



STATE OF ILLINOIS

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 3, 2005

CITY OF URBANA

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 3, 2005 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth and Stevenson – 7.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Eddie Adair, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden and Planner Matt Wempe.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderman Bowersox moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2005 and the special meeting of September 26, 2005. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Tyler Fitch, 503 East California, expressed his support for the Entryway Sign Policy.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Committee of the Whole**

Alderman Roberts moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-09-140: An Ordinance Requiring Payment of a Stormwater Drainage Connection Fee Relating to a Certain Tract (PIN #91-21-06-426-004 and #91-21-06-426-009 / Marathon Tract).**

The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth. Following debate, the motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve the **Motion to Approve Entryway Sign Policy.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Roberts moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2005-09-015R: A Resolution Determining the Amounts of Money Necessary to be Raised by the Tax Levy (2005).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Roberts moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2005-09-016R: A Resolution in Support of Local Franchising.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2005 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented the monthly Economic Development report.

Mayor Prussing presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for 2004 to Comptroller Ron Eldridge.

Mayor Prussing read a Proclamation by the Mayors of the Cities of Champaign and Urbana proclaiming Wednesday, October 5, 2005 to be International Walk to School Day and presented it to MTD representative Cynthia Hoyle.

Mayor Prussing announced a Joint Study Session with the Champaign City Council and the County Board to discuss the difficulties with the County changing the funding of Fringe Road on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Prussing stated that October is National Domestic Violence and Awareness Month. A Woman's Place in Urbana was one of the first shelters in the Country thirty-four years ago.

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting in the gymnasium at Martin Luther King School to discuss parking issues in the area west of Goodwin and north of Provena-Covenant Hospital.

Alderman Roberts reminded the public that there will be a First Thursday meeting sponsored by the Police Department will be held October 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vineyard Fellowship Christian Church.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Planner Matt Wempe presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2005-10-146: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (to allow the establishment of a “Church or Temple” in the R-3, Single- and two-family residential zoning district – Plan Case No. 1956-SU-05).**

The Church of the Living God has submitted a request to allow a church at 1701 North Carver Drive, which is zoned R-3, Single- and Two-Family Residential. A Special Use Permit was previously approved by the Urbana City Council in May 2002, though the church never developed as planned. Due to the delay, the original permit has expired. The church has submitted a revised site plan for the property.

Following debate, Alderwoman Barnes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-10-146: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (to allow the establishment of a “Church or Temple” in the R-3, Single- and two-family residential zoning district – Plan Case No. 1956-SU-05).** The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox.

Following debate regarding access to the site, Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to amend the motion to change condition number 5 to the following: That a paved pedestrian connectivity plan including a paved linking to existing sidewalks shall be prepared and constructed, subject to the review and approval of

the Urbana Zoning Administrator and the City Engineer.” The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Following further debate, the motion as amend, carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Mayor Prussing presented her recommendation for **Appointment of City Attorney**, James Gitz. Mr. Gitz was a state senator in the 35<sup>th</sup> District from 1979 to 1983 and worked in the private sector in Chicago, Freeport, and Rockford until he was elected mayor of Freeport in 1997. He served as Mayor until May 2005.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve the appointment of James Gitz as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

\*\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: October 17, 2005