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City of Urbana

URBANA CITY COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION
(Sustainability, City Goals)

October 5, 2009
5:00 p.m.

The Urbana City Council met in study session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing sustainability and City Council goals.

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

Staff present: Mike Monson, Ronald O'Neal, Jr., Thomas Carrino, Rodney Fletcher, Anna Hochhalter, William Gray

Others Present: Marya Ryan, Members of the Media

Mayor Prussing called the study session to order and Mike Monson stated the purpose for the meeting.

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave a staff report regarding City goals and combined some of the goals into general topics which lessened the number of actual goals. He announced discussions had been held with some department heads for their input and he would continue to meet with more in the future. The goals were reviewed by Council and discussion followed. The Council members gave additional direction on inclusions and exclusions they would like addressed. Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) and William Gray (Public Works Director) gave additional input. The consensus was to continue with goals as presented in new format and eventually bring in public input.

Brandon Bowersox introduced Marya Ryan (Chair of Sustainability Commission) who presented recommendations for a sustainability strategy, vision statement and possible actions. Rodney Fletcher (Environmental Manager) discussed emissions guidelines and other issues of sustainability and the impact on City operational strategies. Discussion followed. Consensus of Council was to continue with recommendations and guidelines presented, and adopt an action plan in the future.

Other areas of interest discussed briefly were City drinking age limits, tiered liquor licenses, Tri-Star Building uses, historical neighborhoods, water aquifer, and Farmers Market issues. Mayor Prussing announced a tour of Olympian Drive next Monday, October 12, 2009. Consensus of Council was to discuss goals in three weeks on Monday, October 26, 2009.

With no more business to come before this study session, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk