

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 9, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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The City Council Committee Of The whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** David Gehrig (Chair); Brandon Bowersox; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** Charlie Smyth

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Lynne Barnes

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Rebecca Bird

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wayne Johnson; Jean Thompson; Dennis Mohr; Members of the Media

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Chair Gehrig called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) gave a brief staff report on the economic development progress in the City. He also informed the Committee and viewing audience of two events: 1) March 19, 2009 at 5:30 at the Urbana High School, "Realtor's Open House", sponsored by Urbana Business Association and other taxing districts; and 2) April 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., "Walk for the Health of It", a community walk event.

Mr. Roberts commented on the recent National Main Streets Conference he attended in Chicago last week. The conference presented programs on downtown design and economic growth.

Chair Gehrig commented on a recent "Letter to the Editor" appearing in The News-Gazette regarding new business in the City of Urbana, and commended staff on their successful efforts in this endeavor.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**February 23, 2009** - Ms Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held February 23, 2009. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people addressed the Committee with concerns and opposition to the proposed rezoning and construction of a Casey's General Store to be located at 2218 E. University Avenue:

Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine St.; Jean Thompson, 203 N. Smith Road; and Dennis Mohr, 2210 E. University

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03-010R: A RESOLUTION OF PROTEST AGAINST A PROPOSED MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ZONING MAP (A 1.04-ACRE TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS 2218 EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE / CASEY'S RETAIL COMPANY)**

Rebecca Bird (Planner) presented the staff report. The owners are requesting that this item be postponed to the next Committee meeting. Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) was available for questions and presented more staff input.

Mr. Roberts moved to postpone this item to the next Committee meeting scheduled for March 23, 2009. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-03-017: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER FOURTEEN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, REGARDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES (ADDING DESIGN REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION FEE; ADDING FIREWORKS PERMIT FEE; AND REVISING FOOD HANDLER LICENSE FEES)**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Mr. Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Gehrig declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: April 13, 2009