

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2008**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, June 16, 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**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Curt Borman; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; Ronald Eldridge; Elizabeth Tyler; Gale Jamison; Thomas Carrino; Anna Hochhalter

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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 8:36 p.m.

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

June 2, 2008 - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 2, 2008. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Redith Ewing, 2930 Rutherford Dr., addressed the Council with concerns regarding the proposed cell phone ban and how it would affect her taxi cab business.

Ilona Matkovszki, 412 W. Elm, addressed the Council in support of the social service funding allocation.

Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey Ave. #4, addressed the Council in support of the proposed cell phone ban.

Alfred Weiss, 705 S. Cedar St., did not wish to speak, but requested his position be entered into record opposing a raise for the office of the Mayor.

The following people addressed the Council in support of public art funding:

Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey Ave. #4; Susan Davis, 701 W. Michigan; Chris Evans, 202 s. Broadway Ave.; Barbara Kessel, 904B E. Colorado Ave.; Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main; Robin Kearton, 203 S. Birch; Hiram Paley, 706 W. California; Phil Strang, 1703 Eagle Ridge Rd.; Brian Dolinar, 303 W. Locust; Rachel Jensen, 118 W. Florida Ave (also indicated she supports instant run-off voting); Susan Parenti, 902 S. Lincoln Apt. 207; Ben Grosser, 2106 S. Race; Rosalind Weinberg, 2108 S. Vine St.; Mark Enslin, 207 W. Indiana Ave.; Dave Monk, 115 N. Market (Champaign); Samuel Smith, 1111 Paula Dr. (Champaign); Roger Epperson, 408 W. Elm St.

The following people did not wish to speak, but requested that their position be entered into record in support of public art funding:

Brian Adams, 412 W. Elm (also supports social service funding allocations); Alfred Weiss, 705 S. Cedar St.; jane Mohraz, 206 W. Pennsylvania; Jamie Storm, 304 E. George Huff Dr.; Amanda Krueger, 410 W. Green Apt. #1; Stuart Levy, 1108 Foley Ave. (Champaign); Durl Kruse, 2007 S. George Huff; Don McClure, Jr., 608 W. Green #3 (Champaign); Durango Mendoza, 2207 Anderson; Qilo Matzen, 1005 Fairview Ave.; Belden Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania; Paul Mueth, 207 W. Illinois; Jan Chandler, 2503 Burlison Dr.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee Of The Whole

a. Ordinance No. 2008-03-023: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Article IX of the Urbana Code of Ordinances (Mobile Communications Device Usage While Operating a Vehicle)

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-03-023, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Article IX of the Urbana Code of Ordinances (Mobile Communications Device Usage While Operating a Vehicle)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay).

b. **Ordinance No. 2008-06-053: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, "Alcoholic Beverages", of the City of Urbana Code of Ordinances (Restaurant Classification)**

Alderman Bowersox 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. 2008-06-053, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, "Alcoholic Beverages", of the City of Urbana Code of Ordinances (Restaurant Classification)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

c. **Resolution No. 2008-06-015R: A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (2008 MFT Resurfacing Project)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2008-06-015R, "A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (2008 MFT Resurfacing Project)", was adopted by Council by voice vote.

d. **Ordinance No. 2008-06-044: An Ordinance Renaming a Remnant of Frontage Road in the Southeast Quadrant of Lincoln Avenue and I-74 to "Kenyon Road"**

[Agenda items #F.1.d and #F.1.e were acted on in omnibus fashion.]

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve Ordinance Nos. 2008-06-044 and 2008-06-045. 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. 2008-06-044, "An Ordinance Renaming a Remnant of Frontage Road in the Southeast Quadrant of Lincoln Avenue and I-74 to 'Kenyon Road'", and Ordinance No. 2008-06-045, "An Ordinance Renaming "Riverrock Drive" to 'River Rock Drive'", were approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

e. **Ordinance No. 2008-06-045: An Ordinance Renaming "Riverrock Drive" to "River Rock Drive"**

[Agenda items #F.1.d and #F.1.e were acted on in omnibus fashion. This item approved by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).]

f. **Resolution No. 2008-06-013R: A Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wages (2008-2009)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2008-06-013R, "A Resolution Ascertaining Prevailing Wages (2008-2009)", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

g. **Resolution No. 2008-06-014R: A Resolution Amending a Post Employment Health Savings Plan for Certain Employees of the City of Urbana (2008)**

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

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2008-06-014R, "A Resolution Amending a Post Employment Health Savings Plan for Certain Employees of the City of Urbana (2008)", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

h. **Ordinance No. 2008-06-052: An Ordinance Revising the Urbana Benefits Program for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (Payment for Unused Sick Leave for Employees in the City's Post-Employment Health Savings Plan)**

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-06-052, "An Ordinance Revising the Urbana Benefits Program for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (Payment for Unused Sick Leave for Employees in the City's Post-Employment Health Savings Plan)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

i. **Social Service Funding/Allocations**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the social service funding allocations. Alderwoman Barnes seconded.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to reinstate \$1,000 to the Marilyn Queller Child Care Center, to be taken from the Emergency Relocation Assistance Program. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The main motion to approve the social service funding allocations carried by voice vote, as amended.

j. **Budget Mark-Up**

This item was removed.

With nothing further to report, the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Prussing gave a brief report and description of the Public Arts Program, and suggestion for allocating funds. She acknowledged that the Council would need to review funding after the Public Arts Commission has been established.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 2008-06-058: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget (FY 2008-2009)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. This includes the changes presented in the June 11, 2008 memo from Ron Eldridge (Comptroller).

Alderwoman Chynoweth presented three changes in the language to Alternative #2. (See attached)

Due to the late hour and in accordance with the mandatory adjournment time, Mayor Prussing called for a motion to extend the meeting. Alderman Smyth made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Following debate, the vote on the motion to approve was as follows:

Barnes - Aye  
Bowersox - Aye  
Chynoweth - Aye  
Lewis - Aye

Roberts - Aye  
Smyth - Aye  
Stevenson - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-06-058, "An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget (FY 2008-2009)", was approved by Council by roll call vote, as amended (7-aye:0-nay).

2. **Annual Staff Appointments**

Mayor Prussing presented her recommendation for staff appointments for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009).

Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The following staff appointments were approved by Council by voice vote:

Vacellia P. Clark, Human Resources Manager  
Todd E. Rent, Human Relations Officer  
Ronald O'Neal, City Attorney  
Elizabeth Tyler, City Planner/Director of Community Development  
Robert Myers, Planning Division Manager  
Gordon Skinner, Building Safety Division Manager  
John Schneider, Grants Manager  
Tom Carrino, Economic Development Manager  
Ronald Eldridge, Comptroller  
Delora Siebrecht, Office Supervisor  
Bill DeJarnette, Information Services Manager  
Mike Dilley, Fire Chief  
Russell Chism, Division Chief  
Jeff McDuffy, Division Chief  
Brian Nightlinger, Division Chief  
Tony Foster, Division Chief  
Mike Bily, Police Chief  
Pat Connolly, Assistant Chief of Police  
William Gray, City Engineer/Director of Public Works  
Gale Jamison, Assistant City Engineer  
Jim Kelly, Operations Manager  
N. Patrick Pioletti, Public Facilities Manager  
Larry Fredrick, Fleet Manager  
Mike Brunk, City Arborist  
Rodney Fletcher, Environmental Manager

[Note: The position of Administrative Officer is currently vacant.]

3. **Mayoral Appointments**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the reappointments presented by Mayor Prussing in her memo dated June 12, 2008. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The following reappointments were approved by voice vote:

Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission: Gary Engelgau and Dana Mancuso  
Building Safety Code Board of Appeals: Ed Shaller and William

Kubitz (both as alternates)  
C-U Cable & Telecommunications Commission and UPTV: Barbara Gladney  
Civil Service Commission: Paul Parker  
Development Review Board: Art Zangerl and Benjamin Grosser  
Urbana Free Library Board: James Quisenberry, Chris Scherer, and Jane Williams  
Historic Preservation Commission: Trent Shepard and Art Zangerl  
Human Relations Commission: Carol Bradford and Rizwan Uddin  
Plan Commission: Marilyn Upah Bant  
Tree Commission: Jeffrey Dawson and Darin Eastburn

4. **Ordinance No. 2008-06-055: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Addition of Section XIII-5 Concerning Condominium Conversions)**

Alderman Bowersox 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. 2008-06-055, "An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Addition of Section XIII-5 Concerning Condominium Conversions)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

5. **Ordinance No. 2008-06-056: An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of City Officers Who Are Elected for a Definite Term (2009-2013)**

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-06-056, "An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of City Officers Who Are Elected for a Definite Term (2009-2013)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (4-aye:3-nay).

6. **Resolution No. 2008-06-016R: A Resolution Commemorating the Site of the Isaac Busey Cabin ("Founders Park")**

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

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2008-06-016R, "A Resolution Commemorating the Site of the Isaac Busey Cabin ("Founders Park")", was adopted by Council by voice vote.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 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: July 7, 2008