

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**\*\*\* SPECIAL MEETING \*\*\*  
URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2006**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, January 9, 2006 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ward 1 - Alderman Charlie Smyth  
Ward 2 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth *(via conference call)*  
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 *(via conference call)*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; James Gitz;  
Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; John  
Schneider

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tyler Fitch; Members of the Media

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Prussing called the special meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:08 p.m. *[Note: Alderwoman Barnes and Alderwoman Chynoweth were present via conference call.]*

Mayor Prussing noted that "Petitions and Communications" was accidentally omitted from the agenda and acknowledged input from the audience.

Tyler Fitch, 503 E. California, representing Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA), addressed the Council in support of their entryway sign request for the area bounded by Main Street, Vine Street, Washington Street, and Glover Avenue.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

1. ***Reconsideration of Approval Vote Taken December 19, 2005 Regarding Ordinance No. 2005-12-174, "An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an 8-Foot (53%) Encroachment into the Required 15-Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3U, General Business-University Zoning District - 1016 and 1014 W. Main Street / Case No. ZBA-05-MAJ-6)"***

Alderman Lewis moved to reconsider the vote taken on this item at the December 19, 2005 meeting. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The order of the agenda changed slightly to reflect first the motion to reconsider and then action on the item.

3. Ordinance No. 2005-12-174: ***An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an 8-Foot (53%) Encroachment into the Required 15-Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3U, General Business-University Zoning District - 1016 and 1014 W. Main Street / Case No. ZBA-05-MAJ-6)***

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. Debate ensued.

Mayor Prussing acknowledged more petitions and communications. Darrell Foste, 409 W. Main, did not speak, but wanted the record to show that he supports approval of the major variances presented in Ordinance Nos. 2005-12-174 and 2005-12-175. Mayor Prussing also acknowledged receipt of written correspondence she received from Rudolph Mortimer, 3 Florida Ct., expressing opposition to these items.

Following debate, the vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2005-12-174, "An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an 8-Foot (53%) Encroachment into the Required 15-Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3U, General Business-University Zoning District - 1016 and 1014 W. Main Street / Case No. ZBA-05-MAJ-6)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (4-aye:3-nay).

2. ***Reconsideration of Approval Vote Taken December 19, 2005 Regarding Ordinance No. 2005-12-175, "An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a 10-Foot (66%) Encroachment into the Required 15-Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3U, General Business-University Zoning District - 304 N. Harvey Street and 1016 W. Main Street / Case No. ZBA-05-MAJ-7)"***

Alderman Lewis moved to reconsider the vote taken on this item at the December 19, 2005 meeting. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Ordinance No. 2005-12-175: **An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a 10-Foot (66%) Encroachment into the Required 15-Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3U, General Business-University Zoning District - 304 N. Harvey Street and 1016 W. Main Street / Case No. ZBA-05-MAJ-7)**

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. Following debate the vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2005-12-175, "An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a 10-Foot (66%) Encroachment into the Required 15-Foot Front Yard Setback in the B-3U, General Business-University Zoning District - 304 N. Harvey Street and 1016 W. Main Street / Case No. ZBA-05-MAJ-7)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (4-aye:3-nay).

5. Resolution No. 2005-12-029R: **A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certification of Consistency for the Housing Authority of Champaign County Five-Year Plan FY 2005-2009, and the Annual Plan Fiscal Year 2006** [Sent from 12/19/05 Council]

John Schneider (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Alderman Lewis made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2005-12-029R, "A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certification of Consistency for the Housing Authority of Champaign County Five-Year Plan FY 2005-2009, and the Annual Plan Fiscal Year 2006", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Barnes, who was present via conference call, left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

1. Ordinance No. 2006-01-002: **An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (Water's Edge Subdivision Phase 2 - Plan Case No. 1969-S-05)**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2006-01-002, "An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (Water's Edge Subdivision Phase 2 - Plan Case No. 1969-S-05)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

2. ***Motion Approving Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) Entryway Sign Request (Area Bounded by Main Street, Vine Street, Washington Street, and Glover Avenue)***

Alderman Roberts moved to approve the HEUNA entryway sign request for the area bounded by Main Street, Vine Street, Washington Street, and Glover Avenue. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Ordinance No. 2006-01-001: ***An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) Signs)***

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented a replica of the sign showing the actual dimensions. The sign was designed by HEUNA. Cost of the sign is \$945.00.

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

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2006-01-001, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) Signs)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Requires Mayor vote.*]

4. ***Mayoral Appointment:***

a. ***Head Start Policy Board - Bernadine Evans Stake***

Mayor Prussing presented the name of Bernadine Evans Stake for appointment to the Head Start Policy Board. Ms Stake resides at 304 W. Iowa Street, and is a retired Professor of Elementary Education. Ms Stake is also a former member of the Urbana City Council. The term of this appointment would be for three years.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve the appointment. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The appointment of Bernadine Evans Stake the Head Start Policy Board was approved by Council by voice vote.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

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

Minutes Approved: February 6, 2006