

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2008**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 7, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
Danielle Chynoweth, Alderwoman Ward 2  
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3  
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6  
Lynne C. Barnes, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bill Gray; Tom Carrino; Elizabeth Tyler; Mike Bily; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.;  
Russell Chism.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Selby; Diane Marlin; Theresa Michelson, Jane Solon; Jenny  
Park; Garret Perry; Members of the Media

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:06 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The following minutes were acted on in omnibus fashion:

1. March 3, 2008 and;
2. March 24, 2008 - Special

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2008 and March 24, 2008. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**Council Member Input**

Mayor Prussing announced the General Finance Association had awarded Ron Eldridge (Comptroller) a certificate of achievement in financial reporting.

Alderman Roberts announced he had received a birthday card for the City last weekend during a musical performance held at Lincoln Square as part of the festivities of Urbana's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. ***Ordinance No. 2008-03-017: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to Increase the Frequency of Message Changes from Once Per Three Minutes to Once Per Ten Seconds at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-01)***

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. Additional input was given by Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/Planner). Jenny Park, attorney from Meyer Capel and Jane Solon, representative of the Atkins Group also provided additional information.

Alderman Roberts made a motion for a friendly amendment to the ordinance to allow for a sign change at a 20 second interval instead of 10 seconds as written. Alderman Smyth seconded the motion. Motion failed by a voice vote.

The vote to approve the ordinance was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-03-017: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to Increase the Frequency of Message Changes from Once Per Three Minutes to Once Per Ten Seconds at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-01), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). *This was voted in omnibus fashion with Ordinance 2008-03-018.*

- b. **Ordinance No. 2008-03-018: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to be Multi-Colored at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-02**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. This was voted in omnibus fashion. The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-03-018: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow an Electronic Message Board (LED) Sign to be Multi-Colored at the Southeast Corner of Windsor Road and Philo Road in the B-3, General Business, Zoning District - 2710 South Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-2008-MAJ-02, was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). *This was voted in omnibus fashion with Ordinance 2008-03-017.*

The next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an overview of the Economic Development Report. He announced various studies were being finalized with presentations being made in the upcoming days and weeks.

He also announced the Market at the Square was slated to begin again for the season on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The special census began this week. It is important to have this done to ensure the City gets it's fair share of revenue from the State.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. ***Ordinance No. 2008-04-024: An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005 (Bicycle Master Plan Amendment, Plan Case No. 2059-CP-08***

Bill Gray (Public Works Director) gave staff report. Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) provided additional information. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to add additional wording to include a definition of "complete streets". Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The vote to approve the amended ordinance was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-04-024: An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005 (Bicycle Master Plan Amendment, Plan Case No. 2059-CP-08, was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

2. ***Philo Road Beautification: A Motion to Accept the Design Development Plan as Presented***

Bill Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Garret Perry, landscape architectural designer from Schreiber Anderson Associates, gave a presentation of the plan.

Diane Marlin, 2203 Boudreau Circle, and Teresa Michelson, 2-13 Silver Court West, representing SUNA, addressed the Council in support of the proposed plan.

Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to accept the Development Plan. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote carried by a voice vote.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

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

Minutes Approved: April 21, 2008