



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 21, 2006

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2006 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; absent: none.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Mike Bily, Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino, Assistant Chief of Police Pat Connolly, Planner Jeff Engstrom, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Planning Manager Robert Myers, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden, and Planner Matt Wempe.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Smyth moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2006 regular meeting and the July 24, 2006 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Police Chief Bily recognized Urbana Police Officer Tim McNaught, seven year veteran of the Department and 18 year veteran of the Illinois National Guard,

Bravo Company of the 2nd 130th infantry division based in Effingham. Officer McNaught was deployed in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" serving in Iraq for 17 months.

Chief Bily thanked Officer McNaught and his family for the sacrifices they have made and welcomed him back to the Department.

Officer McNaught presented Chief Bily and the Urbana Police Department with a United States flag that was flown during a task force attack in Iraq on March 27, 2006. Officer McNaught thanked the Urbana Police for coming to the aid of his wife and children during this difficult time.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

David Bowman, 1003 East Michigan, addressed the Council with his concerns regarding problems with large groups of children from the middle school walking in the streets and neighborhoods.

Aaron Ammons, 1108 N. Busey, and Brian Dolinar, 303 West Locust, expressed their concerns regarding racial profiling.

Alderwoman Stevenson left the Council Round at 8:10 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Planner Matt Wempe presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2006-07-099: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (With Respect to Signs Allowed Without Permit - Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations / Plan Case No. 1991-T-06)**. The Zoning Administrator is requesting a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding how the City deals with signs without permit. Mr. Wempe responded to questions presented by Council Members at a previous meeting.

Following debate, Alderman Roberts moved to approve **Ordinance No.**

2006-07-099: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (With Respect to Signs Allowed Without Permit - Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations / Plan Case No. 1991-T-06). The motion was

seconded by Alderman Smyth. Alderman Roberts requested to amend the ordinance by changing the size for a multifamily residential sign that's allowable without a permit be reduced from 15 sq. ft. to 12 sq. ft. This was agreeable with the seconder.

Alderman Bowersox requested a friendly amendment to amend Table IX-8 by striking the word street under the maximum number permitted and change it to say major roads so that it reads "one sign per major road" and that 10 feet be struck and insert 6 feet for the maximum height of sign regulations which applies to R-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6B, and 7, and the AG, B1, 2, 3, B3U districts. This was acceptable to the mover and seconder.

Following further debate, the motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-07-099: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (With Respect to Signs Allowed Without Permit - Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations / Plan Case No. 1991-T-06)**, as amended, carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; voting nay: none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-08-107: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Michigan Avenue at Smith**

Road; Rainbow View at Smith Road; Country Squire Drive at Smith Road Lantern Hill Drive at Smith Road; Marc Trail at Myra Ridge Drive; Memory Lane at Myra Ridge Drive; Willard Street at Lynn Street). The motion was seconded by Alderman

Roberts and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; Voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-08-108: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Pennsylvania Avenue)**.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Smyth – 6; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-08-111: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (C-U Humanitarian Award Program)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Mayor Prussing – 7; voting nay: none.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee of the Whole is at 7:00 p.m., August 28, 2006, in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There was none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden reported that the Update of Council Member Goals is on the website.

Mr. Walden stated that Five Points is under construction without a significant wait.

The 31st Sweet Corn Festival is the weekend of the 25th of August, with a great lineup of entertainment.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Smyth requested that #2. **Ordinance No. 2006-07-098: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (1714 E. Airport Road / Gregory Reynolds and Denise Reidy)** be heard before the IDOT Report. There were no objections.

Planner Matt Wempe stated since Council has had this information for a few weeks, he would just do a brief review of a few points.

Following debate, Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-07-098: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (1714 E. Airport Road / Gregory Reynolds and Denise Reidy)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes. Following further debate, the motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Mayor Prussing – 6; voting nay: Bowersox – 1.

Police Chief Mike Bily and Assistant Chief of Police Pat Connelly presented the **IDOT Report**. This is a traffic stop study showing results and analysis that was published by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Urbana Police 2005 data indicates that minorities are stopped at a rate higher than our assigned “Estimated Minority Driving Population” which according to Northwestern University is 30.62%. It should be noted that neither the law, nor Northwestern University has identified what the proper benchmark is as it relates to minority stops.

Chief Bily stated that he does not believe that Urbana Police Officers are stopping vehicles based solely on the race of the driver. Steps have been taken to ensure that this does not occur in Urbana.

Chief Bily discussed the specifics of the report, discussing the steps taken to ensure that traffic stops are being made due to behavior rather than race.

Following Council debate, Randall Cotton, 508 E. Clark Street, Champaign, and Chris Evans, 409 W. Illinois, addressed the Council with their concerns regarding this report and racial profiling.

Alderwoman Stevenson rejoined the Council Round at 9:20 p.m.

Planner Matt Wempe presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2006-08-112: An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005 (Plan Case No. 1993-CP-06)**. The Zoning Administrator is requesting an amendment to the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment includes an update to the Implementation Program, and a number of other minor changes. The proposed amendment is part of the annual review of the Comprehensive Plan.

There are several minor changes that are proposed to be included as part of this amendment. The changes include updating the Overall Future Land Use Map, Greenways and Trails Map, Future Land Use Map #2, and the current Implementation Program to reflect the current status of various projects.

In September 2005, the City Council adopted a set of Common Goals that could provide the basis for a four-year citywide work plan. Staff recommends that these goals be included in the Comprehensive Plan, where appropriate, in order to assist in accomplishing the City's work plan and to provide a consistent approach to growth and development.

Following debate, Alderman Smyth moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2006-08-112: An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005 (Plan Case No. 1993-CP-06)** to a future for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

Community Development Director Libby Tyler introduced Planner Jeff Engstrom.

Mr. Engstrom presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2006-08-113: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 201 S. Race Street and 205 W. Elm Street from R-6, High Density Multiple-Family Residential to B-4, Central Business – Plan Case 2007-M-06 / Urbana Free Library)**. The purpose of the rezoning is to ensure the property is consistent with the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan and surrounding land uses. Public libraries and accessory uses are permitted by right in the B-4 zoning district. The proposed zoning

is consistent with the Master Plan for the Urbana Free Library and the Downtown Strategic Plan.

Alderman Barnes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-08-113: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 201 S. Race Street and 205 W. Elm Street from R-6, High Density Multiple-Family Residential to B-4, Central Business – Plan Case 2007-M-06 / Urbana Free Library)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and 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 Barnes moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining issues pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and 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.

The Council entered into closed session at 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:47 p.m. with all members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Smyth moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: September 18, 2006