

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, December 1, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
David 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
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ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

William Gray; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Elizabeth Tyler; Michael Dilley; Michael Bily; Ryan Brault

OTHERS PRESENT

Erin Bullock; Beth Parrott; Anna Parrott; Jack Parrott; Emily Svendsen; Gary Cziko; Randy Donoho; Members of the Media

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

November 17, 2008 - Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2008. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Erin Bullock, 404 Sunncrest Court West; Beth Parrott, Anna Parrott and Jack Parrott, 406 Sunnycrest Court West; and Emily Svendsen, 407 Sunnycrest Court West presented the Council with a petition signed by residents of the Sunnycrest Court area protesting the recent removal of shrubbery and plantings from the cul-de-sac near their homes. The residents are upset about the possibility of this now becoming a traffic hazard and endangering the lives of the children in the area. They wish all future actions of this nature be addressed with the neighborhoods in advance. William Gray spoke to the group and apologized for the way the clearing was handled. He advised that the Public Works Department would work with the neighborhood in replanting the area and making it better than it was before.

Gary Cziko gave a brief presentation on roundabouts to the Council. He recommends the City use these where possible as they are less costly to maintain after construction and help to eliminate speeding and traffic congestion. Mayor Prussing and members of the Council mentioned areas which have installed roundabouts and their benefits to the public.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated economic report to the Council. He mentioned there are several new businesses in the downtown area which have recently opened or will be soon. He also announced the start of the new Burger King on Philo Road and the Comfort Suite Hotel on North Lincoln.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Accept Cunningham Avenue Beautification Final Report

Ryan Brault (Redevelopment Specialist) presented the updated staff report and made a recommendation for approval. Alderman

Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. After discussion, the motion was approved by a voice vote.

2. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-137: An Ordinance Amending 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)"**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-137: An Ordinance Amending 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)", was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)

3. **Closed Session: Property Acquisition Issues, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to move to closed session. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

The vote to move to closed session was approved by a voice vote (7-aye:0-nay).

The Council moved to closed session at 8:16 p.m.

The Council resumed its regular session at 9:05 p.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 15, 2008