

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, September 17, 2012 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-Johnson, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6 [7:05 p.m.]
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

Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Michael Dilley; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Kelly H. Mierkowski; Natalie Kenny-Marquez; Bradley Bennett; Randy Burgett

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol McKusick; Carletta Donaldson; Gina Pagliuso; John Dabrowski; Greg Dorolek (via teleconference); 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 7:02 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

August 20, 2012 - Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 20, 2012. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion to approve carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Carol McKusick addressed the Council on the topic of municipal electric aggregation and Mervis (road work).

Carletta Donaldson addressed the Council in support of "National Tradesmen Day" (September 21, 2012), noting the importance of honoring our tradespeople; skilled manual workers (carpenters, plumbers, painters, etc.).

Council Member Input

Alderman Smyth expressed words of thanks to the Public Works Department and John Collins (Operations Manager) for work with the sanitary sewer in making it safe for Pride Fest, and also patching roads where bicyclists are frequent.

Alderman Roberts informed Council Members and the viewing audience that the Lierman Neighborhood had its first harvest from their community garden. Thirty-five people collected produce from the garden. Alderman Roberts also thanked all who attended the "Lincoln Elm Tree Dedication" held earlier today.

Mayor Prussing read a Proclamation dedicating September 19, 2012 as "No Text on Board Pledge Day", encouraging all drivers to take the pledge to never text and drive. She also acknowledged a letter received from Susan Tappan Flickinger requesting that professional prize-fighting or professional boxing not be allowed in the Town of Urbana. Mayor Prussing noted that it is not allowed.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. **Staff Updates:**

a. **Olympian Drive**

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented a summary of activity regarding Olympian Drive and North Lincoln Avenue projects over the past six months. (See attached.)

b. **Marketing**

Natalie Kenny Marquez (Marketing Coordinator/Interim Market Director) gave a marketing update and described her marketing goals for the City. She also noted updates on the City's website which included information pages titled "Welcome to Urbana" and "Getting Around".

2. Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) informed the Council of the Pygmalion Music Festival to be held September 28th in the parking lot north of the Black Dog restaurant, Student Welcome Week, Public Arts/Illinois Arts Council awarding \$3,250, and dedication of "Mural on Glass".
3. Mayor Prussing reported on Sister City International meeting held in China.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mayoral Appointments:**

- a. Historic Preservation Commission - Gina Pagliuso
- b. Urbana Free Library Board - Mark Netter

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the appointments of Gina Pagliuso to the Historic Preservation Commission and Mark Netter to the Urbana Free Library Board. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Ordinance No. 2012-09-087: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Whitson Circle)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

Bowersox-Johnson - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Marlin - Aye	

The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

3. **Ordinance No. 2012-09-086: An Ordinance Approving a Third Amendment to an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way between the City of Urbana and Windstream KDL, Inc. (West Kenyon Road, West Killarney Street, North Lincoln Avenue, and West Bradley Avenue)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

Bowersox-Johnson - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Marlin - Aye	

The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

4. **Motion to Accept Proposed Cost Reduction of Boneyard Creek Improvements Project**

Bradley Bennett (Sr. Civil Engineer) presented the staff report and introduced John Dabrowski (Civil Engineer/Foth Infrastructure and Environment), who was available to answer questions. Also available to answer questions via teleconference was Greg Dorolek (Landscape Architect/Wenk Company of Denver, CO).

Mayor Prussing acknowledged public input at this time.

Gina Pagliuso addressed the Council with concerns regarding this project.

Following debate, Alderman Smyth made a motion to bring this item back to Council. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. This item will come back in two weeks and appear on the October 1, 2012 agenda.

5. **Resolution No. 2012-09-058R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller (Local Debt Recovery Program)**

Alderman Smyth moved to consider this item. Alderman Bowersox-Johnson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. *[Note: A motion to consider was necessary due to this item being a resolution and not presented to Committee first.]*

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **Closed Session: Property Acquisition Issues, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues, pursuant Chapter 5, Section 120/2(c)(5) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox-Johnson - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Marlin - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

The motion carried by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). *[*Mayor voted.]*

The Council went into closed session at 9:11 p.m.

The Council resumed its regular session by motion from Alderwoman Stevenson and second by Alderman Smyth at 9:57 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion to resume regular session carried by voice vote. The following elected officials were physically present by roll call: Bowersox-Johnson, Jakobsson, Lewis, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson, and Mayor Prussing. *[The record also acknowledges City Clerk Phyllis Clark, an elected official, physically present.]*

7. **Ordinance No. 2012-09-089: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (301 East Thompson Street)**

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

Bowersox-Johnson - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Marlin - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

The motion carried by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). *[*Mayor voted.]*

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.