

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 3, 2014

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Carol C. Ammons, Alderwoman Ward 3
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Michael P. Madigan, Alderman Ward 6
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

Brandon Boys; Patrick Connolly; Jeff Engstrom; William Gray; Mike Monson; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas Bruno; Bishop King James Underwood; Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood; News-Gazette; and, 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 7:21 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on October 13, 2014, and the meeting held on October 20, 2014. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Thomas Bruno addressed the Council requesting an update on the repair or demolition of the condemned building located at 202 West Green Street, as well as expressing concerns about public safety and inconvenience regarding the closed sidewalk at the corner of Race Street and Green Street. Mr. Bruno suggested re-opening the sidewalk adjacent to the property, even if before the demolition or repair issue is resolved, and further suggested that the City take action to clean up the corner and make the property safe.

2. Bishop King James Underwood and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood did not wish to speak, but are still concerned about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer problems.

3. Michael Kilcullen with the Urbana Sister Cities Committee gave an update on the upcoming trip to Thionville, France, including brief discussion with Council and Mayor Prussing regarding the trip, an overview of the United States military history pertaining to the area, and the area to be visited.

4. Gina Pagliuso asked Council for an update regarding the Landmark Hotel and the burnt buildings on Lierman Avenue and Washington Street.

Council Member Input

Mayor Prussing and Alderman Roberts addressed the Urbana Townhomes Demolition issue, discussing how the process to remove the buildings is underway and that the appropriate documents to be able to proceed were being completed and processed, so that the City can move forward with removal of the burnt buildings.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

a. **Ordinance No. 2014-10-100:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule F of Section 23-83 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Designating One-Way Streets and Alleys (Oregon Street between Cedar Street and Birch Street)

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-10-100 as presented. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2014-10-100 was approved by roll call vote (7 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

b. **Resolution No. 2014-10-056R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Entry into and Execution of an Agreement between the City of Urbana, Illinois and the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois (Public Arts Commission)

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-10-056R as presented. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

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

Disposition: Resolution No. 2014-10-56R was approved by roll call vote (7 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

c. **Ordinance No. 2014-10-101:** An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement Second Amended and Restated with Cake Design Development LLC (206, 208, 210 West Main Street)

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-10-101 as presented. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2014-10-101 was approved by roll call vote (7 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

d. **Ordinance No. 2014-10-102:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, Fy2014-15 (Redevelopment Agreement Second Amended and Restated, Cake Design Development LLC)

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-10-101 as presented. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

Charles Smyth - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye
Carol Ammons - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye

Dennis Roberts - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye
Diane Marlin - Aye
Mayor Prussing - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2014-10-101 was approved by roll call vote (8 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler responded to the earlier request for an update regarding 202 East Green Street property. Ms. Tyler presented that the property is owned and taxes are being paid by the property owner. If the owner does not comply with the repair or demolish order, the City has legal options that can be pursued to move forward. The sidewalk cannot be re-opened until the building issues have been addressed.

Ms. Tyler also gave an update on the Landmark Hotel, to address the public's inquiry and concerns, however as this item was not on the Agenda, Ms. Tyler did not come prepared to offer a complete update at this time.

Ms. Tyler also addressed the Lierman Avenue and Washington Street Urbana Townhomes Demolition issue, regarding the change in the HUD policies that held up the City's obtaining clearance to complete the demolition. The City should have clearance to complete the demolition within the next few weeks.

After Ms. Tyler presented the update regarding the Lierman/Washington property, there was discussion with several members of Council regarding the status of the Landmark Hotel project and the various related issues. Alderman Madigan suggested placing this item on a near-future Agenda, so that a more detailed update can be presented.

Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys presented highlights from the October Economic Development Activities Report focusing on several new businesses opening, the continued development at 5-Points, and the renovation of the former Holiday Inn at North Lincoln Avenue, which will open as a Wyndham Garden Inn, as well as giving updates regarding the Public Arts Program's various current projects.

Mr. Boys also discussed the ISHA's bid committee laying the groundwork for a bid to bring the IHSA's boys' basketball tournaments back to Champaign-Urbana, gave information on the Business and Development luncheon hosted by Community Development on November 18, 2014, and gave an update on the C-U MTD supporting the Enterprise Zone with property tax abatements.

Public Works Director William Gray presented an update on TIGER grants received by The University of Illinois, City of Champaign and City of Urbana (MCORE grant). Mr. Gray discussed that on November 24, 2014

there is a plan to bring to Council a 4-part intergovernmental agreement similar to the Olympian Drive agreement; and there is also a Federal Highway Agreement with four agencies, with the federal funds being managed through IDOT. A discussion with Council to clarify the \$35,000,000.00 amount and other points pertaining to the projects followed Mr. Gray's presentation.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2014-11-058R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Judicial Deed for Certain Real Estate (2408 N Cunningham Avenue)

Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys presented that Resolution No. 2014-11-058R and the following three Ordinances function together to initiate the project and see it to completion.

Mr. Boys explained that after the City secures clean title via a judicial deed (Resolution No. 2014-11-058R), the real estate would be sold to Kelly Dillard (Ordinance No. 2014-11-103). As part of the sale, Mr. Dillard would execute a contract guaranteeing his demolition and removal of the hotel structure.

Mr. Boys further explained that as part of a redevelopment agreement between the City and Mr. Dillard, Mr. Dillard would receive reimbursement up to \$300,000.00 upon substantial completion of the demolition (Ordinance No. 2014-11-104).

The final Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2014-11-105) is to approve an amendment to the FY2014-2015 budget to provide TIF 4 funds of \$60,000.00 for the demolition of the property and associated legal expenses, bringing the total project budget to \$310,000.00.

Aldermen Jakobsson, Madigan and Roberts contributed to a discussion about the positive effects and potential this project will have regarding the City's development and growth.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-11-058R as presented. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

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

Disposition: Resolution No. 2014-11-058R was approved by roll call vote (8 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

2. **Ordinance No. 2014-11-103:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (2408 N Cunningham Avenue)

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-11-103 as presented. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2014-11-103 was approved by roll call vote (8 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

3. **Ordinance No. 2014-11-104:** An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Kelly Dillard (2408 N Cunningham Avenue)

Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-11-104 as presented. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2014-11-104 was approved by roll call vote (8 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

4. **Ordinance No. 2014-11-105:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY2014-15 (Redevelopment Agreement with Kelly Dillard, 2408 N Cunningham Avenue)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-11-105 as presented. Alderwoman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Votes were as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2014-11-105 was approved by roll call vote (8 - Ayes; 0 - Nays)

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: _____

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES
OF THE URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

1. Section D.: Council Member Input: In the first sentence, "burnt buildings issue" were replaced with "Urbana Townhomes Demolition issue";
2. Section H. Reports of Officers: At the end of the first sentence in the third paragraph, the words "fire buildings" were replaced with "Urbana Townhomes Demolition issue"