

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Tuesday, September 8, 2009 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
Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
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ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6 [excused]

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Dilley; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Mike Monson; William Gray; John Schneider; Patrick Connolly; Robert Myers

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Dolinar; Durl Kruse; Members of the Media

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:12 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

August 17, 2009; August 24, 2009 (Special) - Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 17, 2009 and the special meeting held August 24, 2009 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Dolinar, 303 W. Locust, spoke to the Council in his opposition to the proposed funding for the clock tower restoration.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee of the Whole

a. **Ordinance No. 2009-08-094: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Annexation Agreement (2707 Airport Road / Terrance A. Bialeschki)**

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

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Gehrig - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-08-094: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Annexation Agreement (2707 Airport Road / Terrance A. Bialeschki), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).[MAYOR VOTING]

b. **Ordinance No. 2009-08-095: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Sycamore Street (North of Park Street)**

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Gehrig - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-08-095: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Sycamore Street (North of Park Street), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

c. **Ordinance No. 2009-08-096: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Johnson Avenue; Hollywood Alley; Glover Avenue)**

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

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Gehrig - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-08-096: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Johnson Avenue; Hollywood Alley; Glover Avenue), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated economic report including information on new business. He announced a recent call for artists to submit established art pieces to be installed in various areas of the City such as Philo Road and the mini park near the Iron Post. He mentioned the recent Sweet Corn Festival was successful and attendance was good. The Champaign County Economic Development Corporation 2009 annual meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2009-08-097: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2008-12-148 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Urbana Development Group, A Not-For-Profit Community Development Corporation, for Loan Guaranty Support**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Gehrig - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-08-097: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2008-12-148 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Urbana Development Group, A Not-For-Profit Community Development Corporation, for Loan Guaranty Support, was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

2. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-102: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Solo Cup Screening)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) gave the staff report. Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Gehrig - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-09-102: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Solo Cup Screening), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).[MAYOR VOTING]

3. **Mayoral Appointments**

Mayor Prussing made a recommendation for the appointments of Jean Ascoli to the Sustainability Advisory Commission and Jeremiah Sullivan to the Neighborhood Task Force. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. **Motion to split the \$38,000 approved for the Lincoln Museum in the Courthouse so that \$19,000 goes to the Clock Tower Restoration (where it will be matched by a major donor) and give \$19,000 as Urbana's contribution to the museum.**

Durl Kruse, 2007 S. George Huff Drive, spoke to the Council in opposition to the proposed funding for the clock tower restoration project.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. After discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

5. **Motion to purchase a commercial newsstand at a cost of approximately \$4,000 for the courthouse square and use \$9,000 of the savings from the original budget of \$15,000 to provide matching funds for recent contributions to the Art in the Park project at the City Building.**

Mayor Prussing updated the Council on this motion. Alderman Smyth made a motion for division of the question. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve the purchase of a newsstand for \$4,000 which also covers installation fees. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to amend the motion regarding using \$9,000 of funds for Art in the Park contingent on delivery of the art. Alderman Roberts seconded. The amended motion to provide \$9,000 in funds to Art in the Park contingent on delivery of the art was approved by voice vote.

6. **Closed Session: Property Acquisition Issues, Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)**

Alderman Lewis made a motion to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120//2 (c)(5). Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Gehrig - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Prussing - aye	

The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

The City Council went into closed session at 8:16 p.m.

Alderman Gehrig made a motion to resume regular session. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The City Council resumed its regular session at 8:42 p.m. with all members present except for Alderwoman Stevenson who was absent and excused.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinances No. 2009-09-98; 2009-09-099; and 2009-09-100 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Gehrig - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-09-098: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (205 South Urbana Avenue); Ordinance No. 2009-09-099: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (305 East Elm Street); Ordinance No. 2009-09-100: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (307 East Elm Street and 203 South Urbana Avenue), was approved in omnibus fashion by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

7. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-098: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (205 South Urbana Avenue)**

This item was acted on in omnibus fashion and approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

8. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-099: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (305 East Elm Street)**

This item was acted on in omnibus fashion and approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

9. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-100: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (307 East Elm Street and 203 South Urbana Avenue)**

This item was acted on in omnibus fashion and approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

10. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-101: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (107 East Oregon Street)**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - aye
Gehrig - aye
Lewis - aye
Prussing - aye

Marlin - aye
Roberts - aye
Smyth - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-09-101: An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (107 East Oregon Street), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). [MAYOR VOTING]

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.
Minutes Approved: September 21, 2009