

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2009

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, June 1, 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
Diane Marlin, 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

Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; Gale Jamison; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Ronald O'Neal Jr.; Jeffrey Engstrom; Kelly Hartford; Ronald Eldridge; Robert Myers

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Lissak; Kevin Webster; Julia Webster; Bishop Lloyd Gwin; Members of the Church of the Living God; Gabe Omo-Osagie; Members of the Media

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:12 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

May 18, 2009; May 26, 2009 - Special - Mayor Prussing asked that language be added to the minutes of the May 18, 2009 minutes to reflect the displaced tenants were in the City of Champaign. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held May

18, 2009 with text changes and special meeting held May 26, 2009 in omnibus fashion. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Gabe Omo-Osagie, 123 W. Main, spoke to the Council in opposition to having landlords pay for displacement of tenants especially if the displacement was caused by condemnation of a building due to tenant damage of the property.

Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler Avenue #3, spoke to the Council of her opposition to the proposed zoning amendment for the property at 714 W. California.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-053: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Amending Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations - Plan Case No. 2104-T-04)**

Robert Myers(Planning Manager) gave the updated staff report and discussed the changes in language regarding signage on buildings and landscaping requirements. He advised staff would be presenting information regarding new industry standards being developed on electronic lighting signs in the future.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-05-053: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (amending Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations - Plan Case No. 2104-T-04), was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee of the Whole
 - a. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-056: An Ordinance Requiring Payment of a Sanitary Sewer Service Lateral Connection Fee Relating to Certain Parcels (North Shore Drive)**

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

Bowersox - Aye
Gehrig - Aye
Lewis - Aye

Marlin - Aye
Smyth - Aye
Stevenson - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-05-056: An Ordinance Requiring Payment of a Sanitary Sewer Service Lateral Connection Fee Relating to Certain Parcels (North Shore Drive), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

b. **Motion Approving the Public Arts Program Plan (FY 2009-2010)**

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

c. **Social Service Funding/Allocations**

Alderman Gehrig and Kelly Hartford (Grants Coordinator) gave the updated staff report. Mayor Prussing suggested adjusting some line items which did not specifically benefit only Urbana residents to help fund the internship program with Urbana Schools. She suggested allotting \$4,000 to fund internships for one public works intern and two fire department interns. She also suggested allotting \$2,085 to the Urbana Park District for summer camp scholarships.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to send this item to the next Committee of the Whole on June 8, 2009 for review. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Prussing announced she had been notified by Senator Michael Frerichs that Urbana would be getting \$5 million in funding for the Olympian Drive project and \$2.5 million for the Illinois Route 130 project. She also said the Urbana Park District would be receiving \$400,000 in funding as well.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Director) gave an overview of the economic development report. New progress included the groundbreaking at Crystal View Townhomes; opening of 901 W. University; dedication of the Chinese Goose plague; Heartland Bank opening; Burger King opening on Philo Road, and the first weekend for Art at the Market with a ceramics workshop.

He also announced there would be a "Builders Spectacular" at Stonecreek from May 30 through June 7, 2009. He mentioned work continues on the Philo Road Beautification project.

Alderman Smyth praised the pedestrian cut-off lighting on Philo Road.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Review/Presentations

- a. **Urbana Free Library** - Debra Lissak (Executive Director) presented the staff report. She mentioned an increase of 7.8% in materials. Future budget implications would be parking, longer operational hours; increasing materials and more programming.

Mayor Prussing turned the chair over to Alderman Smyth at 8:22 p.m.

- b. **Executive** - Mayor Prussing discussed there would be interviewing for the CAO position this year. Otherwise there were no new positions anticipated.

Mayor Prussing returned to the chair at 8:25 p.m.

- c. **Finance** - Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) announced there were no new personnel or costs anticipated for the next year. He advised the budget was fairly similar to last year. He mentioned some costs would be involved with the broadband proposal which could be addressed later.

- d. **City Clerk** - Phyllis Clark (City Clerk) related the budget costs are 99% contractual. She mentioned a need for a new microfiche reader/printer in the future which could be shared with the police department.

2. **Ordinance No. 2009-06-059: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget (FY 2009-2010)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the staff report. Discussion followed.

Alderman Smyth made a motion for an amendment to include line items for battery recycling program and rain barrel rebates. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-06-059: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget (FY 2009-2010), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

3. **Resolution No. 2009-05-021R: A Resolution Ascertainning Prevailing Wages (2009-2010)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the staff report. Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The resolution carried by a voice vote.

4. **Ordinance No. 2009-06-057: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 714 West California Avenue from R-2, Single-Family Residential, to R-7, University Residential / Plan Case No. 2106-M-09 - Kevin and Julia Webster)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report with additional information from Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) and Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney). Kevin and Julia Webster, property owners, spoke to the Council and answered questions.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to vote on the zoning portion of the ordinance and defer the rest until the next Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Lewis made a motion to defer to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on June 8, 2009 to allow staff more time to review. Alderman Bowersox seconded. A voice vote was taken, but was inconclusive, so a show of hands was requested by Mayor Prussing with the motion carrying (4-aye:2-nay).

5. **Ordinance No. 2009-06-058: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Allow the Establishment of a Church in the R-3, Single- and Two-Family Residential Zoning District - Plan Case No.2107-SU-09 / 1701 North Carver Drive - Church of the Living God)**

Jeffrey Engstrom (Planner) gave the staff report with additional information from Chief Dilley. Bishop Lloyd Gwin also addressed the Council. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-06-058: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Allow the Establishment of a Church in the R-3, Single- and Two-Family Residential Zoning District - Plan Case No.2107-SU-09 / 1701 North Carver Drive - Church of the Living God), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

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

Mayor Prussing called for a motion to go into closed session.

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

Bowersox - Aye
Gehrig - Aye
Lewis - Aye
Marlin - Aye

Smyth - Aye
Stevenson - Aye
Mayor Prussing - Aye

The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). The Council went into closed session at 9:50 p.m.

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to resume the regular session. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The Council resumed its regular meeting at 10:31 p.m. All elected officials were physically present except for Dennis Roberts and Brandon Bowersox.

7. **Ordinance No. 2009-06-060: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to a Real Estate Option and Contract (115-119 N. Race Street / Former Denny's Cleaners)**

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

Gehrig - Aye
Lewis - Aye
Marlin - Aye

Smyth - Aye
Stevenson - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-06-060: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to a Real Estate Option and Contract (115-119 N. Race Street / Former Denny's Cleaners), was approved by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

8. **Mayoral Reappointment**

Mayor Prussing made a recommendation for the reappointment of Ronald Eldridge to the Police Pension Board for a term ending May 31, 2011.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: June 15, 2009