

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, December 5, 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 Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Carrino; Mike Monson; Elizabeth Tyler; Curt Borman; Anthony Cobb;
William Gray; Russell Chism; Bart Hagston; John Collins; Rich Coyne

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol McKusick; Carol Baxley; Gary Cziko; Marie Reeves; 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 7:09 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

November 7, 2011; November 28, 2011 - special - Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the regular minutes of November 7, 2011 and the special meeting minutes of November 28, 2011 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Carol McKusick spoke to Council regarding her concerns with parliamentary procedure and the Open Meetings Act, as well as waste containers.

Carol Baxley spoke to Council regarding her concerns with the proposed sidewalk snow removal ordinance.

Marie Reeves spoke to Council regarding her concerns with the sidewalk snow removal ordinance.

Alderman Roberts announced the Malawi Mixer held on Saturday, December 3rd, was well attended. There was an African band, native food and dance. He also reviewed building projects being completed in Zomba, Malawi and invited the public to join. The Urbana Sister Cities program meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at the City Building.

He also invited the public to a signage dedication for the 110th Anniversary of the Champaign County Courthouse to be held on Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. on the north side of the courthouse on Main Street.

Alderwoman Marlin invited the public to the Urbana Pops Orchestra concert to be held on Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church on Philo Road.

Alderman Jakobsson spoke of a recent State law passed - SB2412 - which will keep the Prairie Center open. This legislation has not been signed by the Governor yet. He recommends Council do a resolution to encourage signage.

He also stated his concerns with local immigrants being arrested and detained by some police departments in the area. He will bring more information to the Council at a later date regarding this issue.

Mayor Prussing announced the new "Artist of the Hall" is Rosalind Faiman Weinberg, and there will be a reception in her honor at 4:00 p.m. in the City Building on December 6th. She also announced a public meeting of the Boneyard Improvements on December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. *Ordinance No. 2011-11-130: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Three, Section 3-41 (Class R-1 and R-2 Liquor Licenses)*

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-130: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Three, Section 3-41 (Class R-1 and R-2 Liquor Licenses) was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

b. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-129: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Three, Section 3-41 (Sidewalk Café Licenses)***

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-129: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Three, Section 3-41 (Sidewalk Café Licenses) was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

c. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-134: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Eleven (Addition of Division 4, Sidewalk Snow and Ice)***

Bart Hagston (Environmental Sustainability Manager) went over the amended language recommended from Committee meeting. Discussion followed.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to amend the language to address the staff level change and in Section 11-65, C, it should read subsection "F" and not "G". Alderman Bowersox seconded and motion passed by a voice vote.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to amend language regarding warning notices in Section 11-66 regarding abatements and notice of warning from the City and the frequency of the notice. Alderman Jakobsson seconded and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to have time frame for removal of snow increased to 48 hours instead of 24 hours. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was done by a show of hands with 3-aye:3-nay. Mayor Prussing then voted nay and the motion was defeated.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to amend area on the east side of Philo Road to include Florida to Windsor with a four-foot clearance. Alderman Bowersox seconded and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to amend area on the west side of Philo Road between Silver and Mumford. Alderwoman Marlin seconded and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to amend language to exempt those sidewalks that are adjacent to streets with no free area to place snow. Discussion followed with no second, but no objection. Alderman Jakobsson later withdrew this motion with no objection.

Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to amend language on map from private owner responsibility to property owner responsibility. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-134: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Eleven (Addition of Division 4, Sidewalk Snow and Ice) was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay).

d. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-133: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Eleven, Section 11-53 (Waste Containers)***

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-133: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana City Code, Chapter Eleven, Section 11-53 (Waste Containers) was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

e. Traffic Commission Items:

1. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-126: An Ordinance Amending Article V of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Speed Regulations on Certain Streets (Prairie Winds Drive, Prairie Winds Circle)***

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-126: An Ordinance Amending Article V of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Speed Regulations on Certain Streets (Prairie Winds Drive, Prairie Winds Circle), was approved by a roll call vote(7-aye:0-nay).

2. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-127: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Illinois Street at Poplar Street)***

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-127: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Illinois Street at Poplar Street), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:1-nay].

3. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-128: An Ordinance Amending Schedule I of Section 23-94 of the Urbana Traffic Code Requiring Yield Signs at a Certain Intersection (Illinois Street at Poplar Street)***

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-128: An Ordinance Amending Schedule I of Section 23-94 of the Urbana Traffic Code Requiring Yield Signs at a Certain Intersection (Illinois Street at Poplar Street), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:1-nay].

f. ***Resolution No. 2011-11-042R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Clinton Landfill Permit Application to Accept Polychlorinated Biphenyls***

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

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

Disposition: Resolution No. 2011-11-042R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Clinton Landfill Permit Application to Accept Polychlorinated Biphenyls, was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay].

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated economic development report. He mentioned the recent ribbon cuttings at Rainbow Gardens, Kinex Fitness and Maia Roma Spa. The US Cellular store has opened at 1813 S. Philo Road. Village Inn Pizza has moved to the old TK Wendl's facility from Champaign. The "Artist of the Corridor" is Rosalind Faiman Weinberg. He mentioned the new director of Urbana Business Association is Cynthia Johnson.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Mayoral Appointments*

- a. Staff Appointment - Public Works
- b. MOR/DRB - Dannie Otto, Dustin Allred
- c. Sustainability Commission - Rachel Vellenga

Mayor Prussing announced her appointment of John Collins to fill the position of Operations Manager to replace Rich Coyne who is retiring effective December 21, 2011. If approved, he would begin serving effective December 22, 2011.

She is also recommending Dannie Otto and Dustin Allred to the MOR Development Review Board and Design Review Board with terms to expire on June 30, 2013 and Rachel Vellenga to the Sustainability Commission with a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve the appointments in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis 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 8:46 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 19, 2011