

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2005

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, October 17, 2005 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

- Ward 1 - Alderman Charlie Smyth
- Ward 2 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth
- Ward 3 - Alderman Robert E. Lewis
- Ward 4 - Alderman Brandon Bowersox
- Ward 5 - Alderman Dennis Roberts
- Ward 6 - Alderwoman Heather Stevenson
- Ward 7 - Alderwoman Lynne C. Barnes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; James Gitz; Michael Bily; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Webster; Neil Strack; Members of the Media

The meeting of the Urbana City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Prussing.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 3, 2005 - Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 3, 2005. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There was no public input.

Council Member Input

Alderwoman Barnes reminded the Council and viewing audience of a SUNA (Southeast Urbana Neighborhood Association) meeting to be held this

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the gym of Yankee Ridge School. This will be a follow-up meeting regarding safety issues in the Southeast Urbana area.

Mayor Prussing acknowledged the new City Attorney, James Gitz, and welcomed him aboard.

D. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. Resolution No. 2005-10-018R: ***A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (Tax Increment Finance District No. One)***

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2005-10-018R, "A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (Tax Increment Finance District No. One)", was adopted by Council with a voice vote.

- b. Resolution No. 2005-10-019R: ***Official Intent Resolution With Respect to Supportive Living Facility to be Developed by Prairie Winds of Urbana, LLC***

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2005-10-019R, "Official Intent Resolution With Respect to Supportive Living Facility to be Developed by Prairie Winds of Urbana, LLC", was adopted by Council with a voice vote.

Agenda items E.1.c, E.1.d, E.1.e and E.1.f were acted on in omnibus fashion.

- c. Ordinance No. 2005-09-139: ***An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Intergovernmental Supplemental Agreement With the Illinois Department of Transportation (Installation of Fold-Down Stop Signs);***
- d. Resolution No. 2005-10-017R: ***Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Florida Avenue, Race Street, Windsor Road, Water Street);***

- e. Ordinance No. 2005-09-144: **An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Abercorn Street, Montgomery Street, Ogelthorpe Avenue);**
and
- f. Ordinance No. 2005-09-145: **An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Colorado Avenue at Stone Creek Boulevard)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve these items.
Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-09-139, Resolution No. 2005-10-017R, and Ordinance Nos. 2005-09-144 and 2005-09-145 were approved by Council with a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

Alderman Bowersox noted that two motions were presented at last week's Committee meeting. The first was regarding inclusionary zoning, asking staff and the Community Development Commission to consider including inclusionary zoning strategies to stop the concentration of poverty and to report back to the City Council. The second motion was a request that the Mayor create a task force to consider crime-free multi-housing ordinance adjustments and programs. These were both motions presented as Committee Of The Whole, but did not warrant Council action this evening.

With nothing further to report, Alderman Bowersox stated that the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Prussing reported on last week's joint study session concerning urban fringe roads. She also addressed a memo from Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) with a background on the Fringe Road Agreement. Mayor Prussing noted this agreement was made in 1994. If the County refuses to rescind its May 19, 2005 resolution, Mayor Prussing suggested consulting our city attorney for options (i.e., refund of the \$577,000 in sales tax the City has already paid to the County; refuse to pay the County any more sales tax; renegotiate the Lierman Avenue Agreement). The County is paying upfront and the City is to repay them two-thirds of the cost over three years, a total of \$900,000. Mayor Prussing will continue to try to negotiate with County Board Members, and encouraged constituents to contact them as well. Urbana citizens need to talk with their County Board representatives about fairness in

taxation and about adequate representation of Urbana and Champaign taxpayers.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Lincoln Square Village Progress Report***

Jim Webster (representative for Lincoln Square Village) and Neil Strack (Architect) gave a brief update on the Lincoln Square Village project. (See attached)

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

2. ***Philo Road Action Plan Update***

Mr. Walden gave an update on the Philo Road Action Plan with the assistance of Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner), and William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer). (See attached.) There was no Council action at this time.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

Attachments

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: November 7, 2005