

STATE OF ILLINOIS
CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Tuesday, September 6, 2011 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Myers; Tom Carrino; Mike Monson; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler;
Curt Borman; Anthony Cobb

OTHERS PRESENT

Members of the Media

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED BY THOSE PRESENT

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Closed Session: Collective Bargaining Issues, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

The Council went into closed session at 6:01 p.m.

The Council resumed regular session at 7:00 p.m. with all present.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to recess for 15 minutes until after the Town Board Meeting. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The Council recessed at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Prussing reconvened the regular session of the City Council after the Town Board meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. with all present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

August 1, 2011, August 22, 2011 - special session - Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the regular minutes of August 1, 2011 and special minutes of August 22, 2011 in omnibus fashion. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Alderwoman Marlin asked that corrections be made to the listing of elected officials present to show Eric Jakobsson as Alderman of Ward 2 and herself as Alderwoman in Ward 7. She also asked that the language be changed in section "H" to include "strategic" plan. The motion to approve as amended carried by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. ***Ordinance No. 2011-08-100: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Increase in Floor Area Ratio in the City's R-2, Single-Family Residential, Zoning District, at 607 West High Street - Case No. ZBA-2011-MAJ-02 / Yuchen Lin)***

This item has been withdrawn by the petitioner and no further action was taken.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. **Resolution No. 2011-08-027R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Supplemental - FY 2010-11 MFT Resurfacing Project / Lincoln Avenue, Springfield Avenue, Park Street)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2011-08-104: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Kettering Park Drive; Linview Avenue)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Marlin - aye	

Disposition - Ordinance No. 2011-08-104: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Kettering Park Drive; Linview Avenue), was approved by a roll call vote [5-aye:0-nay].

- c. **Ordinance No. 2011-08-101: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Salt Dome Roof Replacement)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve ordinance nos. 2011-08-101 and 2011-08-103 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition - Ordinance No. 2011-08-101: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Salt Dome Roof Replacement) and Ordinance No. 2011-08-103: An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Champaign and Urbana Township (Funding for Salt dome Roof Replacement), were approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

- d. **Ordinance No. 2011-08-103: An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Champaign and Urbana Township (Funding for Salt Dome Roof Replacement)**

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with ordinance no. 2011-08-101.

- e. ***Resolution No. 2011-08-028R: Resolution Authorizing Two year Extension of Agreement with ABC Sanitary Hauling (Curbside Leaf Collection and Waste Collection at City Facilities)***

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated Economic Development Report. He mentioned new activity at Gateway Shoppes including Skinni Girl Yogurt and Rainbow Garden Restaurant. He also stated that Po'Boys Restaurant was relocating to the area. A ribbon cutting was held recently for The Studio. A ribbon cutting and open house was held on August 16th at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School. Link card usage was very good last weekend at the Market at the Square.

He announced there would be a breakfast and local foods discussion with food systems analyst, Ken Meter of the Crossroads Resource Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Common Ground Food Co-op in Lincoln Square Mall. The public will need to make reservations with Lisa Bralts by September 8th.

Alderman Bowersox announced there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the UC2B Urbana Broadband project at Douglass Park in Champaign. Residents of Urbana can view exhibits and plans of the UC2B Urbana Broadband project at an informal public open house to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, 1108 West Fairview Avenue, Urbana, Illinois on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Ordinance No. 2011-09-107: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Purchase of Street Sweeper)***

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. The main sweeper will be transitioned to back-up sweeper and the proposed new sweeper will be the main sweeper which is used everyday. The current back-up sweeper is in need of repairs of \$20,000 or more and rental of a sweeper is also not cost effective at \$2500 a month. There are currently funds in the

Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund which could help offset the additional cost of a new sweeper. Discussion followed.

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

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - nay
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Marlin - aye	Prussing - aye

The motion failed by a roll call vote [5-aye:1-nay] [SUPER MAJORITY WAS NEEDED TO PASS ITEM].

Alderman Roberts made a motion to have the item postponed definitely until the next Committee meeting to give Staff time to review possible cost reduction options. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. ***Ordinance No. 2011-09-106: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (1007 North Berkley Avenue)***

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) gave the staff report. The property was damaged beyond repair by a fire in 2004. The owner did not have the funds to demolish the structure. The owner and mortgage holder agreed to a court ordered demolition by the City. The City has placed a lien on the property for the cost of the demolition of \$8,100. The City has incurred additional costs over time for the upkeep of the property including mowing. Foreclosure on the property was instituted recently to gain clear title. A public sale is scheduled for September 9th. The City has spent \$19,174 thus far on the property and should incur about \$610 additional fees with the sale. The City's bid will not exceed \$21,000 and if there should be a higher bid, the City will recoup all losses to date. If City is successful, the property can be used for affordable housing. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition - Ordinance No. 2011-09-106: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (1007 North Berkley Avenue), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

3. ***Ordinance No. 2011-09-108: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Adding a New Section VI-9 Entitled "Portable Storage Containers" - Plan Case No. 2142-T-11)***

Robert Myers (Planner) gave the staff report. Staff would like to amend zoning ordinance to create standards for portable storage containers on private and public rights-of-way. The amendment would place a limit on allowed time, location, condition and dimensions of containers. Discussion followed. Council felt that some of the language needed to be reviewed and adjusted by Staff. Alderman Smyth made a motion to postpone definitely to the next Committee meeting. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

3. ***Mayoral Appointment***

Mayor Prussing announced her appointments of Virginia Waaler to the Public Arts Commission and Mary Tompkins to the Plan Commission. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the appointments. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: September 19, 2011