



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 3, 2013

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building. *Regular meeting was held on Tuesday due to Labor Day.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charles Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Carol Ammons, Alderwoman Ward 3
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Michael P. Madigan, Alderman Ward 6
Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
Phyllis D. Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Carrino; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Richard Hentschel; Mike Monson; Robert Myers; Brian Nightlinger; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT

Carlos Donaldson; Dan Elg; Durl Kruse; Jason Scott; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; Robert S. Wease; Michael Wilmore; 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 7:03 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to approved minutes from August 12, 2013 (Special) and August 19, 2013. Alderman Roberts seconded. Alderman Brown made corrections to minutes from August 19, 2013. On page 5, under New Business the vote was missing. After corrections, motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Prussing read a proclamation that was signed by both Mayors of Champaign and Urbana, declaring September 14, 2013 as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Pride Day in the City of Urbana-Champaign.

Mayor Prussing also read a letter from Robin Arbiter (Lierman Neighborhood Resident) who was not able to attend, but wanted to express her concerns about "Bad Tenants". Management and Leases are the tools a landlord has at their disposal in holding people accountable for their actions as tenants.

Carlos Donaldson addressed the Council in opposition of Ordinance No. 2013-08-075 and his position on Bike Paths.

Dan Elg addressed the Council to express his concerns about Ordinance No. 2013-08-075.

Robert Wease addressed the Council in regards to Safety issues in the Sunny Crest area and to express his opinion about the Down Town construction project.

Bishop King James Underwood and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood did not wish to speak but wanted to have noted on record their concerns about Dr. Ellis Subdivision Sewer Problems.

Michael Wilmore (staff representative from AFSCME Local 1331) addressed the Council in support of Ordinance No. 2013-08-075, and to express his concerns about proposed major cuts to the Public Works Department.

Jason Scott (President for AFSCME Local 1331) also a Public Works employee addressed the Council in support of Ordinance No. 2013-08-075.

Durl Kruse addressed the Council to express his concerns in regards to Ordinance No. 2013-08-075. Raising taxes should be the last option.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. Resolution No. 2013-08-044R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program (Municipal Electric Aggregation - 2013)

Scott Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager was available for questions.
Alderman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-08-044R. Alderman Smyth seconded.

Mayor relinquishes herself as chair at 7:31pm to join discussion. Chair regained at 7:32pm.

Alderman Brown made a motion to add an amendment to replace wording at the bottom of first page Section 1; it should read "provided, however, that no renewable energy credits (RECs) are purchased as part of the agreement". Alderman Madigan seconded. After discussion, motion failed.

After further discussion this Resolution was approved by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charlie Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

Action: Resolution No. 2013-08-044R was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- b. Resolution No. 2013-08-045R: A Resolution Approving a Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. (Municipal Electric Aggregation - 2013)

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-08-045R. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion Carried by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charlie Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

Action: Resolution No. 2013-08-045R was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to direct Staff and Sustainability Commission to look at alternatives both within RECs as well as programs that might spend money on local conservation projects that could be effective ways of reducing our energy use to reduce our carbon footprint. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

- c. Ordinance No. 2013-08-075: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Twenty-Two, Section 22-1 (Home Rule Municipal Retailers' and Service Occupation Tax - 2013)

Mayor Prussing relinquishes herself as chair at 8:02 to join discussion. Chair regained at 8:04.

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to move for discussion purposes. Alderman Smyth seconded. After further discussions Alderman Madigan moved to defer till next council meeting on 09/16/2013. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Action: No action taken, defer to next Council meeting.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Monthly Economic Development Report [T. Carrino]

Tom Carrino, Economic Development Manager, presented the Economic Development Report. He gave a summary of the many things happening in Urbana in the Economic Development level, with highlights on the 38th Annual Sweet Corn Festival which was a success and has received good feedback from vendors as to the changes that were made this year.

Mayor Prussing introduced Richard Hentschel (Interim Comptroller) he was available for questions.

William Gray, Public Works Director announced an open house for the University District Traffic Circulation Study that will be held on Thursday September 5, 2013 from 4-7pm at the Activity and Recreational Center on campus at 201 E. Peabody. There is also a Free Bike Light Giveaway on Thursday September 12, 2013 from 4-7pm at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Illinois Street targeted for students but it is open to anyone who needs it.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2013-09-078: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Multipart Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Plan Case No. 2208-T-13)

Robert Myers, Planning Manager presented this ordinance for approval.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to send Ordinance No. 2013-09-078 back to committee for further study. Alderwoman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action: Ordinance No. 2013-09-078 sent back to committee for further evaluation.

2. Mayoral Appointment:

- a. Civil Service Commission - Tom Betz

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve appointment of Tom Betz to the Civil Service Commission. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action: This appointment was approved by voice vote.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: September 16, 2013