



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2013**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, October 21, 2013 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2  
Carol C. Ammons, Alderwoman Ward 3  
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Michael P. Madigan, Alderman Ward 6 [7:05 p.m.]  
Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Curt Borman; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Bryant Seraphin; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; John Schneider

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carletta Donaldson; Bishop King James Underwood; Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Carl McKusick; 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 7:00 p.m.

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

October 7, 2013 - Alderwoman Ammons made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Prussing suggested moving "Reports of Officers" after "Petitions and Communications". There were no objections.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Carletta Donaldson addressed the Council on the topic of the 5:30 p.m. Council Caucus held prior to this meeting and wanted it noted for viewing public that the next Council goals meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2013.

Bishop King James Underwood and Rev. Dr. Beverly Underwood did not wish to speak, but requested their position be entered into record as still being concerned about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issue.

Carol McKusick addressed the Council with opinions concerning the environment aspect of electric municipal aggregation.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) gave an overview of digital billboards and addressed the legality of them in the city. This is an issue the Council plans to discuss at an upcoming Committee meeting. Mr. Myers' last day with the City of Urbana is tomorrow and he will be leaving to take a position with the City of St. Charles. He informed the Council he would be available to answer any questions they may have. The Mayor and Council applauded Mr. Myers for his services to the City and residents of Urbana and wished him well in his new position.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) informed the Council and viewing audience of a bike workshop scheduled for tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-093: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (Annual Rental Property Registration, FY 2013-2014 / October 2013)**

*Note: This item was deferred at the October 7, 2013 meeting. The original motion by Alderman Smyth and second by Alderwoman Marlin at the October 7, 2013 meeting to approve the ordinance remains on the floor.*

Ms Tyler had nothing further to add to the staff report distributed in Council packets, but was available to answer questions.

Alderman Jakobsson, after consult with the City's legal staff prior to the meeting, withdrew his amendment made at the October 7, 2013 meeting which read: "The rate schedule for this ordinance shall expire in one year. Prior to expiration city staff shall report to the Council on the feasibility of establishing a rate schedule such that property owners who have fineable failure to remedy violations will pay the full rate while property owners who do not have such violations shall receive a discount that causes their fees to revert to the previous level." Debate ensued.

Alderman Jakobsson moved to amend Section 2 of the ordinance to read: "*The rate schedule increases shown in items (a) through (d) of Section 1 of this ordinance shall expire in one year.*" Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. Debate ensued.

The vote on the main motion to approve the ordinance was as follows:

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth  
Nay: Madigan

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2013-10-093, "An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees (Annual Rental Property Registration, FY 2013-2014 / October 2013)", was approved by Council, as amended, by roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay).

A motion was made by Alderman Jakobsson to direct staff to report to the Council, prior to the expiration of the increased rate schedule, on the feasibility of establishing a rate schedule such that property owners whose management incurs higher inspection costs to pay the full rate, while property owners whose management does not incur above average inspection costs shall pay a reduced rate. Alderman Smyth seconded. Debate ensued.

Alderwoman Ammons called for a close of debate. The motion on the floor made by Alderman Jakobsson and seconded by Alderman Smyth carried by a show of hands (4:3), with Alderpersons Ammons, Jakobsson, Madigan and Smyth voting Aye, and Brown, Marlin and Roberts voting Nay.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-097: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class R Liquor Licenses for Sujuan Liu, d/b/a Tang Dynasty, 140 Lincoln Square)**

Alderman Madigan left his seat at 8:57 a.m. (It was assumed he was recusing himself.)

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

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2013-10-097, "An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class R Liquor Licenses for Sujuan Liu, d/b/a Tang Dynasty, 140 Lincoln Square)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

Alderman Madigan returned to his seat at 8:58 p.m.

b. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-098: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Two, Section 2-99(8) of the Urbana Code of Ordinances Relating to Civil Service (Veteran's Preference)**

Alderman Brown moved to approve and Alderwoman Ammons seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2013-10-098, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter Two, Section 2-99(8) of the Urbana Code of Ordinances Relating to Civil Service (Veteran's Preference)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

c. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-099: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (Heimburger Farm)**

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

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth, Mayor Prussing  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2013-10-099, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (Heimburger Farm)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Requires Mayor vote*]

d. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-095: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Certain Real Estate (Heimburger Farm)**

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded and the vote was as follows:

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth, Mayor Prussing  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2013-10-095, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Certain Real Estate (Heimburger Farm)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Requires Mayor vote*]

e. **Ordinance No. 2013-10-096: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Purchase of Large Log Splitter)**

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

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth, Mayor Prussing  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2013-10-096, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Purchase of Large Log Splitter)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Requires Mayor vote*]

f. **Resolution No. 2013-10-051R: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with the Urbana Park District (Sculpture in Martin Luther King Park)**

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

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts,  
Smyth, Mayor Prussing  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2013-10-051R, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with the Urbana Park District (Sculpture in Martin Luther King Park)", was adopted by Council by roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). [*\*Mayor voted*]

g. **Resolution No. 2013-10-052R: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of Champaign County Regarding Redevelopment of Aspen Court and Urbana Townhomes**

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

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts,  
Smyth  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2013-10-052R, "A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of Champaign County Regarding Redevelopment of Aspen Court and Urbana Townhomes", was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

h. **Resolution No. 2013-10-053R: A Resolution Determining the Amounts of Money Necessary to be Raised by the Tax Levy (2013)**

Alderman Brown moved to adopt the resolution and Alderman Marlin seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts,  
Smyth  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2013-10-053R, "A Resolution Determining the Amounts of Money Necessary to be Raised by the Tax Levy (2013)", was adopted by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- i. **Resolution No. 2013-10-054R: A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (2013)**

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

Aye: Ammons, Brown, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts,  
Smyth  
Nay: None

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2013-10-054R, "A Resolution Deeming Certain Funds in the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area as "Surplus" Funds and Directing the Payment and Distribution Thereof (2013)", was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

With nothing further to report, the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Mayoral Appointments:**

a. **Plan Commission - Maria Byndom**

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

**Disposition:** The appointment of Maria Byndom to the Plan Commission was approved by Council by voice vote.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.  
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: November 4, 2013