

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2008

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, December 15, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

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

None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Tony Foster; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Jeffrey Engstrom

OTHERS PRESENT

Wayne Johnson; Robert Naiman; Merl Mennenga; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

December 1, 2008 - Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 1, 2008. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine, addressed the Council in opposition to the loan guarantee (Urbana Development Group) budget amendment.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

a. Ordinance No. 2008-12-138: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Alley (Church Street, Park Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Busey Avenue Block)

Mayor Prussing acknowledged Alderwoman Barnes' request to recuse herself from voting on this item. There were no objections.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-138, "An Ordinance Vacating a Public Alley (Church Street, Park Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Busey Avenue Block)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

b. 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)

Agenda items F.1.b, F.1.c and F.1.d were acted on in omnibus fashion.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance Nos. 2008-12-140, 2008-12-141 and 2008-12-142. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: The following ordinances were approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay): 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"; 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)"; and 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)".

- c. **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)**

[Agenda items F.1.b, F.1.c and F.1.d were approved in omnibus fashion by roll call (7-aye:0-nay)].

- d. **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)**

[Agenda items F.1.b, F.1.c and F.1.d were approved in omnibus fashion by roll call (7-aye:0-nay)].

- e. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-143: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Get the Lead Out Grant, Phase 5)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-143, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Get the Lead Out Grant, Phase 5)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). [**Requires Mayor vote.*]

- f. **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**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Disposition: 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", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

g. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-139: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2003 Airport Road/Delbert and Sara Dahl)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-139, "An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2003 Airport Road/Delbert and Sara Dahl)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

h. **Resolution No. 2008-12-026R: A Resolution to Provide Financial Reporting on the Internet for the City of Urbana, Illinois**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2008-12-026R, "A Resolution to Provide Financial Reporting on the Internet for the City of Urbana, Illinois", was adopted by Council by voice vote.

i. **Resolution No. 2008-12-027R: A Resolution in Support of the Employee Free Choice Act**

Mayor Prussing acknowledged public input regarding this item.

Robert Naiman, 802 E. California, representing Central Illinois Jobs with Justice, addressed the Council in support of this resolution.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded.

Alderman Bowersox requested a roll call vote. Mayor Prussing acknowledged. There were no objections. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Resolution No. 2008-12-027R, "A Resolution in Support of the Employee Free Choice Act", was adopted by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:2-nay).

There was nothing further to report from the Committee Of The Whole. Due to the Christmas holiday, the Committee meeting scheduled for December 22, 2008 has been cancelled. The next

regular meeting of the Committee Of The Whole will be January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderman Roberts reported on upcoming activities to be held Sunday, December 21, 2008 in Downtown Urbana and the Urbana Free Library as part of Urbana's 175th Birthday Celebration. Activities will begin with cake cutting at 1:15 p.m. in the Urbana Free Library Auditorium.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Tony Foster (Fire Division Chief/Prevention & Education) gave a brief report on hazardous mitigation planning. He urged Council Members and the public to visit the City's website (www.city.urbana.il.us) and take the hazard mitigation plan survey listed under "What's New".

I. NEW BUSINESS

Due to public appearance in the audience, it was the consensus of the Council to change the order of the agenda at this time, moving items 4, 5, 6 and 7 ahead of other new business matters.

4. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-148: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Urbana Development Group, a Not-For-Profit Community Development Corporation, for Loan Guaranty Support**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-148, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Urbana Development Group, a Not-For-Profit Community Development Corporation, for Loan Guaranty Support", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay).

5. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-149: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Loan Guarantee, Urbana Development Group)**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-149, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Loan Guarantee, Urbana Development Group)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7*-aye:1-nay). [**Requires Mayor vote.*]

6. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-145: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (2408 Barnes Street/Kelvin E. Wilkinson)**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-145, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (2408 Barnes Street/Kelvin E. Wilkinson)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

7. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-146: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (109 Country Club Road/Mennenga Construction, Inc.)**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report. Merl Mennenga (Mennenga Construction) was present to answer questions.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-146, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (109 Country Club Road/Mennenga Construction, Inc.)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

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

Alderman Smyth made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues, pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Alderman Gehrig 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 Council went into closed session at 7:57 p.m.

The Council resumed its regular session at 8:28 p.m. with all members physically present.

2. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-144: An Ordinance Approving a Real Estate Agreement with DRS, Limited Partnership (1301 East Washington Street)**

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

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-144, "An Ordinance Approving a Real Estate Agreement with DRS, Limited Partnership (1301 East Washington Street)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

3. **Motion to Execute Real Estate Option and Contract (302 West Springfield Avenue / Allman's Auto Repair)**

Mr. Carrino presented the staff report.

Alderman Lewis made a motion directing staff to execute the real estate option and contract for 302 West Springfield Avenue. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2008-12-147: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Omnibus Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Plan Case No. 2063-T-08)**

Jeffrey Engstrom (Planner) presented the staff report.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-12-147, "An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Omnibus Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Plan Case No. 2063-T-08)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

9. **Mayoral Appointment**

a. **Urbana Public Television Commission - Mark Schultz (Urbana School District Appointee)**

Mayor Prussing presented Mark Schultz as her recommendation for appointment to the Urbana Public Television Commission.

Alderman Smyth moved approval of the appointment.
Alderman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: January 20, 2009