

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 2, 2009 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
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

Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5

STAFF PRESENT

Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray;
Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Lisa Karcher; Rebecca Bird

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Walker; Vicki Mayes; Michael Kinate; Gary Olsen; Orin
Hutchcraft; Jean Thompson; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:12 p.m.

Michael Walker and Vicki Mayes of the Urbana Park District gave a presentation to the Council regarding their request for a tax increase of 15 cents per \$100 of property value.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following minutes were acted on in omnibus fashion:

February 16, 2009

February 16, 2009 - Special

Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting, as well as the regular meeting held February 16, 2009, in omnibus fashion. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Jean Thompson, 203 N. Smith Road, and Orin Hutchcraft, 1614 N. Lincoln Avenue, representing Lloyd Wright, spoke to the Council in their opposition to the zoning changes recommended by Champaign County regarding the property at 2218 East University Avenue (Casey's Retail Company).

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2009-02-007R: A Resolution Adopting Certain Cable-Related Needs and Interests of the City of Urbana, as Identified in the Formal Needs Assessment Report, and Related Requirements Set Forth Therein; Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Formal Renewal Proposal for a Cable Franchise, and Closing the Initial Stage of Formal Franchise Renewal Proceedings**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave the staff report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee of the Whole

- a. **Ordinance No. 2009-02-008: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2303 East Main Street, Urbana Park District)**

This item was voted on in omnibus fashion with item #1b.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) gave an updated report on this item. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-008: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2303 East Main Street, Urbana Park District), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

- b. **Ordinance No. 2009-02-009: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (1701 East Perkins Road, Urbana Park District)**

This item was voted in omnibus fashion with item #1a.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-009: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (1701 East Perkins Road,Urbana Park District), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

c. Traffic Commission Items

1. **Ordinance No. 2009-02-010: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (High Street at Lynn Street)**

This item was voted on in omnibus fashion with item #c2 below.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-010: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (High Street at Lynn Street), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

2. **Ordinance No. 2009-02-011: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Scottswood Drive)**

This item was voted on in omnibus fashion with item #c1.

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-011: An Ordinance Amending schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Scottswood Drive), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

3. **Ordinance No. 2009-02-012: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Establish a Parking Meter Zone on Certain Streets (Clark Street Property)**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-012: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Establish a Parking Meter Zone on Certain Streets (Clark Street Property), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

d. **Resolution No. 2009-02-008R: A Resolution Accepting the 2008 Champaign County Greenways and Trails Design Guidelines**

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

e. **Ordinance No. 2009-02-013: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of West Saline Court**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-013: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of West Saline Court, was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were none.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2009-03-009R: A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2009-02-003R and Authorizing and Approving the Execution of a New Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Windsor Road - Boulder Drive to High Cross Road)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

2. **Ordinance No. 2009-03-014: An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Development Plan for a Planned Unit Development (1002 South Lincoln Avenue and 805 West Iowa Street / Nabor House - Plan Case No. 2100-PUD-09)**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) presented the staff report. Michael Kinate, Vice President of Nabor House Fraternity, and Gary Olsen of Olsen & Associates also provided information to the Council regarding the plans. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-014: An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Development Plan for a Planned Unite Development (1002 South Lincoln Avenue and 805 West Iowa Street / Nabor House - Plan Case No. 2100-PUD-09), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

3. **Ordinance No. 2009-03-015: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Revisions to Section V-8, "Additional Use Regulations in the MOR District", of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance - Plan Case No. 2098-T-09)**

Rebecca Bird (Planner) presented the staff report. A letter had been presented to the Council from Betsey Cronan, 305 W. High, stating her support of the changes recommended for the MOR District.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-015: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Revisions to Section V-8, "Additional Use Regulations in the MOR District", of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance - Plan Case No. 2098-T-09), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

4. **Resolution No. 2009-03-010R: A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Map Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Map (A 1.04-Acre Tract of Land Known as 2218 East University Avenue/ Casey's Retail Company)**

Rebecca Bird (Planner) answered questions posed by the Council. Alderman Smyth made a motion to send the item to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on March 9, 2009 for review. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. Mayor Prussing asked Legal to review recent State law changes which might have some impact on this item. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

5. **Ordinance No. 2009-03-016: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Certain Activities Relative to Water Service in the Community**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) presented the staff report. Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-03-016: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Certain Activities Relative to Water Service in the Community, was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

6. **Resolution No. 2009-03-011R: A Resolution Approving Authorizing the Law Firm of Neal & Leroy, LLC, to Represent, Pro Bono, the City of Urbana as Amicus Curiae in the Case Entitled "Albert C. Hanna and Carol C. Mrowka v. City of Chicago, et al. IL. App. Ct. No. 08 L 10297"**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) presented the staff report. Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve. Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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

Alderman Gehrig made a motion for the Council to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). The Council went into closed session at 8:32 p.m.

The Council resumed its regular session at 9:01 p.m. All elected Officials were physically present.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: March 16, 2009