

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



***** SPECIAL MEETING *****
URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 24, 2008

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, March 24, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
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
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

Danielle Chynoweth, Alderwoman Ward 2, entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Bily; Bill Gray; Robert Myers; Delora Siebrecht; Ronald Eldridge;
Elizabeth Tyler; Paul Lindahl; Anna Hochhalter

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Cocagne; Chris Dillion; Jenny Park; Jane Solon; Members of the
Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were none to approve as this was a special meeting.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There was none.

Mayor Prussing recommended a change in order on the agenda delaying Ordinance No. 2008-03-021 until later and including it for consideration with Ordinance No. 2008-03-019 and Ordinance No. 2008-03-020. There were no objections.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There was none.

Council Member Input

There was none.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

a. *Ordinance No. 2008-03-014: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Park Street Between Lincoln Avenue and Busey Avenue*

Alderwoman Barnes recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest at 7:05 p.m. There were no objections.

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-014: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Park Street Between Lincoln Avenue and Busey Avenue, was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye: 0-nay).

Alderwoman Barnes returned to the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

b. *Ordinance No. 2008-03-021: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Alley (University Avenue, Clark Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Gregory Street Block)*

This ordinance was delayed in sequence and considered with Ordinance No. 2008-03-019 and Ordinance No. 2008-03-020. It was voted on in omnibus fashion. Alderwoman Barnes recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest. There were no objections.

Staff report was given by Lisa Karcher (Planner) with additional input by Bill Gray (Public Works Director). Additional information was given by Dave Cocagne and Chris Dillion, representatives from Vermilion Development. Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-021: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Alley (University Avenue, Clark Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Gregory Street Block), was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). *This was voted in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-03-019 and Ordinance No. 2008-03-020.*

- c. ***Ordinance No. 2008-03-016: An Ordinance Approving and Causing Publication of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case No. 2062-M-08)***

Paul Lindahl (Planner) gave a brief staff report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-016: An Ordinance Approving and Causing Publication of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case No. 2062-M-08), was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- d. ***Ordinance No. 2008-03-017: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to Increase the Frequency of Message Changes from Once Per Three Minutes to Once Per Ten Seconds at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-01)***

Paul Lindahl (Planner) gave a brief staff report. A presentation was given by Jenny Park, attorney from Meyer Capel, and Jane Solon, representative from the Atkins Group. Additional information was given by Robert Myers (Planning Manager). Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. Motion died for lack of a vote.

After discussion, Council made a recommendation to send ordinance back to staff for revisions which will address design aesthetics, sizing, visibility, and orientations to

buildings and pedestrian areas. Alderman Smyth made a motion to have the revised ordinance reconsidered during the April 7, 2008 Council meeting. Alderman Bowersox seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote. *(This was voted on in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-03-018)*

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-017: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to Increase the Frequency of Message Changes from Once Per Three Minutes to Once Per Ten Seconds at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-01), was deferred to April 7, 2008 Council meeting for additional review and revisions.

- e. **Ordinance No. 2008-03-018: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to be Multi-Colored at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-02)**

Paul Lindahl (Planner) gave staff report with input from Jennie Park and Jane Solon of the Atkins Group. This ordinance was sent back to staff for revisions and review with consideration again on April 7, 2008 Council meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote. *This was voted on in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-03-017*

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-018: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to be Multi-Colored at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-02), was deferred to April 7, 2008 Council meeting for reconsideration.

- f. **Ordinance No. 2008-03-019: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow for the Construction of a Mixed-Use Retail/Office Building with Front Yard Setbacks Along University and Lincoln Avenues Ranging from Zero to Ten Feet in the B-3, General Business, and B-3U, General Business-University, Zoning Districts for Properties Located at 901 West University Avenue, 902 West Clark Street, and 904 West Clark Street - Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-03)**

Aldерwoman Barnes recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest at 7:55 p.m. There were no objections.

Staff report was given by Lisa Karcher (Planner) with additional input by Bill Gray (Public Works Director). Additional information was given by Dave Cocagne and Chris Dillion, representatives from Vermilion Development. Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Aldерwoman Chynoweth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-019: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow for the Construction of a Mixed-Use Retail/Office Building with Front Yard Setbacks Along University and Lincoln Avenues Ranging from Zero to Ten Feet in the B-3, General Business, and B-3U, General Business-University, Zoning Districts for Properties Located at 901 West University Avenue, 902 West Clark Street, and 904 West Clark Street - Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-03), was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). *This was voted on in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-03-021 and Ordinance No. 2008-03-020.*

- g. **Ordinance No. 2008-03-020: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow for Parking to Encroach Greater than Ten Feet Into the Required Fifteen Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3, General Business, and B-3U, General Business-University, Zoning Districts for Properties Located at 901 West University Avenue, 902 West Clark Street, and 904 West Clark Street - Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-04)**

Staff report was given by Lisa Karcher (Planner) with additional input by Bill Gray (Public Works Director). Additional information was given by Dave Cocagne and Chris Dillion, representatives from Vermilion Development. Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-020: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow for Parking to Encroach Greater than Ten Feet Into the Required Fifteen Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3, General Business, and B-3U, General Business-University, Zoning Districts for Properties Located at 901 W. University Avenue, 902 West Clark Street, and 904 West Clark Street - Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-040), was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye: 0-nay). *This was voted on in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-03-019 and Ordinance No. 2008-03-021.*

Alderwoman Barnes returned to the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

- h. **Ordinance No. 2008-03-022: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (University Avenue Design Study)**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) gave staff report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-022: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (University Avenue Design Study, was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye: 0-nay).

There was nothing further to discuss. The next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There was none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Prussing announced recommendations for the appointments of Aisha Lamb Sobh and Rizwah Uddin to the Human Relations Commission, and Jerry Moreland to the Community Development Commission. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve these appointments. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

I. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television

Minutes Approved: April 7, 2008