

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, April 7, 2014**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charles Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2  
Carol Ammons, Alderwoman Ward 3  
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Michael P. Madigan, Alderman Ward 6  
Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brandon Boys; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Bryant Seraphin; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Aaron Ammons; Patricia Avery; Rev. Melinda Carr; Byron Clark; Cain Kiser; Durl Kruse; Martel Miller; Patrick Patterson; Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:19 p.m.

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

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve minutes from meeting held on March 17, 2014. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Alderman Madigan wanted to have it noted on record that for the meeting held on March 17, 2014; due to technical difficulties his votes were not recorded. His votes would have been (AYE) for the New Business items 3, 4 and 5 this items are as follows: Ordinance No. 2014-03-029; Ordinance No. 2014-03-30 and Resolution No. 2014-03-018R

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Cain Kiser addressed the council to express his gratitude for bringing Digital Billboard back for discussion.

Durl Kruse addressed the council in regards to Mayoral Appointments for the Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force and to express his concern about the application process.

Patrick Patterson addressed the council in opposition of Ordinance No. 2014-03-034 regarding Broadway Parking/Bike Lanes.

Aaron Ammons addressed the council regarding the Mayoral Appointments for The Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force and the reason why Mr. Kruse was not consider for this appointment, since there is an open position Mr. Ammons would like to see Mr. Kruse nominated.

Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood addressed the council to concur with Mr. Ammons in regards to Mr. Kruse and his nomination to the open position on the Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force.

Martel Miller addressed the council regarding the sewer issues in the Dr. Ellis Subdivision and to express his concerns regarding the Mayoral Appointments for the Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force.

Patricia Avery addressed the council regarding the Mayoral Appointments for The Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force. Ms. Avery thanked council for her appointment, since there is an open opposition she would like to see Mr. Kruse on the panel of board members.

Byron Clark addressed the council regarding the Mayoral Appointments for the Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force and wanted noted on record that is it disappointing not to see Mr. Kruse as one of the members since he has been so dedicated in advocating in this matter.

Rev. Melinda Carr addressed the council in regards to the Mayoral Appointments for the Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force.

Bishop King James Underwood and Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood did not wish to speak but they are still concerned about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision Sewer Problems.

Mayor Prussing read a thank you letter from the University of Illinois Employees Credit Union who wanted to recognize the City Employees for their hard work, and keeping everyone safe during this hard winter months.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Mayoral Appointments

- a. Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force - Pete Reznick; Patricia Avery; Eric Jakobsson; Andy Charles; Mike Bily; Alejandra Coronel; Nicole Anderson Cobb; Will Kyles; Paul Testa; Shinjinee Chattopadhyay.

After debate Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Mayoral Appointments as presented. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee of the Whole

- a. **Ordinance No. 2014-03-031:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY 2013-2014 (Curbanas Pilot Program)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-03-031. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

**Action:** Ordinance No. 2014-03-031 was approve by roll call vote (8-Ayes; 0-Nay)

- b. **Ordinance No. 2014-03-032:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen, Section 14-7, of the Urbana City Code Regarding the Schedule of Fees (Curbana License Fee)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-03-032. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Action:** Ordinance No. 2014-03-032 was approve by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nay)

- c. **Ordinance No. 2014-03-033:** An Ordinance Approving an Easement on Certain Real Estate (A Portion of a Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 41-15-30-400-007, Located in Champaign County, Illinois / TAG Warehouse, LLC)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-03-033. Alderman Madigan seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Action:** Ordinance No. 2014-03-033 was approve by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nay)

- d. Ordinance No. 2014-03-034:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule E of Section 23-73 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Obedience To No-Turn Signs (Main Street at Race Street, Main Street at Broadway Avenue, Race Street at Main Street and Broadway Avenue at Main Street)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-03-034. Alderwoman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Action:** Ordinance No. 2014-03-034 was approve by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nay)

- e. Ordinance No. 2014-03-035:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at all Times on Certain Streets (Main Street between Webber Street and Lynn Street)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-03-035. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Action:** Ordinance No. 2014-03-035 was approve by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nay)

- f. Resolution No. 2014-03-019R:** Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (2014 MFT Resurfacing Project)

Craig Shonkwiler, Assistant City Engineer presented Resolution No. 2014-03-019R for approval.

After presentation Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-03-019R. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Vote was as follows:

Carol Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Action:** Resolution No. 2014-03-019R was approve by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nay)

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Alderman Roberts gave a brief update about different events regarding Illinois Sister Cities Association. He also invited everyone to a Malawi Mixer that will take place Saturday April 12, 2014 at the Urbana Landmark Hotel from 8:00pm till 9:30pm.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Alderwoman Marlin read a correspondence letter that she received from the office of Mrs. Obama regarding the video produce by Urbana Public Television and Lierman Residents about Let's Move Initiative that was feature in the National News Letter of Let's Move City Town and Counties.

Brandon Boys, Redevelopment Specialist, presented the Economic Development Report. Among the highlights included were; A request for qualifications commercial realty services for the 200 block of South Vine street has been issued. Champaign Cycle's is now open and will be having their ribbon cutting and grand opening schedule this Wednesday, at 10am.; Construction is underway for the new Wendy's; Kofusion is now open; Birkey's grand opening and ribbon cutting and many other activities.

Elizabeth Tyler, Community Development Director gave a brief update of her attendance at the PACA (Preservation and Conservation Association) annual awards, reminded everyone that this week is Money Smart Week and Market at the Square will be starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mike Monson, Chief of Staff gave an update on the Municipal Electrical Aggregation.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion - Digital Billboards**

As promise Mayor Prussing check on the last time this issue was discuss and feels that at this time it would be best to bring it up for discussion at a later date due to staff limitations.

No action taken on this item at this time.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Wendy M. Hundley  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

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

Minutes Approved: April 21, 2014