

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 1, 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
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Thomas Carrino; Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (teleconference); Ronald Eldridge

OTHERS PRESENT

Gina Pagliuso; Deborah McFarland; Debra Piscola; Members of the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 18, 2010 - Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 18, 2010. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Gina Pagliuso, 806 S. Vine, spoke to the Council regarding her concerns about the Historic Urbana Lincoln Hotel purchase.

Deborah McFarland, Director of Program Services, Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club presented plaques to the Council in gratitude for their support.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2010-10-028R: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a New Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) was available by teleconference and answered questions. This item had been postponed from the October 18, 2010 meeting until this date. Alderman Roberts discussed some concerns he received from Danielle Chynoweth. Discussion followed. Debra Piscola, Comcast Regional Director of Government Affairs and Franchising was present and answered questions. There were concerns about whether a customer service representative would be available at the local office, but Ms. Piscola could not address if there would be someone available in the long term. Alderwoman Marlin read a letter from Comcast regarding maintaining the local office and it was mentioned in the letter that the current lease was in effect until December 31, 2014 and there were no plans to close the office in Urbana at this time. Alderman Gehrig made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

a. Ordinance No. 2010-10-100: An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Xiao Jin Yuan (209 South Broadway Avenue/Former Historic Lincoln Hotel)

Thomas Carrino (Community Development Manager) answered questions regarding timing of the landmarking of the property and other issues including branding and tax incentives. Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2010-10-100: An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Xiao Jin Yuan (209 South Broadway Avenue/Former Historic Lincoln Hotel), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

b. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-104: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historic Lincoln Hotel)**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2010-10-104: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historic Lincoln Hotel), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

c. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-105: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Lincoln Square Respecting Parking**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2010-10-105: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Lincoln Square Respecting Parking, was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

d. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-102: Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011**

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

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| Bowersox - Aye | Marlin - Aye |
| Gehrig - Aye | Roberts - Aye |
| Lewis - Aye | Smyth - Aye |
| Prussing - Aye | |

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2010-10-102: Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011, was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

e. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-103: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 (FY 2010-11)**

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

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| Bowersox - Aye | Marlin - Aye |
| Gehrig - Aye | Roberts - Aye |
| Lewis - Aye | Smyth - Aye |
| Prussing - Aye | |

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2010-10-103: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 (FY 2010-11), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

f. **Resolution No. 2010-10-029R: A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011**

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

g. **Ordinance No. 2010-10-101: An Ordinance Amending Article III of Chapter 22 of the Urbana City Code (Bulk Motor Fuel Tax)**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2010-10-101: An Ordinance Amending Article III of Chapter 22 of the Urbana City Code (Bulk Motor Fuel Tax), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) updated Council on economic developments in the City. The final public presentation has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 East Water Street, Urbana to discuss the plan and recommendations for the Urbana Signage and Wayfinding Concepts.

He also mentioned Farm and Fleet is having a re-opening event after completing their remodeling. Hot Slots will be opening soon. Anna Hochhalter was recognized at recent Ace Awards. The Market at the Square will be ending this weekend. There will be vendors inside Lincoln Square during the winter.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced funding was approved for Main Street. Resurfacing will begin October 13, 2010 on Wright and Goodwin Streets. A fourth county-wide residential electronics collection event will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 8 AM - Noon at The News-Gazette Distribution Center located at 3202 N Apollo Drive, Champaign.

Alderman Gehrig announced he would be resigning from the Council effective after tonight's meeting and thanked Council members.

I. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: November 15, 2010