



State of Illinois

Minutes



City of Urbana

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL – CLOSED SESSION**  
**400 S. Vine St, Urbana, IL 61801**  
(Pending Litigation Issues; Property Acquisition Issues)

September 2, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – during City Council Meeting

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The Urbana City Council met in closed session at 8:15 p.m. (during the course of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) and property acquisition pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).

Elected Officials present: Brandon Bowersox, Lynne Barnes, David Gehrig; Robert Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Heather Stevenson; Charles Smyth; Mayor Prussing.

Mayor Prussing called the closed session to order and stated the purpose of the closed session pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney), explained to the Council about the complaint against the City regarding the denial of certificate of appropriateness and certificate of economic hardship filed by Howard Wakeland and his attorney, Glenn Stanko. The City will be submitting an answer to these complaints soon. Mr. O'Neal updated the Council regarding the recent developments and actions the City can pursue. Discussion followed with additional information given by Elizabeth Tyler (City Planner/Community Development Director) and Robert Myers (Planning Manager). The consensus of the Council was to have staff/legal develop a plan which would work well for both the neighborhood and the property owner.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) discussed the proposed acquisition of properties at 305 E. Elm, 307 E. Elm, 203 S. Urbana, 205 S. Urbana, 202 S. Vine, 306 E. Green and 308 E. Green by teleconference. Discussion regarding possible uses followed with additional information given by Elizabeth Tyler (City Planner/Community Development Director). The consensus of the Council was to have staff move forward with the plans to acquire the properties and start the necessary negotiations.

With no more business to come before this closed session, it was moved and seconded to adjourn and return to open session at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk