

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 17, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
David Gehrig, Alderman Ward 2  
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3  
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
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**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

Lynne C. Barnes, Alderwoman Ward 7 (Excused)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Tony Foster; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; Thomas Carrino

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Donald Flynn; Mark Knutson; Diana Visek; Wayne Johnson; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

November 3, 2008 - Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 3, 2008. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Presentation: C-U Marathon (By Mark Knutson, Organizer)

Don Flynn (Champaign County Sports Commission) introduced Mark Knutson. Mr. Knutson gave a PowerPoint presentation introducing the upcoming marathon, sponsors, and the course that will be used. The goal is to hold a first-class marathon, with this area's first taking place April 11, 2009. Registration is online at [illinoismarathon.com](http://illinoismarathon.com). This item did not warrant Council action.

Mayor Prussing acknowledged public input.

The following people addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed criminal nuisance property ordinance:

Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania Ave.; and Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine St.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 2008-11-129: An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005 (Crystal Lake Neighborhood Plan Amendment - Plan Case No. 2088-CP-08)

[Note: This item was presented at the November 3, 2008 Council meeting and sent to the November 10, 2008 Committee.]

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-11-129, "An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005 (Crystal Lake Neighborhood Plan Amendment - Plan Case No. 2088-CP-08)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee Of The Whole

a. Ordinance No. 2008-11-132: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Busey Avenue Between Park Street and Church Street

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-11-132, "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Busey Avenue Between Park Street and Church Street", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

b. **Ordinance No. 2008-11-131: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)**

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-11-131, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

c. **Resolution No. 2008-11-023R: A Resolution Extending the Build Urbana Tax Rebate Program for Two Additional Years (To December 1, 2010 - Build Urbana)**

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

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2008-11-023R, "A Resolution Extending the Build Urbana Tax Rebate Program for Two Additional Years (To December 1, 2010 - Build Urbana)", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

d. **Ordinance No. 2008-11-133: Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois for the Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009**

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Nay

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-11-133, "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois for the Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:1-nay).

e. **Ordinance No. 2008-11-134: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 (FY 2008-09)**

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-11-134, "An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 (FY 2008-09)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

f. **Resolution No. 2008-11-024R: A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009**

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

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2008-11-024R, "A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009", was adopted by Council by voice vote.

There was nothing further to report from the Committee Of The Whole. The next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. [Note: The regular meeting of November 24, 2008 has been cancelled.]

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

There were none.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Closed Session: Pending Litigation Issues, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to go into closed for the purpose of discussing pending litigation issues, pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Stevenson - Aye

Lewis - Aye  
Roberts - Aye

Mayor Prussing - Aye

The motion carried by roll call vote (7\*-aye:0-nay). The Council went into closed session at 7:48 p.m. [*\*Requires Mayor vote.*]

The Council resumed its regular session at 8:13 p.m. with a motion and second by Alderpersons Smyth and Gehrig that carried by a voice vote. The record recognizes all Council Members were physically present, with the exception of Alderwoman Barnes who was absent from this meeting.

2. **Resolution No. 2008-11-025R: A Resolution Approving Settlement of Litigation Regarding 809 W. Main Street**

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

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2008-11-025R, "A Resolution Approving Settlement of Litigation Regarding 809 W. Main Street", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

3. **Ordinance No. 2008-11-136: An Ordinance Approving the Extension of Final Plat Approval (Wisley Inn/Super 8 Motel First Subdivision - Plan Case No. 2069-S-08)**

Mr. Myers presented the staff report.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - Aye  
Gehrig - Aye  
Lewis - Aye

Roberts - Aye  
Smyth - Aye  
Stevenson - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2008-11-136, "An Ordinance Approving the Extension of Final Plat Approval (Wisley Inn/Super 8 Motel First Subdivision - Plan Case No. 2069-S-08)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

4. **Mayoral Reappointment**

a. **Housing Authority of Champaign County Board of Commissioners - Clyde Walker**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The reappointment of Clyde Walker to the Hosing Authority of Champaign County Board of Commissioners was approved by Council by a voice vote.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 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: December 1, 2008