



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, July 2, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Brandon Bowersox-Johnson, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Diane Marlin - Alderwoman Ward 7
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Monson; Elizabeth Tyler; Curt Borman; Richard Surles; Robert Myers; Russell Chism; Brandon Boys; Deborah Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Grosser, Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:12 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 - special meeting - Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 was approved by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Prussing asked that item #4 from "New Business" be moved ahead of "Reports of Standing Committees". Alderman Lewis made a motion to change the agenda as such and Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. Alderwoman Stevenson asked that **item 1d** from

"Reports of Standing Committees" be moved ahead of #4 above to accommodate visitors in the audience. There were no objections.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. ***Ordinance No. 2012-06-067: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Hartle Avenue; Cottage Grove Avenue)***

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-06-067: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Hartle Avenue; Cottage Grove Avenue), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

- b. ***Ordinance No. 2012-06-068: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Veteran's Affairs Contract, FY 2011-12)***

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

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-06-068: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Veteran's Affairs Contract, FY 2011-12), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)[MAYOR VOTING].

- c. ***Ordinance No. 2012-06-069: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (Vacant Structures Registration)***

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

Bowersox-Johnson - aye Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye Stevenson - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-06-069: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (Vacant Structures Registration), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)[MAYOR VOTING].

- d. **Ordinance No. 2012-06-070: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing the Number of Class R-1 Liquor Licenses for La Fiesta Latina, Inc., dba La Fiesta Latina, 1717 Philo Road)**

This item was handled out of sequence after "Petitions and Communications".

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

Bowersox-Johnson - aye Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye Stevenson - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-06-070: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing the Number of Class R-1 Liquor Licenses for La Fiesta Latina, Inc., dba La Fiesta Latina, 1717 Philo Road), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)[MAYOR VOTING].

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Brandon Boys (Redevelopment Specialist) gave the staff report:

Downtown

- Bids for Segment 3 of the Boneyard Project will be opened July 9th. Construction is expected to begin in early August and will include roadwork on both Race and Broadway. The construction is expected to last 15 months.
- As part of the Pygmalion Music Festival on Friday September 28, "Dirty Projectors" will perform at an open-air outdoors, all ages show in downtown Urbana.

Cunningham Avenue

- Bids are being reviewed for street construction at the new Mervis Recycling site on North Cunningham. Construction is expected to begin in about a month.
- The Buy Sell Trade Store has opened at the southwest corner of University and Vine.
- The U of I Employees Credit Union is continuing construction of a parking lot and extensive landscaping at University and Cunningham.
- Staff is working on an effort to implement more elements of the Cunningham Avenue Beautification Study and has reassessed locations for curb cut closures.

University-Medical

- The Nabor House PUD has received a building permit and construction is proceeding for a new fraternity house on Lincoln Ave.
- Staff has been contacted by a developer interested in constructing a mixed-use student housing project at the Trammell-Crow site on University Avenue.

East Urbana

- An annexation agreement has been approved for the new Birkey's service and retail center to be located on High Cross Road.
- Site plans are under review for a new Casey's General Store facility on East University Ave. The project also received approval for its annexation agreement.
- Solo Cup has begun work to improve their facility and reduce noise. Construction will continue through the summer.

Urbana Building Permits

- 16 total building permits issued in June.
- 2 new SFR permits issued under Build Urbana in June.
- 1 new MFR permit issued in June.
- 12 total SFR permits issued in 2012
- 1,028 total permits issued under Build Urbana

Marketing Activities

- Marketing Coordinator, Natalie Kenny Marquez, is drafting a City of Urbana Marketing Plan as a guide for promotion and communication efforts.
- The Marketing Coordinator will be assisting in the marketing of UC2B services to Urbana residents and businesses during the month of July.
- Several stories and photos have been posted on the City website including updates on the Urbana Landmark Hotel renovation project, the UC2B canvassing project, and Municipal Electric Aggregation.
- Staff is preparing to transition the Available Property Database over to a county-wide system that is shared with the Economic Development Corporation. The new system will give users more options and provide free access to ESRI Business Analyst reports.

Arts Related Activities

- Twenty Champaign County artists submitted 100 artworks for consideration for Murals on Glass. The selection panel has recommended three pieces to be featured on the windows of the Parking Deck and UBA offices. The pieces will be reviewed by the UBA board and Public Arts Commission at their next meetings.
- Twenty five tree-themed sculpture pieces were submitted for consideration in the Call for Sculpture held by the City of Urbana and the Public Art League of Champaign-Urbana. The Public Arts Commission will approve two sculptures for sponsorship.
- The Public Art League held a sculpture unveiling event featuring thirteen sculptures they hope to bring to Urbana-Champaign.
- Public Arts Coordinator Christina McClelland attended the Annual Arts Alliance Illinois Members Meeting and Reception in Chicago, IL.

Urbana's Market at the Square

- Urbana's Market at the Square continues to be well-attended. Staff continue to receive positive feedback regarding the credit/debit LINK card system, the absence of dogs, and the variety of available produce.
- The City received an additional \$4,000 LINK Up grant for doubling the value of LINK Market purchases up to \$20 per card. So far over \$8,000 in grant funds, acquired last season and carried over to 2012, have been used for this program.
- June's Sprouts at the Market was the best-attended June Sprouts event ever, with roughly 100 children participating. The next Sprouts event will take place July 31, 2012.
- The second Art and Performance at the Market event will take place on Saturday, June 30. Soybean Press will lead a Letterpress Postcards workshop and Ryan Groff of Elsinore will perform. A preview of the Letterpress Postcards workshop was featured on the Tuesday, June 26 episode of WCIA Channel 3's CiLiving.tv program.
- Market Coordinator Lisa Bralts attended the first meeting of the Illinois Farmers Market Task Force on June 28, 2012 in Springfield, Illinois.

Mayor Prussing gave an update on video gambling and passed out information to the Council. She has not heard any objections thus far from the public or any of the Council members on the proposal to limit video gambling machines to bars, including the two veterans' service organizations. Letters were sent to the 13 bars in Urbana asking for a status on the machines now and desire to have them in the future. Responses from six are all requesting the machines. Four of these currently have the machines in place. Issues to be considered and discussed with public include number of establishments to have permission, possible age restrictions, license fee amount, and any other concerns brought forth.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2012-07-048R: A Resolution Supporting an Intergovernmental Agreement for Development of the 2013 Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan

Alderman Smyth made a motion to consider this item. Alderman Lewis seconded and the motion was carried by a voice vote.

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. In February 2004, the City adopted the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan. The purpose of the plan was to coordinate creation of a county-wide greenways and trails system. The plan now needs to be updated after eight years. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission has received a grant to update the plan. City contribution would be staff time and technical assistance. Discussion followed.

Alderman Bowersox-Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

2. Mayoral Appointments

- a. Design Review Board and MOR Development Review Board - John S. Kunkel
- b. Public Arts Commission - John Morrison

Mayor Prussing announced her appointments and re-appointments. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion to approve the appointments and re-appointments was carried by a voice vote.

3. Mayoral Re-appointments

- a. UPTV Commission - Marie Polk
- b. CD Commission - Fred Cobb
- c. Civilian Police Review Board - Diane Gottheil
- d. Tree Commission - Jeff Dawson

This item was handled in omnibus fashion with mayoral appointments.

4. Closed Session - Pending Litigation, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Alderman Roberts seconded. No vote was taken and Alderman Smyth withdrew his motion.

Discussion to move item #1a from "Reports of Standing Committees" was discussed and there were no objections to move it forward of this item after "Petitions and Communications".

Alderman Roberts made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion pending litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Alderman Jakobsson seconded.

The vote was as follows:

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye	

The Council went into closed session at 7:20 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 7:59 p.m.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to appoint Frederic M. Grosser as attorney to represent the City of Urbana in the court case captioned "The Carle Foundation v. Illinois Department of Revenue, et al." Champaign County case number 2008-L-202, and in any present or future related administrative or other proceedings; waive any claimed, potential or actual conflict of interest which might exist or arise because he is the attorney for Cunningham Township and the Cunningham Township Assessor in the same matters; and pay legal fees at the same rate as fees paid by Cunningham Township for time exceeding the monthly base hours. Alderman Lewis seconded and the motion passed by a voice vote.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: July 16, 2012