

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 8, 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, December 8, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Dennis Roberts (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Brandon Bowersox; David Gehrig; Robert E. Lewis; 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.; Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Lisa Karcher

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rev. John Simms; E. Wayne Johnson; Belden Fields; Mike Lehman; Dianna Visek; Durl Kruse; Ricky Baldwin; Robert Naiman; Rick Prince Joe Futrelle; Ron Szoke; Nancy Dietrich Rybicki; Members of the Media

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

Chair Roberts called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) made an announcement that Carle would be holding a neighborhood meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Pollard Auditorium at Carle to discuss a report on campus modernization project concerns and input from the neighborhood, and a presentation regarding child safety and community successes at injury reductions.

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) informed the Committee that he had received the "2008 Honor Award for Planning and Design" in the mail today acknowledging the City's efforts on the Boneyard Creek Master Plan.

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

**November 10, 2008** - Ms Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 10, 2008. Ms Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Mayor Prussing read a Proclamation honoring the First United Methodist Church and proclaimed Sunday, December 14, 2008 as "First United Methodist Church Day." She presented the proclamation to their pastor, Rev. John Simms.

E. Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine, addressed the Committee in opposition to the criminal nuisance property ordinance.

Belden Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania, addressed the Committee in opposition to the criminal nuisance property ordinance and in support of the Employee Free Choice Act resolution.

Mike Lehman, 608 E. Green, addressed the Committee in support of both the criminal nuisance property ordinance and Employee Free Choice Act resolution.

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

Ronald O'Neal (City Attorney) presented the staff report. Prior to the meeting Mr. O'Neal distributed a copy of a lease addendum for a drug-free housing as an example of language that could be used to encourage landlords to keep their rental properties crime-free and drug-free. The language does not just apply to rental property, but any property owned (i.e., residential, business, etc.).

Chair Roberts acknowledged public input at this time.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to this ordinance:

Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania; and Durl Kruse, 2007 S. George Huff

Mr. Bowersox distributed a list of suggested language to Committee Members. Debate ensued.

Chair Roberts moved to review this ordinance again after further language changes and that it come back to Committee in January. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Prussing suggestion Committee Members email a list of suggested wording to the City Attorney and have him incorporate the language into one document. There were no objections.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12-138: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC ALLEY (IN THE CHURCH STREET, PARK STREET, LINCOLN AVENUE, AND BUSEY AVENUE BLOCK)**

Chair Roberts acknowledged Ms Barnes request to recuse herself from discussion on this item due to conflict of interest. There were no objections.

Ms Barnes left debate at 8:52 p.m.

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

Ms Barnes returned to the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

7. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION ITEMS**

The following agenda items were acted on in omnibus fashion:

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12-140: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE H OF SECTION 23-93 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE REQUIRING STOP SIGNS AT A CERTAIN INTERSECTION (BOHN CIRCLE AT STONE CREEK BOULEVARD; VENTURI COURT AT STONE CREEK BOULEVARD; ST. ANDREWS ROAD AT STONE CREEK BOULEVARD)**
- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12-141: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-172 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE ESTABLISHING CURB LOADING ZONES ON CERTAIN STREETS (MUMFORD DRIVE; ANDERSON STREET)**
- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12-142: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE L OF SECTION 23-187 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (SCOVILL STREET AT PHILO ROAD)**

Ms Stevenson made a motion to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12-143: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (GET THE LEAD OUT GRANT, PHASE 5)**

Ms Tyler presented the staff report.

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

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12-028R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FIVE-YEAR PLAN FY 2005-2009, AND THE ANNUAL PLAN FY 2009**

Ms Tyler presented the staff report. Housing Authority of Champaign County representatives, Edward Bland and Patty Smith, were present to answer questions.

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

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12-139: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (2003 AIRPORT ROAD / DELBERT AND SARA DAHL)**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) presented the staff report.

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

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12-026R: A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL REPORTING ON THE INTERNET FOR THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**

Chair Roberts acknowledged public input regarding this item at this time.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the proposed resolution:

E. Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine; and Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania

Mr. Smyth presented his report. He suggested changing the language of the fifth "Whereas" to read: "Whereas, the City is currently updating its website and already takes advantage of modern communication methods, publishing to the web as much information as possible, including the below mentioned financial documents in a convenient fashion to City residents."

Mr. Gehrig suggested alternate wording of the fifth "Whereas" to read: "Whereas, the City practice and policy has long been to fully comply with these acts, and the City has in fact exceeded the requirements of these acts and encourages other Illinois communities to do the same." Debate ensued.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to amend the fifth "Whereas" with the wording presented by Mr. Gehrig and send to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded.

Chair Roberts called for a show of hands and the motion carried by a hand vote of 4-aye:3-nay. *[Voting aye: Bowersox, Gehrig, Smyth and Stevenson. Voting nay: Barnes, Lewis and Roberts]*

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12-027R: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT**

Chair Roberts acknowledged public input regarding this item at this time.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of this resolution:

Ricky Baldwin, 801 E. California; Robert Naiman, 802 E. California (representing Central Illinois Jobs with Justice); and Rick Prince, 1202 W. Dianne Lane (Mahomet)

The following people did not wish to speak, but submitted public input cards requesting their positions be entered into record in support of this resolution:

Joe Futrelle, 1205 S. Race; Ron Szoke, 105 E. McHenry; and Nancy Dietrich Rybicki, 2803 S. Myra Ridge Dr.

Mr. Smyth made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded.

Chair Roberts called for a show of hands and the motion carried by a hand vote of 4-aye:3-nay. *[Voting aye: Bowersox, Gehrig, Roberts and Smyth. Voting nay: Barnes, Lewis and Stevenson]*

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: January 12, 2009\*

\*See Correction Sheet attached.

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## **CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2008**

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At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held January 12, 2009, the following correction(s) was made to the minutes of December 8, 2008:

Section 4, Public Input, Pg. 2 with paragraph beginning "Mike Lehman" - Correct minutes to reflect opposition to criminal nuisance property ordinance. Thus, reading: "Mike Lehman, 608 E. Green, addressed the Committee in opposition to the criminal nuisance property ordinance and in support of the Employee Free Choice Act resolution."

These corrections pertain to original debate in the minutes of December 8, 2008.

By attaching this correction sheet, the minutes of December 8, 2008 are hereby corrected to read as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary