



MEMORANDUM

384-2456

March 13, 2009

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Todd Rent, Human Relations Officer

RE: Civilian Police Review Board Ordinance Review and Reauthorization Process (Extension Request)

Section 19-40 of the Civilian Police Review Board Ordinance requires that a review and reauthorization process be completed by March 30, 2009. The review must include *“public hearings and written comment from a broad cross-section of the Urbana community as well as the Police Department, the Human Relations Commission, the City Attorney, and the CPRB...”*

Due to the limited time and resources available to complete the required process, the Human Relations Office requests a thirty (30) day extension.

The projected schedule for the review and reauthorization process is as follows:

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| March 17, 2009 | Letter to Urbana’s civic and community leaders soliciting Written Public Comment |
| March 30, 2009 | Written Public Comment Period Ends |
| April 1, 2009 to April 6, 2009 | Compilation and Evaluation of Written Public Comments |
| April 6, 2009 to April 10, 2009 | Special Meeting of the Civilian Police Review Board to Discuss Written Public Comments |
| April 13, 2009 | Public Hearing to Review the Reauthorization of the Civilian Police Review Board Ordinance |
| April 13, 2009 | Committee of the Whole Consideration of Motion to Reauthorize the Civilian Police Review Board Ordinance |
| April 20, 2009 | City Council Meeting Consideration of Motion to Reauthorize the Civilian Police Review Board Ordinance |

While the projected schedule may be modified to accommodate individual scheduling needs, the substantive requirements of Sec. 19-40 should be meaningfully accomplished by April 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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Todd Rent
Human Relations Officer

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-03-025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19-40 OF THE URBANA CITY CODE TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD REVIEW AND REAUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2007, the Urbana City Council passed Ordinance No. 2007-07-085 (hereinafter "Ordinance"), establishing a Civilian Police Review Board within the City of Urbana, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-40 of the Ordinance requires that a review be completed and that the Ordinance be reauthorized by March 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, review of the Ordinance must include public hearings and written comment from a broad cross-section of the Urbana community as well as the Police Department, the Human Relations Commission, the City Attorney and the Civilian Police Review Board; and

WHEREAS, City staff have not yet completed said review but expect to do so prior to April 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to have a meaningful and thorough evaluation of the Ordinance before the Ordinance is reauthorized to ensure ongoing improvement and strengthening of police/community relations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it necessary and appropriate to amend Section 19-40 of the Ordinance to extend the time for review and reauthorization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The Urbana City Code Chapter 19, "Police," Article III, "Civilian Police Review Board," Division 3, "Administration and Enforcement," Section 19-40, "Review," is hereby amended and as amended shall read as follows:.

Sec. 19-40. Review.

This article shall be subject to review and reauthorization by April 30, 2009. The review shall include public hearings and written comment from a broad cross-section of the Urbana community as well as the police department, the human relations commission, the city attorney, and the CPRB itself. The purpose of the review is to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the present article, and determine what changes, if any, are appropriate to the chapter in the interest of strengthening police/community relations.

(Ord. No. 2007-07-085, § 1, 8-6-07)

Section 2. Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor