

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, September 21, 2009 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

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  
Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1 (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Michael Monson; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Jeffrey Engstrom

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Susan Henry; Michael Smeltzer; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

September 8, 2009 - Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 8, 2009. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There was none

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee Of The Whole

Due to the cancellation of last week's Committee meeting and no pending agenda items, there was nothing to report.

The next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) informed the Council and viewing audience that the second public meeting for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will be held October 1, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Illinois Terminal located at 45 East University Avenue, Champaign. This is part of the Champaign-Urbana Area Transportation Study (CUATS).

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) informed Council Members that he would be representing the City of Urbana, along with the Champaign-Urbana Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Corporation, in Washington, DC. They will be meeting with senators and congressmen regarding three issues: 1) Federal funding for Olympian Drive; 2) High-speed rail - Amtrak; and 3) Funding for various schools and weatherization projects. Mr. Gray said they would be leaving early tomorrow morning and returning Friday afternoon.

Mayor Prussing informed Council Members and the viewing audience that Champaign and Urbana have been voted the "Fourth Best College Town in the United States". This was presented by the American Institute for Economic Research.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-103: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, (Revisions to Table VIII-3, and Section VIII-4, Pertaining to Widths of Access Drives Serving Individual Townhouse Units - Plan Case No. 2113-T-09)**

Jeffrey Engstrom (Planner) presented the staff report.

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-09-103, "An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, (Revisions to Table VIII-3, and Section VIII-4, Pertaining to Widths of Access Drives Serving Individual Townhouse Units - Plan Case No. 2113-T-09)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:1-nay).

2. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-104: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Champaign County for the Placement of a Newspaper Rack Located at the Champaign County Courthouse Site, Approved in Ordinance No. 2009-05-048**

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

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-09-104, "An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Champaign County for the Placement of a Newspaper Rack Located at the Champaign County Courthouse Site, Approved in Ordinance No. 2009-05-048", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

3. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-105: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Expand an Existing Wastewater Treatment Plan in the CRE, Conservation-Education-Recreation, Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2117-SU-09 / 1100 East University Avenue, Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District)**

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

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-09-105, "An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Expand an Existing Wastewater Treatment Plan in the CRE, Conservation-Education-Recreation, Zoning District ... Plan Case No. 2117-SU-09 / 1100 East University Avenue, Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

4. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-106: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Amending Section IX-4.C, Electronic Display, Pertaining to Sign Illumination - Plan Case No. 2110-T-09)**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report.

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2009-09-106, "An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Amending Section IX-4.C, Electronic Display, Pertaining to Sign Illumination ... Plan Case No. 2110-T-09)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

5. **Discussion: Broadband Financial Options for the City of Urbana**

Michael Monson (Chief of Staff) presented the staff report and a brief PowerPoint presentation. Michael Smeltzer (University of Illinois) was available to answer questions. Staff is recommending that a broadband consultant be hired to prepare a business plan for the City of Urbana and also look at the grant proposal and other business models, such as retail, to help determine what would be the City's best course of action.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 5, 2009