



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2012**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 5, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2  
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3  
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Monson; Elizabeth Tyler; Curt Borman; Patrick Connolly; Robert Myers; Brandon Boys; Michael Dilley; Sylvia Morgan; Gale Jamison

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Durl Kruse; Carol McKusick; Douglas Kistler; Patricia Avery; Members of the Media

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THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED BY THOSE PRESENT

**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**

February 20, 2012 - A correct copy of the minutes with attendance changes was given before the meeting. Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the regular minutes of February 20, 2012 as corrected prior to the meeting. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2012 as corrected was approved by a voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Prussing asked that the Mayoral appointment be moved up in the agenda ahead of "Reports of Standing Committees". Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to move the item forward in the agenda. Alderman Lewis seconded and the motion passed by a voice vote.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Douglas Kistler spoke to the Council with his concerns about the noise levels in his neighborhood from Solo Cup and his frustration with the response thus far. Discussion followed. Mayor Prussing stated that Solo Cup was in the process of implementing a million dollar upgrade to help with the sound issue. Consensus of Council was for Staff to review a proposal for an ordinance to address sound issues in the City with EPA standards considered.

Durl Kruse commended the Police Department for including the public in their recent diversity training which was held February 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Patricia Avery, President of the Champaign County Branch of the NAACP, read a resolution supporting the naming of the Federal courthouse after James R. Burgess Jr. She asked that a copy of their resolution be included with the resolution from the City when forwarded to the State legislature.

Carol McKusick spoke to the Council regarding her concerns with the identification being incorrect on the video from the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. She also spoke of her concerns with the proposed electrical aggregation.

Mayor Prussing read two proclamations naming March as National Nutrition Month in the City of Urbana and March 14, 2012 as Registered Dietician Day in the City of Urbana.

Alderman Bowersox announced a meeting on march 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the M2 Building at 301 North Neil, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Enclave in Champaign for a public event on "How the UC2B Big Broadband Project Can Impact Your Business". Speakers will be Mike Hosier from Champaign Telephone Company and Mike Smeltzer, University of Illinois CITES.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

*The Mayoral appointment was handled at this time out of sequence.*

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

*Alderman Marlin was absent and Alderman Bowersox presented the Committee of the Whole items in her absence.*

- a. ***Resolution No. 2012-01-005R: Resolution Supporting the Naming of the United States Courthouse in Urbana, Illinois after James R. Burgess, Jr.***

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

- b. **Resolution No. 2012-02-010R: A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for an Exception to the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program Conflict of Interest Provision**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2012-02-011: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Multi-Family Recycling)**

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-02-011: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Multi-Family Recycling, was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

- d. **Ordinance No. 2012-02-015: An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Champaign, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, and the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission for the Review of Signal Clearance Intervals (Targeted Intersections in the Champaign-Urbana Area)**

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

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-02-015: An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Champaign, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, and the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission for the Review of Signal Clearance Intervals (Targeted Intersections in the Champaign-Urbana Area, was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:0-nay].

- e. **Ordinance No. 2012-02-020: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-172 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Curb Loading Zones on Certain Streets (Oregon Street)**

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

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-02-020: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-172 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Curb Loading Zones on Certain Streets (Oregon Street), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:0-nay].

f. **Green Street and Goodwin Avenue Intersection Improvement:**

*Alderman Bowersox made a motion to pass items #1, #2, and #4 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Smyth seconded and the motion passed by a voice vote.*

1. **Resolution No. 2012-02-011R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (South Goodwin Avenue and West Green Street Intersection Improvement)**

Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer) gave updated report. Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve Resolution Nos. 2012-02-011R, 2012-02-012R and 2012-02-013R in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. **Resolution No. 2012-02-012R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (South Goodwin Avenue and West Green Street Intersection Improvement)**

*This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Resolution Nos. 2012-02-011R and 2012-02-013R.*

3. **Ordinance No. 2012-02-022: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Green Street/Goodwin Avenue Improvement)**

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-02-022: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Green Street/Goodwin Avenue Improvement), was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

4. **Resolution No. 2012-02-013R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Green Street/Goodwin Avenue Intersection Improvement)**

*This item was handled in omnibus fashion with Resolution Nos. 2012-02-011R and 2012-02-012R.*

g. **Ordinance No. 2012-02-021: Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Sections 3-43 and 3-48 (Liquor Code Changes)**

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

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-02-021: Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Sections 3-43 and 3-48 (Liquor Code Changes), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:0-nay].

G. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

H. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Brandon Boys (Redevelopment Specialist) gave the updated Economic Development Report. The draft of the Downtown Plan Update is available for review on the City website. A public hearing will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Construction is proceeding on the new Carle Heart and Vascular Center adjacent to Carle Hospital. A Ribbon cutting was held at Rick's Bakery and Café at Southgate Plaza on Philo Road and Kinex Fitness at the Pines at Stone Creek Commons. The Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation has committed \$32,000 to public art elements in the Boneyard Beautification Project. The funds will be used for street level stone markers on the Broadway Avenue Bridge and wall tile. Lisa Bralts, the Market at the Square Director, has been appointed to serve as the Board President of the new Illinois Farmers Market Association

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Mayoral Appointment:**

*This item was handled out of sequence before "Reports of Standing Committees".*

a. **Assistant Chief of Police - Sylvia K. Morgan**

Mayor Prussing announced her appointment of Sylvia K. Morgan to Assistant Chief of Police. Chief Connolly introduced her to the Council. She will be taking the open position created by the resignation of Anthony Cobb to become Chief of Police for the City of Champaign.

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve the appointment. Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. **Ordinance No. 2012-03-023: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Rebuild Porch Stairs which Encroach Up to 3 Feet into the Required 10 Foot Front Yard Along the Birch Street Frontage at 401 West Green Street / Case No. ZBA-2012-MAJ-01)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report. Bohden Rudawski is requesting a major variance to reconstruct a set of porch stairs which will intrude into the required front yard

setback on the Birch Street side of the property. The adjoining property owners have no objections to the proposed variance. Discussion followed.

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

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

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-03-023: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Rebuild Porch Stairs which Encroach Up to 3 Feet into the Required 10 Foot Front Yard Along the Birch Street Frontage at 401 West Green Street / Case No. ZBA-2012-MAJ-01), was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

3. ***Ordinance No. 2012-03-024: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Printing and Postage, Utility Aggregation)***

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave the staff report. Additional funding is necessary to have educational materials printed and distributed to the citizens prior to the election. An additional \$6,000 was requested, but upon review only \$3,000 is needed. Staff is planning on sending out 7,000 postcards and placing 250 yard signs. Discussion followed.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to amend the amount to \$3,000. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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

Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - nay
Mayor Prussing - aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-03-024: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Printing and Postage, Utility Aggregation), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:1-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: March 19, 2012