

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, February 7, 2011 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, 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
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Thomas Carrino; Elizabeth Tyler; Ronald Eldridge; Lisa Bralts

OTHERS PRESENT

David Gehrig; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 18, 2011 - Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2011. Alderman Lewis seconded. Mayor Prussing asked for a correction in the minutes in section A to read "U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting" instead of "National Council of Mayors Convention". The motion to approve the minutes as amended was carried by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

David Gehrig, 304 W. Elm, #5, did not speak to the Council, but wished to have his position entered into the record in favor of the signage ordinance.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee of the Whole

a. Ordinance No. 2011-01-006: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Motor Vehicle Parking Signage)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. Alderman Smyth asked for a review of the signage font and logo artwork. Discussion followed. William Gray (Public Works Director) advised that any changes at this point would result in additional fees and the item would be delayed.

Alderman Marlin called the previous question. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	Prussing - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-01-006: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Motor Vehicle Parking Signage), was approved by a roll call vote (8-aye:0-nay) [MAYOR VOTING].

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were none.

Alderman Stevenson left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Alderman Roberts announced two members of the Urbana Sister City committee would be attending the Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Arlington, Virginia from March 3rd through the 5th. He stated that two members from Malawi would be in Urbana for a visit.

Mayor Prussing thanked William Gray, Rich Coyne and the Public Works department for their efforts in maintaining the streets and roads during the winter inclement weather.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced a meeting of the Champaign County Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m. in the County board room on Thursday, February 10, 2011. Discussion will include the Lincoln Avenue/Olympian Drive project.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) announced on Friday, February 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Building hallway, the City of Urbana and the Museum of the Grand Prairie (formerly the Early American Museum) will hold a public speaking engagement in an effort to set a new Guinness World Record for most simultaneous readings of the same document. As part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, they will be reading Abraham Lincoln's 1861 "Farewell Address".

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated economic development report. He announced several new tenants in the Gateway Shoppes including a second location for Rainbow Gardens and Great Clips. Jimmy Johns and Pancheros are planning to locate at an out-lot. He also announced expansion of Creative Thermal Solutions and Frasca is working on a simulator project. Carle has started construction of their new Heart and Vascular Center.

He also announced the new Public Arts Coordinator, Christina McClelland. He stated they were reviewing arts grants applications at this time. He also said the current "Artist of the Hallway" was Hua Nian who was exhibiting his pen and ink drawings.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Report: Market At The Square 2010 Annual Report**

Lisa Bralts (Economic Development Specialist/Market at the Square Director) gave the annual report. She stated the new season would begin on May 7, 2011. Discussion followed.

2. **Report: Financial Update**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) gave the updated report. He mentioned that revenues were still down and he was anticipating a budget gap. He mentioned snow removal and fuel costs had increased and gone beyond what was forecasted. Discussion followed.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: February 21, 2011