

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2012**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session December 3, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charles Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3  
Brandon Bowersox-Johnson, 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**

Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2

**STAFF PRESENT**

James Simon, Mike Monson, Patrick Connolly, Mike Dilley, Ronald Eldridge, William Gray, Elizabeth Tyler, Tom Carrino, Kelly Mierkowski, John Schneider, Jenell Hardy,

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Robin Arbiter, Carletta Donaldson, Jim Lorr, Bill Brown, Media

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:05p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2012. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Robin Arbiter, representing the Lierman Neighborhood Action Committee (LNAC), addressed the Council in support of Ordinance No. 2012-12-108 (Urbana Townhomes Acquisition).

Carletta Donaldson thanked the City Council for sending the Florida Avenue Parking issue back to the Traffic Commission. She also informed them of upcoming community events.

Jim Lorr, representing Urbana Acupuncture, LLC, informed the Council of the first year anniversary event for Urbana Acupuncture and thanked them for the business incentives given.

Bill Brown, also representing LNAC, spoke in support of the Urbana Townhomes acquisition proposed in Ordinance No. 2012-12-108.

**Council Member Input**

Alderman Bowersox-Johnson commended the Lierman Avenue residents on the progress of their neighborhood and encouraged them to continue being involved.

**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**

There were none

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Mayoral Appointments**

**a. Tree Commission - Stewart Berlocher**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the appointment of Stewart Berlocher to the Tree Commission. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**2. Ordinance No. 2012-12-108: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate (Urbana Townhomes - 901 to 1009 S. Lierman Avenue)**

John Schneider, Building Safety Division Manager, presented the Ordinance for approval. Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follow:

Bowersox-Johnson, Aye  
Lewis, Aye  
Marlin, Aye  
Roberts, Aye

Smyth, Aye  
Stevenson, Aye  
Mayor Prussing, Aye

3. **Ordinance No. 2012-12-109; An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of \$ 7,800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, and Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax for the payment of the Principal and interest of Such Bonds**

Ron Eldridge gave an update about the process and responsibilities of this ordinance. He also explained that the Council needs to approve this Ordinance before the end of the year.

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to send this ordinance to a special Council meeting on Monday, December 10, 2012. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Discussion: Social Service Funding**

Open discussion about different ways to approach funding this year and how the City can partnership with the City of Champaign.

No action taken on this item.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

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Wendy M. Hundley  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis O. Clark  
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

**Minutes Approved: December 17, 2012**