

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 7, 2012**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, May 7, 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 W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Michael Dilley; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Kelly H. Mierkowski; Jenell Hardy

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Richard Underwood; Gina Pagliuso; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Rev. King James Underwood; Durl Kruse; Members of the Media

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:09 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

April 16, 2012 - Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held April 16, 2012. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Alderman Bowersox noted that Mayor Prussing had distributed a resolution in support of keeping the Police Training Institute (PTI) open at the University of Illinois. He moved to add this item to the agenda as #4 under New Business. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to add City Goals to the agenda. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. This item will be #5 on the agenda under New Business.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following people addressed the Council in opposition to a proposed stormwater fee:

Richard Underwood; Gina Pagliuso; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood;  
and Rev. King James Underwood

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. Ordinance No. 2012-03-028: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013)

Mayor Prussing acknowledged public input regarding this item at this time.

Durl Kruse addressed the Council with concerns regarding the proposed schedule of fees and questioned if some of the fees were actually necessary.

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Marlin - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-03-028, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Mayor vote.*]

b. **Motion Approving the Public Arts Program Plan (FY 2012-2013)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the Public Arts Program Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Alderman Lewis seconded.

Alderpersons Bowersox and Marlin abstained from voting due to conflicts of interest.

The motion to approve the Public Arts Program Plan (FY 2012-2013) carried by voice vote.

c. **Ordinance No. 2012-04-043: An Ordinance Establishing a Stormwater Utility and a Dedicated Fund for its Operation**

Mayor Prussing acknowledged public input.

Durl Kruse addressed the Council with concerns regarding stormwater utility fees and taxes.

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Nay
Marlin - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-04-043, "An Ordinance Establishing a Stormwater Utility and a Dedicated Fund for its Operation", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7\*-aye:1-nay). [*\*Mayor vote.*]

d. **Resolution No. 2012-04-022R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District for Billing Services (Sewer Use and Stormwater Fees)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Nay
Marlin - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2012-04-022R, "A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District for Billing Services (Sewer Use and Stormwater Fees)", was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7\*-aye:1-nay). [*\*Mayor vote.*]

e. **Resolution No. 2012-04-023R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urbana Park District for Construction of a Multi-Use Path Across Weaver Park**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution.  
Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Marlin - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2012-04-023R, "A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urbana Park District for Construction of a Multi-Use Path Across Weaver Park", was adopted by Council by roll all vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Mayor vote.*]

With nothing further to report, the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) passed around a copy of the "Heritage Award" the City of Urbana received from PACA (Preservation and Conservation Association) as part of their "100 Most Significant Buildings" project. Ms Tyler also reported the following: 1) the "Modern House Tour" for Urbana was a successful event attended by approximately 400 people; 2) May is "Building Safety Month"; and 3) Neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for May 19th.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Mayoral Appointments:**

a. Zoning Board of Appeals - Joanne Chester

Alderman Smyth made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation and approve the appointment of Joanne Chester to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The appointment of Joanne Chester to the Zoning Board of Appeals was approved by Council by voice vote.

2. **Budget Overview**

Mayor Prussing turned the chair over to Alderman Smyth at

8:08 p.m. at which time she and Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented an overview of the proposed budget.

No action was warranted by Council on this item at this time.

Mayor Prussing resumed the chair at 8:28 p.m.

3. **Discussion: Social Service Funding Allocations**

Jenell Hardy (Grants Coordinator) presented the staff report.

No action was taken at this time.

4. **Resolution In Support of the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois**

Mayor Prussing presented the resolution.

Following debate, Alderwoman Marlin moved to send this item to a special City Council meeting with a recommendation for approval. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

This item will appear on a special meeting agenda for the City Council next week (May 14, 2012) at 7:00 p.m.

5. **City Goals**

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) presented.

Alderman Smyth suggested this item stay in Committee. There were no objections. This item will appear on next week's Committee agenda.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

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This meeting was broadcast on cable television.