



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, February 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, 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
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Carrino; Mike Monson; Elizabeth Tyler; Curt Borman; Patrick Connolly; Russell Chism; William Gray; Bart Hagston; Robert Myers

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Cziko; Scott Dossett; Cynthia Hoyle; Nathan Reichard; Nikki Hillier; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:09 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 17, 2012; January 23, 2012- special - Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve the regular minutes of January 17, 2012 and special meeting minutes of January 23, 2012 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis seconded. Corrections were requested in item "H" of the January 17, 2012 minutes to Elizabeth Tyler's report to show "Lierman Avenue Neighborhood Advisory Committee" and "Am Vets II" The motion to approve minutes as corrected carried by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Presentation: "Let's Move! Urbana"

Alderswoman Marlin and Nikkie Hollier, Phd of C-U Public Health District gave the presentation. First Lady Michelle Obama launched a program in 2010 to combat childhood obesity. The City has created a draft action plan which offers parents and child care providers information, tools and support to make healthy choices for children and their families by promoting healthy foods in schools, improving access to healthy and affordable food and encouraging physical activity in the community. Discussion followed.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Gary Cziko presented a short presentation on roundabouts with information which addressed concerns voiced by citizens at the last meeting.

Scott Dossett, representing Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA), presented a handout to the Council and asked that it be entered into the minutes regarding the proposed Metro Center Development plan. The neighborhood feels this proposed plan would be an asset to the City and neighborhood. They do have some concerns such as possible problems with street paving and intersections in the area, but felt overall this was a good idea and were willing to help in any way to make this proposal a positive development.

Cynthia Hoyle gave a short presentation on road diets and the impact on traffic.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. ***Resolution No. 2011-10-036R, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for a Class C Retail Liquor License (1501 North Lincoln Avenue/Circle K Store #1234)***

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- b. ***Ordinance No. 2011-12-135: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Tourism Promotion)***

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

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-12-135: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Tourism Promotion), was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

c. **Ordinance No. 2012-01-007: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Squad Video Cameras)**

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

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-01-007: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Squad Video Cameras), was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

d. **Ordinance No. 2012-01-008: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historical Podcast Grant)**

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

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-01-008: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Historic Preservation Grant 2011), was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

e. **Staff Update: Municipal Aggregation Consultant Selection**

Bart Hagston (Environmental Sustainability Manager) gave the updated report. In Committee meeting on January 23, 2012, recommendation for selection of a consultant was approved for final consideration on February 6, 2012. Since that time, Staff has decided against this approach and is exploring the use of alternate retail electric suppliers (ARES) directly without using a consultant as a middleman. ARES are very knowledgeable with the process and can provide active assistance and the potential for additional savings is greater as it would reduce or eliminate the consulting fees. Bidding is currently being done for a consultant and the cut-off date is this Thursday. Discussion followed. Staff will continue to work on this item.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave the economic development report and mentioned the recent ribbon cutting of two businesses: Po' Boys and Michelle's Bridal. Black Rock Pizza Company will be opening in the site where Red Star Liquors were located. Piato is celebrating their 5th year anniversary. Das Café has closed

recently. Artist of the corridor features the work created by Wiley elementary school 3rd and 5th graders last year, who worked with artist Betsem Benjamin to study African art and cultural history.

He also announced there have been 52 applicants for the Arts grant. In other business, a membership meeting will be held on January 25th for the Urbana Business Association.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced staff was working with CUUATS staff on a Pedestrian Master Plan due to the award of a grant. The City has received federal monies to improve the intersection at Green and Goodman. Additional funding from Champaign County First is available to address Lincoln Avenue to Olympia Drive.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Ordinance No. 2012-02-009: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 1802 North Lincoln Avenue from IN, Industrial Zoning District, to B-3, General Business Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2166-M-11 / A&R Corporate Park, LLC)***

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. A&R Corporate Park, LLC has submitted a petition to rezone 1802 North Lincoln Avenue from IN, Industrial Zoning to B-3, General Business Zoning District to allow a charitable organization known as Hope Center to operate a food pantry at the site. Rezoning will not affect the building codes for the property. The site is currently leased to Vineyard Church who will operate the the food pantry.

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

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-02-009: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 1802 North Lincoln Avenue from IN, Industrial Zoning District, to B-3, General Business Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2166-M-11 / A&R Corporate Park, LLC), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:0-nay].

2. ***Ordinance No. 2012-02-010: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 208 West Griggs Street from B-3, General Business Zoning District, to B-4, Central Business Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2164-M-11)***

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) presented the staff report. The Zoning Administrator is requesting 208 West Griggs Street be rezoned to keep the future subdivision of the land resulting in a non-comforming lot and will also bring the site into full conformity with the Urbana 2005 Comprehensive Plan. The City is intending to subdivide the lot and purchase the unoccupied portion adjacent to the Boneyard Creek for the improvements project. Currently Carle Printing Services uses the property.

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

Bowersox - aye	Marlin - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2012-02-010: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 208 West Griggs Street from B-3, General Business Zoning District, to B-4, Central Business Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2164-M-11), was approved by a roll call vote[6-aye:0-nay].

3. **Mayoral Appointment:**

Mayor Prussing announced her selection of Steve Wald to assume Vice Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Commission.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the appointment. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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

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

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

The motion passed by roll call vote and the Council went into closed session at 8:37 p.m.

Council resumed regular session at 9:30 p.m. with all present.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 20, 2012