



State of Illinois

Minutes

City of Urbana

URBANA CITY COUNCIL – CLOSED SESSION
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801
(Property Acquisition Issues)

June 1, 2009

7:00 p.m. – during City Council Meeting

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The Urbana City Council met in closed session at 10:00 p.m. (during the course of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting) for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).

Elected Officials present: Brandon Bowersox, David Gehrig, Robert Lewis, Diane Marlin, Charlie Smyth, Heather Stevenson, Mayor Prussing

Elected Officials absent: Dennis Roberts

Staff present: Ronald O'Neal, Jr., Thomas Carrino, Elizabeth Tyler, Gale Jamison

Mayor Prussing called the closed session to order and stated the purpose of the closed session pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated staff report regarding the property at 502 and 504 Broadway Avenue owned by Scott Cochrane. The owner is getting estimates on demolition and paving. The City would enter into contract with Scott for a parking lot. Leases would be terminated under Scott and not the City. He is firm on his asking price which is above the appraisal price of the property however. City staff is working with him to make up some of the difference of costs. Additional information was given by Elizabeth Tyler (City Planner/Community Development Director). Lincoln Square has agreed to rent the parking spaces created.

Also, the City was recently notified by Mr. Allman's council about selling the property. He has made an offer to the City of \$150,000 which is lower than the original \$212,000 to have action taken quickly since he is in poor health and wants to relinquish the property. Discussion followed. Additional information was given by Elizabeth Tyler (City Planner/Community Development Director) and Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer). The consensus of the Council was for staff to proceed with negotiations for securing this property.

Thomas also gave an updated staff report regarding proposed property acquisition of 306 E. Green Street, 305 and 307 E. Elm Street, 205 S. Urbana, 202 S. Vine and 308 E. Green. Dr. Basler owns the property at 306 and 308 E. Green Street. Phebus and Tummelson own the rest of the properties. Offers were made to both property owners. Basler has accepted and Phebus and Tummelson have agreed to accept appraisal price with closing date and ownership in August of 2010. They have offered an option on the Goodyear property. Dr. Basler has requested reimbursement on leasing rights. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Council was for staff to proceed with negotiations with the property owners, finalize numbers and report back.

Finally, Thomas updated Council on the Denny's property. The City needs to renew their option with extension for twelve months. He advised Council to approve amendment on contract when they resumed open session this evening.

With no more business to come before this closed session, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk