

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, October 6, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Tyler; William Gray; Jeffery McDuffy; Michael Bily; Robert Myers; Kelly Hartford; Rebecca Bird; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Jennifer Selby, Thomas Carrino

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Donoho; Kevin Gaddis; Audrey Fisher; Brian Adams; Ilona Matkovszki; Joan Zagorski; Cynthia Hoyle; Rose Hudson; Julian Gorski; Carolyn Baxley; Brian Dolinar; Dale Morrissey; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:08 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 15, 2008 - Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Closed Session: Pending Litigation Issues, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)

Alderman Lewis made a motion to go into closed session. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The vote to go into closed session was as follows:

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| Barnes - aye | Bowersox - aye |
| Gehrig - aye | Lewis - aye |
| Roberts - aye | Smyth - aye |
| Stevenson - aye | |

The motion to go into closes session passed by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

The Council went into closed session at 7:10 p.m.

The Council resumed its regular session at 7:35 p.m.

E. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Dolinar, 303 W. Locust, representing Champaign-Urbana Citizens for Peace and Justice, spoke to the Council in his support of the ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Urbana City Code.

Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main; Brian Adams, 412 W. Elm Street; Joan Zigorski, 1605 S. Race; Ilona Matkovszki, 412 W. Elm Street, spoke to the Council of their support of landmarking the property at 508 W. Elm Street.

Julian Gorski, 28 Clinton Place, Normal, as owner of the property at 508 W. Elm Street, entered his position against having this property landmarked for preservation.

Cynthia Hoyle, 2202 S. Cottage Grove; with Co-Chair Rose Hudson, representing the C-U Safe Routes to School Project, presented the City and Jennifer Selby (City Engineer) a certificate of appreciation. She thanked the Council and City for their participation in the International Walk to School Day. She announced they were chosen as the State project by the Illinois Safe Routes to School network to be the local school project with King Elementary School being the State project.

Kevin Gaddis, 2246 E. CR 200 N., Longview, announced that he and Randy Donoho, 714 S. Urbana Avenue, were present and available to take questions from the Council regarding the Wyer property.

Council Member Input

There was none.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. ***Ordinance No. 2008-09-103: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the Urbana City Code to Prohibit the Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and Drug Paraphernalia***

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave the updated staff report. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve at the 9/15/08 meeting, but item was deferred to this meeting. The original motion is still standing. Alderman Smyth seconded at the earlier meeting. The vote was as follows:

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| Barnes - aye | Bowersox - aye |
| Gehrig - aye | Lewis - aye |
| Roberts - aye | Smyth - aye |
| Stevenson - aye | |

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-09-103: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the Urbana City Code to Prohibit the Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and Drug Paraphernalia, was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)

2. ***Ordinance No. 2008-09-117: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (508 W. Elm Street, "Bills House" - Historic Preservation Case No. HP2008-L-02)***

Audrey Fisher, 902 S. Orchard Street, spoke to the Council in support of landmarking the property at 508 W. Elm Street which was previously owned by her grandmother, Jeanne Matthews, who was the first woman council member in Urbana.

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the ordinance at the 9/15/08 meeting and item was deferred to this meeting. Alderman Smyth seconded at the previous meeting. The original motion is still standing. The vote was as follows:

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| Barnes - nay | Bowersox - aye |
| Gehrig - aye | Lewis - aye |
| Roberts - present | Smyth - aye |
| Stevenson - nay | |

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-09-117: An Ordinance Designating a Historic Landmark (508 W. Elm Street, "Bills House" - Historic Preservation Case No. HP2008-L-02), was approved by a roll call vote (4-aye:2-nay:1-present)[Present vote counted with prevailing side]

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee of the Whole
 - a. ***Ordinance No. 2008-09-119: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Chipper Truck Purchase)***

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

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| Barnes - aye | Bowersox - aye |
| Gehrig - aye | Lewis - aye |
| Roberts - aye | Smyth - aye |
| Stevenson - aye | |

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-09-119: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Chipper Truck Purchase), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)

b. Resolution No. 2008-09-020R: A Resolution Waiving Bidding Process for Purchase of Forestry Chipper Truck

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2008-09-020R: A Resolution Waiving Bidding Process for Purchase of Forestry Chipper Truck was approved by a voice vote.

c. Resolution No. 2008-08-019R: A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (2008)

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2008-08-019R: A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (2008), was approved by a voice vote.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Prussing read a proclamation announcing October 8, 2008 as International Walk to School Day and encourages everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and everyday. Mayor Prussing presented the proclamation to Cynthia Hoyle local coordinator.

Alderman Lewis gave thanks to the Public Works Department and William Gray (Public Works Director) for the work done on Harvey Street which included a sidewalk not considered in the original design.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated economic development report to the Council. He mentioned several businesses which have recently opened. He also stated that Common Ground Food Co-op has been named the Small Business of the Year award by the

Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. Sunnycrest Mall is undergoing a face-lift due to aggressive efforts of Alderwoman Barnes.

He also mentioned that the special census official results are in and it reflects an increase in population of 3,188 people since the 2000 census. The State recognizes the official population of Urbana as 40,550. He stated the increased revenues from the census have already been incorporated into the budget.

Alderman Roberts announced the Urbana 175th Birthday Anniversary float has appeared in two events this year, Fourth of July parade and Labor Day parade. It did win an award for its design at the Fourth of July parade. There will be one last opportunity to view the float during University of Illinois Homecoming parade October 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Barnes invited the public to the Economic Development Corporation's annual meeting which is October 28, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at the Colony Club in the stadium.

Mayor Prussing announced there was a dedication of Weaver Park and was awarded Project of the Year from the American Public Works Association for the State of Illinois.

Alderman Gehrig announced a public ceremony was held at the Assembly Hall a week ago for the deployment of the 33rd Brigade Combat Team which is based in Urbana. He wanted to extend best wishes to the soldiers.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) announced a rescheduling of the University Avenue/Springfield-White Corridor Studies to November 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Illinois Terminal.

William Gray (Public Works Director) stated that the Downtown Parking Study results will be shared with the public on October 15, 2008 from 3-5 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center. Alderman Bowersox asked that the Urbana Business Association be notified of the meeting to help facilitate notification of the meeting.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Ordinance No. 2008-10-120: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow the Construction of a 3-Foot Addition to an Existing Garage, Reducing the Required Front Yard Setback in the R-1, Single-Family Residential, Zoning District - ZBA Case No. 2008-MAJ-09 / 401 W. Delaware Avenue, Wyer Property)***

Rebecca Bird (Historic Preservation Planner) gave the staff report and made a recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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| Barnes - aye | Bowersox - aye |
| Gehrig - aye | Lewis - aye |
| Roberts - aye | Smyth - aye |
| Stevenson - aye | |

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-10-120: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow the Construction of a 3-Foot Additional to an Existing Garage, Reducing the Required Front Yard Setback in the R-1, Single-Family Residential, Zoning District - ZBA Case No. 2008-MAJ-09 / 401 W. Delaware Avenue, Wyer Property) was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

2. ***Ordinance No. 2008-10-121: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Disabled Citizens Foundation - Developmental Services Center)***

Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) gave the staff report. Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The vote was as follows:

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| Barnes - aye | Bowersox - aye |
| Gehrig - aye | Lewis - aye |
| Roberts - aye | Smyth - aye |
| Stevenson - aye | |

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-10-121: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Disabled Citizens Foundation - Developmental Services Center), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. She announced a caucus would be held immediately following in the upstairs conference room to discuss Council goals.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 20, 2008