



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 7, 2007

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2007 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

Members of the Council physically present at the meeting were: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Stevenson, and Mayor Prussing – 7; absent: Smyth – 1.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Mike Bily, Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Planning Manager Robert Myers, Assistant City Attorney Ron O'Neal, Grants Management Manager John Schneider, Finance Office Manager Delora Siebrecht, and Community Development Director Libby Tyler,

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Brigitte Pieke, 412 W. Iowa, addressed the Council in support of her request for a major variance to allow vehicular egress from 311 West Springfield Avenue.

Bob Leach, 910 North Broadway; Mike Doyle, 411 West Park; and Jean Burns, 805 West Hill addressed the Council with their concerns regarding the planned Carle Expansion.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Office Manager Delora Siebrecht stated that **Ordinance No.**

2007-01-003: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for 30 days as required in the ordinance and is now ready for Council action.

Alderman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-01-003: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)** with one change which is to keep the Camera Operator and Building Monitor fees consistent with what they have been, the first hour at \$35.00 and additional hours at \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts. Following debate, the motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Stevenson – 6; voting nay: none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

Alderman Lewis moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-04-035: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Race Street)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Barnes and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Stevenson – 6; voting nay: none.

REPORTS SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino presented an in depth Economic Development Report of on going development in the downtown area, on North Cunningham and North Lincoln, in East Urbana and Southeast Urbana, and the University Area.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Manager Robert Myers presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-05-036: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a Reduction in the East Side Yard Setback Requirement from 5 Feet to 3 Feet in the R-2,**

Single-Family Residential Zoning District / 1306 W. Dublin Street – Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-04). Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County is requesting a major variance to allow a two-foot encroachment into the required 5-foot side yard setback in order to allow for construction of a 26-foot wide house on a 33-foot wide lot at 1306 W. Dublin. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends that the City approve the variance.

Alderman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-05-036: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a Reduction in the East Side Yard Setback Requirement from 5 Feet to 3 Feet in the R-2, Single-Family Residential Zoning District / 1306 W. Dublin Street – Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-04).**

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

Mr. Myers presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-05-037: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To allow vehicular egress from 311 W. Springfield Avenue, Located in the B-2, Neighborhood Business – Arterial Zoning District / Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-03.** Brigitte Pieke has submitted a request for a major variance to allow parking for a business use to be permitted where the exiting vehicle must be backed out onto a public street in the B-2, Neighborhood Business – Arterial Zoning District. The petitioner wants to establish a retail knitting and yarn store in the existing house at 311 W. Springfield Avenue where parking would be located in the existing driveway. There is no room for vehicles to turn around on the lot, backing out onto the street on Springfield Avenue would be necessary.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-05-037: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To allow vehicular egress from 311 W. Springfield Avenue, Located in the B-2, Neighborhood Business – Arterial Zoning District / Case No. ZBA-2007-MAJ-03.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Chynoweth and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Stevenson – 6; voting nay: none.

Grants Management Manager John Schneider presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-05-038: An Ordinance Approving Modifications to the City Of Urbana and Urbana/Champaign/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 2006-**

2007 Annual Action Plan; further modifications to FY 2003-2004 Annual Action Plan, FY 2004-2005 Annual Action Plan and FY 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan.

As lead agency for the Urbana HOME Consortium, City of Urbana staff has worked with the City of Champaign and Champaign County staff in identifying changes that need to be made to the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plans for multiple fiscal years including: FY2003-2004, FY2004-2005, FY2005-2006 and FY2006-2007. Amendments are necessary to address changes in projects that have occurred, to add projects and to allocate funding in order to be in compliance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The proposed amendments have been on display and available for public review and comment at the City Clerk's , the Department of Community Development Services office and the Urbana Free Library since March 16, 2007.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-05-038: An Ordinance Approving Modifications to the City Of Urbana and Urbana/Champaign/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 2006-2007 Annual Action Plan; further modifications to FY 2003-2004 Annual Action Plan, FY 2004-2005 Annual Action Plan and FY 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried 6-0 roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Stevenson – 6; voting nay: none.

Mr. Schneider presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-05-039: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Urban League Of Champaign County Development Corporation -- LEASE-Purchase Program, FY 2006-2007).** This ordinance would approve an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Agreement to pledge \$80,000 to be the Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation (ULCCDC) for the costs associated with their Lease-Purchase Program for FY2006-2007.

Alderwoman Barnes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-05-039: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Urban**

League Of Champaign County Development Corporation -- LEASE-Purchase Program, FY 2006-2007

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

Mr. Schneider presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2007-05-040: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Social Service Agency Fund, 2007)**. This ordinance is to revise the Annual Budget Ordinance to allocate \$8,300 to the Urban League of Champaign County for its Summer Youth Employment Program. In April 2006, the Urban League of Champaign County submitted an application for \$15,000 of Consolidated Social Service Grant (CSSG) funds for FY 2006-2007. Council did not approve Urban League's request for CSSG funds at that time.

In August 2006, the Executive Director of the Urban League of Champaign County (ULCC) asked Council to reconsider the ULCC application for the Summer Youth Employment Program for funding with a revised amount of \$8,300. This program helps to provide employability skills, job training and employment opportunities for community high school students from 16 through 18 years of age.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2007-05-040: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Social Service Agency Fund, 2007)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes. Following debate, the motion carried 6-0 by roll vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Stevenson – 6; voting nay: none.

Mayor Prussing presented the following **Mayoral Appointments:**

Human Relations Commission, Student Representative: Jeniece Mitchell for a term ending June 30, 2008

Public Arts Commission Task Force: Jessie Knox

Urbana Free Library Board: Charlie Smyth for a term ending June 30, 2010

Alderwoman Barnes moved to approve the **Mayoral Appointments**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Roberts moved to enter into **Closed Session to Consider Employment of Specific Employees of the City**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Stevenson – 6; voting nay: none.

Assistant City Attorney Ron O’Neal indicated that the motion to enter into closed session was required to be specific. Alderman Roberts rescinded his motion and Alderwoman Barnes concurred.

Alderman Roberts moved to enter into **Closed Session To Consider the Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Specific Employees of the City, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, and Stevenson – 6; voting nay: none.

The Council entered into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m. with all members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: May 15, 2007