.

Chair Smyth read the names of several people who had sent e-mails supporting the historic status of the Sutton House and Freeman House: Georgia Morgan, Sharon Irish, Marya Ryan, Larry Miller, Philip Johnston, Brad Hudson, Dannie

Otto, Tom Kilton, Geoffrey, Perry C. Morris, Christopher Enck, Pat Cardenas, Clare E. Barkley, Bonnie Irwin, Janice Juraska, Lori A. Serb, Robin Kearton, Laura L. Paynes, Dorothy Martiano, Drew Phillips, Rebecca Bryant, Michael Sczerba, Barbara Hedlund, Jan McCracken, Patricia Hruby, and Richard Palmer.

The following people addressed the Council in support of the preservation of the Sutton House and the Freeman House:

George Carlisle, 406 E. Green, #2
Dan Folk, 807 W. Main
Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main
Linda Lorenz, 409 W. High
Sharon Irish, 608 W. Iowa
Robin Kearton, 203 S. Birch
Phyllis Winters-Williams, 810 W. Main
Karen Kummer, 1104 Devonshire, Champaign
Marya Ryan, 1 Buena Vista Court
Paul Bernard, 1910 S. Vine
Ivan Jeanne Weiler, 301 W. High Street
Brian Adams, 412 W. Elm
Bernadine Stake, 304 W. Iowa
Jeremy Rice, 405 E. Illinois
Joan Zagorski, 1605 S. Race
Ilona Matkovszki, 412 W. Elm

Marc Miller, Attorney and Andrew Fell, Architect, for the owner of the Sutton House and the Freeman House, addressed the Council to share the concerns of their client.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

There was nothing to report from this Committee.

The next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be June 11, 2007.

REPORTS SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented the Supervisor of the Year Award from the Illinois Association of the American Public Works Association to

Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti. This award recognizes individuals for excellence in their position.

Economic Development Director Tom Carrino presented the economic development report for the month of May. The report was an up date on projects in progress in all areas of the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Planner Paul Lindahl presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-06-048: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement, As Amended (1714 E. Airport Road / Gregory and Denise Reynolds); Ordinance No. 2007-06-049: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 1714 E. Airport Road from IN, Industrial, to R-2, Single- and Two-Family Residential – Plan Case No. 2039-M-07); and Ordinance No. 2007-06-050: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Accessory Structure in Excess of 1,000 Square Feet in the IN, Industrial, Zoning District – 1714 E. Airport Road / Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-02).**

Ordinance No. 2007-06-07 and **Ordinance No. 2007-06-049** were heard in July of 2006. Due to an error in the legal descriptions for that case it is requested that the Council re-hear the proposed annexation agreement and proposed rezoning upon annexation.

Ordinance No. 2007-06-050 is a request to rezone a part of the property at 1714 E. Airport Road from IN, Industrial to R-2, Single Family Residential. This property is located within the City limits.

Following debate, Alderman Bowersox moved by omnibus motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-06-048: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement, As Amended (1714 E. Airport Road / Gregory and Denise Reynolds); Ordinance No. 2007-06-049: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 1714 E. Airport Road from IN, Industrial, to R-2, Single- and Two-Family Residential – Plan Case No. 2039-M-07); and Ordinance No. 2007-06-050: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Accessory Structure in Excess of 1,000 Square Feet**

in the IN, Industrial, Zoning District – 1714 E. Airport Road / Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-02). The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7 -0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Planning Manager Robert Myers presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-06-045: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (502 W. Elm Street, "The Sutton House" – Historic Preservation Case No. HP2007-L-01).** This case is an application by Brian Adams and Ilona Matkovszki to designate the property at 502 West Elm Street (Sutton House) as a local historic landmark. A Registered Preference against the nomination has been submitted by the property owner, Erwin Goldfarb, c/o Campus Property Management.

Following debate, Alderman Bowersox moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-06-045: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (502 W. Elm Street, "The Sutton House" – Historic Preservation Case No. HP2007-L-01).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth and carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; voting nay: Stevenson – 1.

Mr. Myers presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-06-046: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (504 W. Elm Street, "The Freeman House" – Historic Preservation Case No. HP2007-L-02).** This case is also an application by Brian Adams and Ilona Matkovszki to designate property at 504 West Elm Street (Freeman House) as a local historic landmark. A Registered Preference against the nomination has been submitted by the property owner, Erwin Goldfarb, c/o Campus Property Management.

Following debate, Alderman Roberts moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-06-046: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (504 W. Elm Street, "The Freeman House" – Historic Preservation Case No. HP2007-L-02).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Planner Jeff Engstrom presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-06-047: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a 126% Increase in the Display Area of an Institutional Sign in the R-4, Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential, Zoning District / 1500 N. Lincoln Avenue – Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-05)**. This request is made by American Dowell Signcrafters, on behalf of the Vineyard Church.

Following debate, Alderwoman Stevenson moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-06-047: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a 126% Increase in the Display Area of an Institutional Sign in the R-4, Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential, Zoning District / 1500 N. Lincoln Avenue – Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-05)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2007-05-044: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Article VIII, With Respect to Off-Street Parking in Residential Areas – Plan Case No. 2002-T-06) was before the Council having been deferred from May 21, 2007 Council meeting.

Following debate, Alderman Bowersox moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-05-044: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Article VIII, With Respect to Off-Street Parking in Residential Areas – Plan Case No. 2002-T-06)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

New Business

The following **Mayoral Appointments and Re-appointments** were before

The Council for consideration:

Appointments:

Free Library Board:

Umesh Thakkar, Term to Expire June 30, 2010

Community Development Commission:
Brad Roof, Term to Expire June 30, 2010
George Francis, Term to Expire June 30, 2008

Re-appointments:

Terms to Expire June 30, 2010:

C-U Cable & Telecommunications Commission and UPTV Commission:
Durl Kruse.

Development Review Board:

Brian Adams

Betsey Cronan

Free Library Board:

Beth Scheid

Historic Preservation Commission

Rich Cahill

Mary Stuart

Alice Novak

Human Relations Commission:

Daniel Larson

Plan Commission:

Ben Grosser

Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals:

Donald Keeler

Gary Stebbins

Tree Commission:

Barbara Anderson

Michael Stevenson

Alderman Stevenson moved to approve the **Mayoral Appointments and Re-appointments**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Charlie Smyth
Chair

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: June 18, 2007