

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2005**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 21, 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;
Eddie Adair; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Ronald
Eldridge; Robert Myers; Mathew Wempe

OTHERS PRESENT

Daxton Neal; Gabriel Omo-Osagie; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

November 7, 2005 - Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 7, 2005. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Daxton Neal addressed the Council with concerns concerning outdoor advertising signs and billboards.

Gabriel Omo-Osagie, 2409 N. High Cross Road, addressed the Council with concerns regarding advertising houses for rent that have four or more bedrooms as apartments.

Council Member Input

Alderman Barnes discussed upcoming meeting dates, noting that staff was proposing that next week's meeting be cancelled due to lack of agenda items. Due to the holidays, it was noted that the Council had already voted to cancel the meetings of December 26, 2005 and January 2, 2006.

Alderman Smyth moved to cancel next week's Committee Of The Whole meeting. Alderman Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. Ordinance No. 2005-11-168: ***An Ordinance Approving an Agreement With the Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District (Sewer Billing Charges)***

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-11-168, "An Ordinance Approving an Agreement With the Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District (Sewer Billing Charges)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- b. Ordinance No. 2005-11-169: ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the City of Urbana Code of Ordinances (Sewer Use Charges)***

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-11-169, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the City of Urbana Code of Ordinances (Sewer Use Charges)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- c. Ordinance No. 2005-11-170: **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-7 "Schedule of Fees" (Sewer Use Charges)**

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-11-170, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-7 "Schedule of Fees" (Sewer Use Charges)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- d. Ordinance No. 2005-11-167: **An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Maple Street Between Michigan Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue; 300 Block of East Crystal Lake Drive)**

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve. 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. 2005-11-167, "An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Maple Street Between Michigan Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue; 300 Block of East Crystal Lake Drive)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- e. **Motion to Consider CDBG Funding for Scottswood Drainage Project**

The motion was made by Alderman Stevenson and seconded by Alderman Barnes. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: The motion to consider CDBG funding for the Scottswood Drainage Project carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- f. Resolution No. 2005-11-022R: ***A Resolution of Support for Improvements to Lincoln Avenue (Lincoln Avenue Traffic Signals and Striping)***

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Roberts seconded.

Alderman Smyth noted that the Illinois Student Senate passed a resolution last week to support Lincoln Avenue improvements. He submitted a copy of the resolution to be entered into record. (See attached.)

Following debate, Alderman Barnes moved to postpone action on this item until December 5, 2005. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

With nothing further to report, Alderman Stevenson indicated that, due to next week's cancellation, the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole will be December 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) gave a brief update on Council goals. Staff is still working on some issues and will report back to Council next month.

Alderman Smyth addressed the Council's next caucus meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts of the Mayor and other Council Members, he suggested holding the meeting following the City Council meeting on December 5, 2005. There were no objections.

Alderman Chynoweth noted that the Public Access Study Committee Report was placed on Council Members' desks and asked that they take it home and review thoroughly.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2005-11-171: ***An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a General Utilities License Agreement With the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (Campus Area)***

Mr. Walden presented the staff report. William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) assisted.

Following debate, Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve. Alderman Chynoweth seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-11-171, "": An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a General Utilities License Agreement With the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (Campus Area)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay).

2. Ordinance No. 2005-11-172: ***An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 2007 N. Lincoln Avenue from IN, Industrial, to B-3, General Business - Plan Case No. 1964-M-05***

Matthew Wempe (Planner) presented the staff report.

Alderman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-11-172, "": An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 2007 N. Lincoln Avenue from IN, Industrial, to B-3, General Business - Plan Case No. 1964-M-05", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

3. ***Mayoral Appointments: Neighborhood Safety Task Force***

Mayor Prussing presented her recommendation for appointment of the following people to serve on the Neighborhood Safety Task Force:

Jerry Moreland (UCAN), 703 N. Mathews
Samuel Johnson (UCAP), 807 N. Harvey
Clint Popetz (HUENA), 506 S. Poplar
Richard Rebman (East Urbana Neighborhood Watch), 1617 Ivanhoe Way
Theresa Michelson (SUNA), 2013 Silver Court, West
Diane Marlin (SUNA), 2203 Boudreau Circle
Liz Cardman (WUNA), 708 W. California
Lisa Treul (WUNA), 714 W. Iowa
Dave Barr (Barr Real Estate), 1710 S. Neil, Champaign
Barry Weiner (Weiner Companies), 211 E. Green
Esther Patt (Tenant Union), 706 S. Coler
John Roska (Land of Lincoln Legal Service), 1505 Delmont Court
Mike Bily (Assistant Police Chief), City of Urbana
Al Johnston (Police Officer), City of Urbana

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the appointments. Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Disposition: Mayoral appointments to the Neighborhood Safety Task Force were approved by Council by a voice vote.

4. ***Discussion: Signs (Route 130 Corridor)***

Mayor Prussing indicated that a study session on this issue is planned for February. She has also asked Elizabeth Tyler

(Community Development Director/City Planner) to contact Wal-Mart concerning the installation of a monument sign.

No action was taken by Council. This issue will come back to Council in February, 2006.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 5, 2005