

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 5, 2008

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, May 5, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY 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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk [Medical Leave]

**STAFF PRESENT**

Deborah Roberts; Kelly Hartford; Thomas Carrino; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.;  
Kate Gorman; Elizabeth Tyler; Michael Dilley; Michael Bily; Robert  
Myers; William Gray; Brian Nightlinger; Ronald Eldridge.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carol Mizrahi; Dwain Berggren; Stephen Kaufman; Ronna James; Morton  
Brussel; Esther Patt; Members of the Media

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:19 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

April 21, 2008 - Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2008. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following people spoke to the Council in support of restricting programming on UPTV:

Ronna James, 410 Buena Vista Dr., Champaign; Carol Mizrahi, 1606 S. Staley; Dwain Berggren, 108 W. Holmes.

The following people spoke against restricting programming on UPTV:

Morton Brussel, 2003 George Huff Drive; Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler; Stephen Kaufman, 4 Burnett Circle.

**Council Member Input**

Mayor Prussing read a proclamation naming May 2008 as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Urbana, Illinois. She presented the proclamation to Alice Novak, Historic Preservation Committee Chair.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. ***Ordinance No. 2008-03-015: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)***

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented additional information. Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-03-015: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)

- b. ***Ordinance No. 2008-04-029: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, "Alcoholic Liquors", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Temporary Licenses)***

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Roberts seconded. Additional input was given by Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (Acting City Attorney). The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-04-029: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, "Alcoholic Liquors" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Temporary Licenses), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)

c. ***Motion to Approve Revisions to the Urbana Public Television (UPTV) Policies and Procedures Manual***

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion on behalf of the Committee to approve. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded.

Alderwoman Barnes posed questions from a citizen, who was not present, to Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (Acting City Attorney) who gave additional information with supplemental input by Alderwoman Chynoweth. Kate Gorman (UPTV Manager) answered questions posed by the Council.

Alderman Smyth requested an amendment to include the same wording in section 3.5 as it regards to falsifying forms and violations (Form A4) and include it in section 5.2. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion to amend was carried by a voice vote.

After discussion, Alderman Smyth asked for a roll call vote on motion to approve the policies and procedures manual of UPTV as amended. The vote to approve was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The Motion to Approve Revisions to the Urbana Public Television (UPTV) Policies and Procedures Manual, was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay)

Alderman Bowersox made a motion for Staff to acquire and develop counter-programming. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

d. ***Ordinance No. 2008-04-030: An Ordinance Establishing a Sustainability Advisory Commission for the City of Urbana, Illinois***

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-04-030: An Ordinance Establishing a Sustainability Advisory Commission for the City of Urbana, Illinois, was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)

The next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) presented an update on the Economic Development Report. He announced new activity in Lincoln Square Village to include a piano bar, jewelry business and food co-op.

He also announced the new director of The Market at the Square, Lisa Bralts, is getting ready for the season opening this weekend, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The special census is underway in Southeast Urbana as well as other locations throughout the City. Mr. Carrino also announced there were no new developments in regards to the Gateway Shops.

Mayor Prussing related the current financial standing of the City's birthday celebrations. The Mayor also announced she had just attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council. She shared the cost of bottled water in Urbana is much higher when compared to regular tap water. It was recommended to use tap water instead of bottled water to avoid the cost and to save on recycling of bottles.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) announced the Cunningham Beautification Concept Plan would be presented to the public on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Eastland Suites. The public is welcome to attend.

She also announced the American Planning Association is reviewing contestants for the next designations of great neighborhoods. West Urbana was a winner in last year's listing.

Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) announced the funding matrix for Social Services will be due on May 19, 2008. She said funding is available in the amount of \$300,120.00.

She also presented the Council with a plaque from the Don Moyer's Boys and Girls Club in thanks for the funding received for their program.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Smyth made a recommendation to allow items (d) and (e) to be addressed first. There were no objections. Item (d) and (e) were handled first, out of order.

a. ***Ordinance No. 2008-05-031: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with a Woman's Place - A Woman's Fund (FY 2008-2009)***

Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) presented staff report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the ordinance in omnibus fashion. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The vote to approve the ordinance was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-05-032 and Ordinance No. 2008-05-033 and was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-05-031: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with a Woman's Place - A Woman's Fund (FY 2008-2009), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay) *Voted in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-05-032 and Ordinance No. 2008-05-033.*

b. ***Ordinance No. 2008-05-032: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Center for Women in Transition (FY 2008-2009)***

Kelly Hartford(Grants Coordinator) gave the staff report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The vote to approve the ordinance was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-05-031 and Ordinance No. 2008-05-033 and was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-05-032: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Center for Women in Transition (FY 2008-2009), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). *Voted in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-05-031 and Ordinance No. 2008-05-033.*

c. ***Ordinance No. 2008-05-033: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Salvation Army Services, Inc. (FY 2008-2009)***

Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) gave the staff report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the ordinance.

Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The vote to approve the ordinance was handled in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-05-031 and Ordinance No. 2008-05-032 and was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-05-033: An Ordinance Approving a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Salvation Army Services, Inc. (FY 2008-2009), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Voted in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2008-05-031 and Ordinance No. 2008-05-032.

- d. **Ordinance No. 2008-05-034: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Allow the Construction of an Accessory Parking Lot in the B-3U, General Business-University, Zoning District Located at 908 W. Clark Street - Plan Case No. 2065-SU-08/Vermilion Development, Inc.)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report and made a recommendation for approval.

Alderwoman Barnes recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-05-034: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Allow the Construction of an Accessory Parking Lot in the B-3U, General Business-University, Zoning District Located at 908 W. Clark Street - Plan Case No. 2065-SU-08/Vermilion Development, Inc.), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay)

- e. **Ordinance No. 2008-05-035: An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (Plan Case No. 2068-S-08/South Ridge VII Subdivision)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-05-035: An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (Plan Case No. 2068-S-08/South Ridge VII Subdivision, was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

f. **Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments**

1. **Human Relations Commission - Frances Rigberg Baker**

Mayor Prussing submitted Ms. Baker as her recommendation for appointment to the Human Relations Commission with an appointment ending in 2011.

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the appointments. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion was voted in omnibus fashion with recommendations for Fire and Police Pension Board appointments and carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The appointment of Frances Rigberg Baker to the Human Relations Commission was approved by Council by voice vote.

2. **Fire Pension Board - Ronald Eldridge**

Mayor Prussing submitted Mr. Eldridge's name as her recommendation for appointment to the Fire Pension Board.

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the appointment. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion was voted in omnibus fashion with recommendations for Police Pension Board and Human Relations Commission appointments and carried by a voice vote.

**Disposition:** The appointment of Ronald Eldridge to the Fire Pension Board was approved by Council by a voice vote.

3. **Police Pension Board - Greg Foster**

Mayor Prussing submitted Mr. Foster's name as her recommendation for appointment to the Police Pension Board.

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the appointment. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion was voted in omnibus fashion with recommendations for Fire Pension Board and Human Relations Commission appointments and carried by a voice vote.

**Disposition:** The appointment of Greg Foster to the Police Pension Board was approved by Council by a voice vote.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Joan M. Ryan  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: May 19, 2008