

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2010**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 5, 2010 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
David Gehrig, Alderman Ward 2  
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3  
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5 [excused]  
Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7 [excused]

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Monson; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; Elizabeth Tyler; William Gray; Ronald Eldridge; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; John Schneider

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Smeltzer; Mike Tague; Sandy Yockey; Jeff Yockey; Pradeep Khanna; Reverend Zernial M. Bogan; Reverend Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Manaca Little; Yvonne Carter; Terry Townsend; Ruby Taylor; Robert Nemeth; Kirstin Replogle; Stuart Martin; 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 7:04 p.m.

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

March 15, 2010 - Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 15, 2010. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Alderman Bowersox asked that item# I-1 of *New Business* be moved ahead of *Reports of Standing Committees* to accommodate Alderwoman Stevenson who was present via teleconference. There were no objections.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Pradeep Khanna, 2619 Wedgewood Drive, Champaign, and Reverend Zernial M. Bogan, 127 Scottswood Drive, spoke to the Council of their support of the Broadband project.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee of the Whole

a. **Ordinance No. 2010-03-019: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1410 West Eads Street)**

John Schneider (Grants Manager) gave the updated report and announced Unit #4 Schools and the Champaign County Housing Authority had reached an agreement regarding the use of the property and neighboring properties.

Reverend Dr. Evelyn Underwood, 1309 West Tremont Street; Manaca Little, 1210 North Wright Street; Yvonne Carter, 1210 North Wright Street; Terry Townsend, 2806 Rachel; and Ruby Taylor, 1210 North Wright Street, spoke to the Council of their opposition to the proposed sale and use of 1410 West Eads Street. Discussion followed.

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

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| Bowersox - aye | Smyth - aye     |
| Gehrig - aye   | Stevenson - aye |
| Lewis - aye    | Prussing - aye  |

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2010-03-019: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1410 West Eads Street), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay) [MAYOR VOTING].

b. **Resolution No. 2010-03-006R: A Resolution of Support for Community Room Improvements to King School as a Tax Increment Finance District Three Project Allocation**

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

With nothing further to report, the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave the updated Economic Development Report and announced expansion of Corkscrew Winery, continued construction at Gateway Shops with possible tenants coming soon, Mary Anne's Diner coming to Gregory Place, and Einstein Bagels coming to 901 W. University. He also announced staff had recently visited with Senator Dick Durbin regarding Anthony Drive. He said the Urbana Business Association and City of Urbana Realtors Bus Tour held recently was well attended.

Mayor Prussing announced she had recently attended the Midwest High Speed Rail Association meeting. She stated the tracks from Chicago to Champaign could handle high speed rail traffic and would lower the trip time from Chicago to Champaign from two and one-half hours to forty-five minutes.

She mentioned the City of Urbana supports Michelle Obama's mission to overcome childhood obesity. Urbana encourages its residents to walk and bike, as well as eat nutritionally.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution No. 2010-03-005R: A Resolution to Accept the Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband Grant and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute All Necessary Agreements for the Same (UC2B Grant)**

*This item was handled out of sequence before Reports of Standing Committees.*

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave the updated report. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The resolution carried by a voice vote.

2. **Mayoral Appointments**

Mayor Prussing recommended the appointment of Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4, and Pete Resnick, C-U Cable Commission to serve on the UC2B Broadband Policy Committee. She recommended Bill DeJarnette, Information Services Manager and Bill Gray, Director of Public Works, to serve on the UC2B Broadband Technical Committee as voting members and David Young, OJC Technologies, to serve as a non-voting member.

*Alderman Bowersox asked to be recused from voting due to a conflict of interest.*

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

3. **Ordinance No. 2010-04-021: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Extend the Maximum Square Footage Allowed for Accessory Buildings in the R-2, Single-Family Residential, Zoning District / 304 W. Washington Street - Case No. ZBA-2010-MAJ-01)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. Additional information was provided by Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner).

Robert Nemeth, 304 West Washington Street; Kirstin Replogle, 715 South Broadway Avenue; and Stuart Martin, 302 West Washington Street, spoke to the Council in opposition to this item.

Mayor Prussing announced the Council had received correspondence from Sally Duncan, 302 West Washington; Jan Kalmar, 723 South Broadway Avenue; and Ben Galewsky, 1208 South Vine Street, in opposition to this proposed variance.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve with amendments of language changes which address the kitchen and bathroom fixtures, except for sink, to be removed from existing structure and be documented as such, and that the existing structure could not be reconstructed into a house in the future by any owner of the property and at the end of its economic lifespan, the building should be demolished. Alderman Gehrig seconded as amended. No vote was taken on this motion.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to send this item back to Staff for language changes and bring back to Council on April 19, 2010 for review. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. **Ordinance No. 2010-04-022: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the staff report. Alderman Lewis made a motion to send to Council for approval at meeting on May 17, 2010. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: April 19, 2010