

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday October 7, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

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
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Charles Smyth, Alderman Ward 1

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Carrino; Patrick Connolly; Jeff Engstrom; William Gray; Sylvia Morgan; Brian Nightlinger; John Schneider; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT

Cynthia Hoyle; Patricia Avery; Chris Billing; Rev. T.A. Burks; Belden Fields; Artice James; Cain Kiser; Mark Leff; Neil Malone; Esther Patt; Daniel Stauder; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; 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 7:13 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2013 and September 16, 2013(Special). Alderwoman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Cain Kiser, representing Adams Outdoor Advertising addressed the Council with a power point presentation in favor of Digital Billboards.

Rev. T.A. Burks addressed the Council to comment on the Mayoral appointments to Regional Planning Commission (He feels that the city representative needs to address the RPC customer service approach to the public) and Human Relation Officer (He is in opposition of nomination).

Esther Patt, representing Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union addressed the Council in support of Ordinance 2013-09-082.

Belden Fields (Champaign Urbana Citizens for Peace and Justice); Mark Leff (Champaign County ACLU Chapter); Artice James (NAACP Chapter of Champaign County) addressed the council with two requests:

1. To schedule a Special City Council Study Session between October 29, 2013 and November 15, 2013 to present, discuss and review the IDOT traffic data.

2. To create, support and fund an Ad Hoc Traffic Stop Data Committee.

Mayor Prussing read a Proclamation declaring October 09, 2013 International Walk 'N' Roll to School Day.

Patricia Avery addressed the Council to congratulate the city on its 180th birthday and to move forward Ms. Avery encourage council members to consider adding more diversity as they move forward not just employment but overall, including development projects and new businesses. She also congratulated Council member Jakobsson on his Golden Wedding anniversary.

Mayor Prussing read and announced the winner of the Limerick contest. She also announced that Habitat for Humanities will be building 4 new homes in Urbana.

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.

Council member Dennis Roberts reminded everyone about the city goals, if anyone has anything that they would like to add please contact him or Council member Charlie Smyth.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. **Ordinance No. 2013-09-082:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Five, Article IX, Section 5-83 (Regarding

Property Maintenance Code Violations - Sections PM-106.4, PM-106.4.1 and PM-106.4.3) [Sent from 9/9/13 Committee]

John Schneider, Community Developments Building Safety Manager presented Ordinance No. 2013-09-082 for approval.

Alderswoman Marlin made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2013-09-082. The amendment is as follows: *The Code Official, or designee, shall provide to City Council a bimonthly, written report documenting "Failure to Comply" tickets, beginning in January 2014. The report shall include property address, PIN, owner name, fine amounts, date issued, date due, amount paid, date paid, late balance due, violation status, and any other pertinent information. The report shall be included in the Council packet.* Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderswoman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-09-082 as amended. Alderswoman Marlin 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: Ordinance No. 2013-09-082 was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- b. **Ordinance No. 2013-09-089:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class A Liquor Licenses for A Plus Restaurant & Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a A Plus VIP Lounge, 214 West Main Street)

Alderman Michael Madigan recused himself due to conflict of interest at 7:49pm.

Alderswoman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-09-089. 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 - Recuse	

Action: Ordinance No. 2013-09-089 was approved by roll call vote (6-Ayes; 0-Nays; 1-Recuse)

- c. **Resolution No. 2013-09-050R:** Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Philo Road and Florida Avenue)

Alderswoman Ammons made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-09-050R. 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. 2013-09-050R was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- d. **Ordinance No. 2013-09-088:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (City Building Emergency Air Conditioning Unit Replacement)

Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-09-088. 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	Mayor Prussing - Aye

Action: Ordinance No. 2013-09-088 was approved by roll call vote (8-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- e. **Ordinance No. 2013-09-090:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Prairie Winds Drive; Prairie Winds Circle)

Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-09-090. Alderman Madigan 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	Mayor Prussing - Aye

Action: Ordinance No. 2013-09-090 was approved by roll call vote (8-Ayes; 0-Nays)

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Tom Carrino, Economic Development Manager, presented the Economic Development Report. Happy to announce that Sitara Indian Restaurant and The new Black Rock are now open, he also gave a brief description of the many events that have taken place in the community with highlights on ribbon cutting of new business and a progress update of future businesses. The City also celebrated its 180th birthday at the Landmark Hotel on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

William Gray, Public Works Director made some announcements: There will be a public informational meeting on Tuesday October 29, 2013 from 5-7pm at the Civic Center in regards to the North Lincoln Avenue project; Watch out for night milling and repaving projects at the following streets: Main Street, Broadway Avenue, Race Street and Water Street. Finally Mr. Gray invited everyone to check out the new Mathews Street project.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mayoral Appointments:**

- a. Public Arts Commission - Ilona Matkovszki
- b. Human Relations Commission - Tyler Morrison

Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to approve the following appointments in omnibus fashion. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action: These Mayoral Appointments were approved in omnibus fashion.

2. **Mayoral Intergovernmental Appointments:**

- a. Regional Planning Commission - Charlie Smyth

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve this appointment. Alderwoman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action: This Intergovernmental Appointment was approved.

Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to add public input presentations as an agenda item in the following order: The Adams Outdoor Signs on the October 28, 2013 agenda and Traffic Committee on the November 11, 2013 agenda. Alderman Madigan seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-091:** An Ordinance Vacating an Alley (Sassafrass Alley Between Busey and Coler Avenues)

William Gray, Public Works Director presented this item for approval.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-10-091. Alderman Jakobsson 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: Ordinance No. 2013-10-091 was approved by roll call vote of (7-Ayes and 0-Nays)

4. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-092:** An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Allow Expansion of an Accessory Parking Lot in the R-5, Medium High Density Residential District - Plan Case No. 2213-SU-13 / 701, 703, 705, 707, 709 West Clark Street, and 310 North Busey Avenue - St. Patrick Catholic Church)

Jeff Engstrom, Community Development Planner II presented this ordinance for approval with a power point presentation.

Daniel Stauder (Architect) and Chris Billing (Berns Clancy & Associates) representing St. Patrick's Church addressed the Council in favor of this Ordinance.

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-10-092. Alderwoman Ammons 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: Ordinance No. 2013-10-092 was approved as presented by representatives and staff with a roll call vote of (7-Ayes: 0-Nays)

5. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-093:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (Annual Rental Property Registration, FY 2013-2014 / October 2013)

Elizabeth Tyler, Community Development Director presented this ordinance for approval.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-10-093. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion did not carry.

Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2013-10-093. The amendment is as follows: *The rate schedule for this ordinance shall expire in one year. Prior to expiration city staff shall report to the Council on the feasibility of establishing a rate schedule such that property owners who have fineable failure to remedy violations will pay the full rate while property owners who do not have such violations shall receive a discount that causes their fees to revert to the previous level.* Alderman Madigan seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Neil Malone (Champaign County Association of Realtors) addressed the Council in opposition of Ordinance No. 2013-10-093 and to express his concerns.

After further discussion Alderman Madigan made a motion to defer this Ordinance to the next council meeting on 10/21/13. Alderwoman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action: Ordinance No. 2013-10-093 was deferred to the next council meeting on 10/21/13.

6. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-094:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter One, Section 1-10(k) Regarding Fines for Building, Fire and Flood Safety Code Violations

John Schneider, Building Safety Manager presented this ordinance for approval.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-10-094. 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: Ordinance No. 2013-10-094 was approved by roll call vote
of (7-Ayes: 0-Nays)

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor
Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 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: October 21, 2013