



State of Illinois

Minutes

City of Urbana

URBANA CITY COUNCIL – CLOSED SESSION
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801
(Property Acquisition Issues)

August 17, 2009
7:00 p.m. – during City Council Meeting

Minutes Approved, 12/06/2010; Approved for Release, RES. 2017-08-059R

The Urbana City Council met in closed session at 7:47 p.m. (during the course of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting) for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).

Elected Officials present: Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Diane Marlin, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, Heather Stevenson, Mayor Prussing.

Elected Officials absent: David Gehrig

Staff present: Ronald O'Neal, Jr., Thomas Carrino, William Gray, Elizabeth Tyler

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

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated staff report regarding proposed property acquisition at 502 and 504 Broadway. The negotiated price will be \$250,000 for the property and the owner, Scott Cochran, will do the demolition and paving. The City will take ownership of the parking lot and rent spaces to Lincoln Square until further redevelopment plans are defined. Discussion followed. Additional information was provided by Elizabeth Tyler (City Planner/Community Development Director) and William Gray (Public Works Director). Staff is asking Council to approve the budget amendment and contract agreement when they return to open session.

Mr. Carrino also updated Council on the property acquisition of 306 E. Green Street, 305 and 307 E. Elm Street, 205 S. Urbana, 202 S. Vine and 308 E. Green. Dr. Basler owns the property at 306 E. Green and is proceeding with Provena lease termination and negotiations are near completed. Margaret Balsler owns the property at 308 E. Green Street and negotiations are completed and title work is in progress. Phebus and Tummelson own the rest of the properties which negotiations are final and contracts are being reviewed. Goodyear property has an option through August 2010. Discussion

followed. The consensus of the Council was for staff move forward with project and finalize.

Mr. Carrino updated Council on the Denny's property. Review shows cleaning solvent has not contaminated the property owned by Cosmetology School or Urbana School District. Staff needs additional time to review options and will report back to Council in a couple of weeks.

Finally, Mr. Carrino stated the City made an offer on the Allman property for \$112,500. Mr. Allman has deceased since last update. Blake Weaver, family attorney, was contacted with the offer. The Allman family has countered at \$125,000. Staff will need additional time to review the counter offer and will update Council at a later date.

With no more business to come before this closed session, it was moved by Dennis Roberts and seconded by Heather Stevenson to adjourn and return to open session at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk