

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 10, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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The City Council Committee Of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 10, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Brandon Bowersox (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; David Gehrig; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Patrick Connolly; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Thomas Carrino; Ryan Brault; Robert Myers; Barbara Stiehl

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Members of the Media

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Bowersox called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were no additions to the agenda.

There was no staff report.

Chair Bowersox recognized announcements from Mr. Roberts and Ms Barnes.

Mr. Roberts announced that, as part of Urbana's "175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration", the event scheduled for this month is a celebration of African American heritage to be held at Levis Faculty Center November 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00 p.m. Local African American artist will display their artwork and a program of music and food is also planned.

Ms Barnes chairs the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation and distributed a copy of their Strategic Development Plan to Committee Members. She encouraged the Committee to review it, and hopes to present an update in the spring.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**October 27, 2008** - Ms Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 27, 2008. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11-129: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2005 (CRYSTAL LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT, PLAN CASE NO. 2088-CP-08)**

[Note: This item was sent to Committee by Council November 3, 2008.]

Ms Barnes requested to recuse herself from discussion and action on this item due to conflict of interest. Mayor Prussing acknowledged. There were no objections. The record shows Ms Barnes physically leaving the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Prussing distributed a proposed revision to Strategy H1 of the Crystal Lake Neighborhood Plan to Committee Members prior to tonight's meeting. The revision reads: *"In order to implement the City of Urbana's commitment to neighborhood preservation, energy efficiency and sustainability, and Carle Foundation's commitment to the City to be part of the solution to finding replacement housing if residences are removed due to Carle expansion, the City and Carle Foundation shall negotiate, in consultation with the people of the neighborhood, to provide energy-efficient replacement housing."*

Mr. Smyth made a motion to accept Mayor Prussing's revision. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Ms Barnes physically resumed her attendance at the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11-132: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF BUSEY AVENUE BETWEEN PARK STREET AND CHURCH STREET**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented the staff report.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11-131: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLNOIS PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK**

Mr. Gray introduced Barbara Stiehl (Assistant to Public Works Director), who presented the staff report and explained the proposed agreement.

Ms Barnes moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11-023R: A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE BUILD URBANA TAX REBATE PROGRAM FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS (TO DECEMBER 1, 2010, BUILD URBANA)**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Ms Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11-133: ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

Agenda items 9, 10 and 11 were presented in omnibus fashion.

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send the following items to Council with a recommendation for approval: Ordinance No. 2008-11-133, "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois for the Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009"; Ordinance No. 2008-11-134, "An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 (FY 2008-09)"; and Resolution No. 2008-11-024R, "A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009". Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11-134: AN ORDINANCE ABATING TAX LEVY FOR \$965,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2005 (FY 2008-09)**

This item acted on in omnibus fashion and sent to Council with recommendation for approval.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11-024R: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK TO ABATE THE TAX LEVY FOR THE GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

This item acted on in omnibus fashion and sent to Council with recommendation for approval.

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11-135: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE URBANA CODE OF ORDINANCES (CRIMINAL NUISANCE PROPERTY)**

Ronald O'Neal (City Attorney) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Mr. Gehrig moved to defer this item to the next Committee meeting. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Bowersox noted that the November 24, 2008 Committee meeting had been cancelled. The next regular meeting of the Committee Of The Whole will be December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. This item will appear on that meeting agenda.

13. **CLOSED SESSION: PROPERTY ACQUISITION ISSUES, PURSUANT 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**

Mr. Smyth made a motion that the Committee go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Ms Barnes seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

The motion carried by roll call vote (8-aye:0-nay). The Committee went into closed session at 8:22 p.m.

The Committee resumed its regular session at 8:58 p.m. with all elected/appointed officials physically present.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Bowersox declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 8, 2008