

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 4, 2009

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, May 4, 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  
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**

Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Lisa Karcher; Ronald O'Neal Jr.; Brian Nightlinger; Jeffrey Engstrom; Kelly Hartford; Delora Siebrecht; Ronald Eldridge

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Diane Marlin; Amy Richardson; Howard Wakeland; Michael Kinate; Gary Olsen; Members of the Media

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

April 20, 2009 - Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 20, 2009. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Amy Richardson (Firefighter) presented Chief Dilley with a Patriot Award to the City of Urbana for the support received while she was serving in Iraq, as well as all other servicemen and women from this area.

Diane Marlin thanked Lynne Barnes for her service to the City and especially Ward 7. Mayor Prussing also expressed her appreciation for Lynne's service to the Council and the City.

Lynne Barnes thanked the Council and staff for their support over the past four years.

Robert Dunn, 919 W. White St., Champaign, expressed his appreciation for Lynne Barne's service, especially since he had been a past resident of Ward 7.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 2009-03-022: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010)**

Delora Siebrecht (Office Manager/Parking Administrator) gave the updated staff report with additional information from Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller).

*Alderman Barnes recused herself at 7:11 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.*

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-03-022, An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010), was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

*Alderman Barnes returned to the meeting at 7:14 p.m.*

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

There were none.

*Alderman Barnes left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

**G. OATHS OF OFFICE**

City Clerk, Phyllis Clark, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Laurel Lunt Prussing.

Mayor Prussing administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk Phyllis Clark.

Mayor Prussing administered the Oath of Office to the incoming City Council for the next term:

Ward 1	Charlie Smyth
Ward 2	David Gehrig
Ward 3	Robert Lewis
Ward 4	Brandon Bowersox
Ward 5	Dennis Roberts
Ward 6	Heather Stevenson
Ward 7	Diane Marlin

**H. ROLL CALL (NEW COUNCIL)**

The roll was taken of the new Council with all members present: Bowersox, Gehrig, Lewis, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson, Prussing, and Clark.

**I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced Wednesday is Champaign County Lobby Day and municipal representatives will be meeting in Springfield with legislators.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) announced Steve Cochran and Lisa Karcher had recently been LEAD certified.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Director) gave an updated economic development report to the Council. He announced several new business openings. He also revealed the Boneyard Arts Festival was highly attended. He stated the Urbana Arts Grants Program had grants available for artists. Tom also announced the Market at the Square opened for the season this past weekend. There have been several conferences recently including the National League of Green Cities, a business exposition and the UBA Realtor Bus Tour.

Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) told the Council there is \$312,760 available in grants funding which represents an increase of \$12,00 from last year. Review of the applicants will be this month and approval of funding should be done by the end of May.

Mayor Prussing has issued an invitation to the James Brainard, Mayor of Carmel, Indiana, to come and speak about roundabouts at the May 11, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

She also announced she would be attending the International Conference on Climate Change in Seoul, Korea on May 18, 2009.

Alderman Gehrig told of the recent Civilian Police Training Institute he attended which was sponsored by several local police authorities including the Urbana Police Department.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution No. 2009-05-017R: A Resolution Urging Passage of a Comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program**

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

2. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-043: An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way (Church Street between Coler Avenue and Orchard Street)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-05-043: An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way (Church Street between Coler Avenue and Orchard Street), was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

3. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-044: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Reduction of the Front Yard Setback in the City's B-3U, General Business-University District, from 15 ft. to 5 ft. at 1011 West Clark Street / Case No. ZBA-2009-MAJ-03)**

Jeffrey Engstrom (Planner) gave the staff report. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. Debate followed.

Howard Wakeland, 1811A Amber, answered questions from the Council and spoke of his concerns regarding this issue.

The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-05-044: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Reduction of the Front Yard Setback in the City's B-3U, General Business-University District, from 15 ft. to 5 ft. at 1011 West Clark Street / Case No. ZBA-2009-MAJ-03), was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:2-nay).

4. **Resolution No. 2009-05-018R: A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Text Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance (Request by the Champaign County Zoning Administrator to Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance Concerning Wind Turbine Developments (Wind Farms) / Plan Case No. CCZBA 634-AT-08)**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) gave the staff report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The motion was defeated by a voice vote.

5. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-045: An Ordinance Approving a Final Development Plan for a Planned Unit Development (1002 South Lincoln Avenue and 805 West Iowa Street / Nabor House Fraternity, Plan Case No. 2105-PUD-09)**

Lisa Karcher (Planner) presented the updated staff report. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded.

Michael Kinate, Nabor House Fraternity, and Gary Olsen, Architect with Olsen + Associates Architects spoke to the Council and answered questions.

The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-05-045: An Ordinance Approving a Final Development Plan for a Planned Unit Development (1002 South Lincoln Avenue and 805 West Iowa Street / Nabor House Fraternity, Plan Case No. 2105-PUD-09), was approved by Council by a voice vote (7-aye:0-nay).

6. **Mayoral Appointments**

Mayor Prussing announced the recommended appointments of Eric A. Smith to the Human Relations Commission and Barbara Lewis and Marianne Downey to the Neighborhood Safety Task Force.

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

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: May 18, 2009