

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06-046

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET
(FY 2011-2012)

FILED
JUN 29 2011
Joely Hulten
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois, is a home rule unit pursuant to the provisions of Section 6, Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; to license; to tax; and to incur debt; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Annual Budget for the City of Urbana for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, has been prepared by the Budget Director in accordance with the provision of Division 2, entitled "Budget", of Article VI, entitled "Finances and Purchases", of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Annual Budget was made conveniently available for public inspection by publication in pamphlet form as prescribed by the corporate authorities at least fourteen (14) days prior to a public hearing on said proposed Annual Budget duly held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011, after due and proper notice of the availability for inspection of the proposed Annual Budget and the said public hearing having been given by publication in the News-Gazette, a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Urbana on a date at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, hereby desires to pass, approve and adopt the proposed Annual Budget as heretofore further changed, modified and amended by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

That the City of Urbana Budget 2011-12, a complete copy of which such document including all relevant elements thereof has been presented to and is now before this meeting, a true copy of which is attached hereto, be and the same is hereby passed, approved and adopted as the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a special meeting of said City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 13th day of June,
2011.

AYES: Bowersox, Jakobsson, Lewis, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth,
Mayor Prussing

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:



Phillip D. Clark
Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Addendum to Ordinance No. 2011-06-046: Portion of FY 2011-2012 Annual Budget
VETOED BY MAYOR this 20th day of June, 2011, only as to the following line
item:

Page 47 of Supplementary Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2011-2012,
"Conv./Tourist Bureau \$71,820"

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Date June 20, 2011

Letter attached.



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June 20, 2011

To: Urbana City Council

From: Laurel Prussing

Re: Veto of Appropriation of \$71,820 for Convention and Visitors Bureau (p. 47 of Supplementary Expenditure Report, City of Urbana Budget 2011-12)

Dear Charlie, Eric, Robert, Brandon, Dennis, Heather and Diane:

As you know the City of Urbana is facing an unprecedented budget gap due to the effects of the national recession. This gap will only widen as we face the costs of binding arbitration with our labor unions.

Because we need to invest our scarce tax dollars only in what truly benefits Urbana taxpayers, I am vetoing the line item appropriation of \$71,820 for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 for the following reasons:

1. Not one Urbana business can document whether the CVB has been helpful to their business. Two arts-related businesses have told me they benefit from the 40 North expenditure. (Please note: that money-\$30,000- is contributed to CVB by the City of Champaign.)
2. Other businesses have said they asked CVB for help, but were turned down.
3. An experienced hotel operator was stumped when asked what effect CVB had on his business.
4. We are spending twice as much on CVB as we are on the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The City of Champaign has cut funding for EDC by \$20,000 this year. We have not cut EDC because they have been helpful to us on major projects such as Olympian Drive and also as an ally pushing for high-speed rail.
5. We are spending as much on CVB as we are in the gallery subsidy that has helped bring businesses to downtown.
6. CVB claimed an economic impact of \$1.6 million in an e-mail sent June 11 and \$3 million in a statement before the council two days later on June 13. No documentation is offered to back these claims or demonstrate that CVB brings people here who would not come otherwise.
7. A number of individuals have noted that CVB takes credit for the work done by others.
8. At first, I was prepared to work on a compromise so that CVB could take up some of our General Corporate spending on tourism-related spending, so they could continue to get a state match.
9. However, after comparing their claims with their actual results, I cannot in good conscience recommend we give them anything. The State of Illinois does not have money to waste, anymore than does the City of Urbana.
10. I believe a far better use of the \$71,820 would be to pay to fill two vacant police positions and to establish a reasonable pay differential between police lieutenants and sergeants.

Sincerely,