



STATE OF ILLINOIS

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 2, 2005**

CITY OF URBANA

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2005 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:34p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Alix, Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Roberts, Whelan, and Wyman – 7; absent: none.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Eddie Adair, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, Director Bill Gray, Grants Coordinator Kelly Hartford, Planning Division Manager Rob Kowalski, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Personnel Manager Mona Shannon, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, Special Council Jack Waaler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderman Hayes moved approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2005 reconvened council meeting and the April 18, 2005 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman. Alderman Roberts requested that the name of Ward 5 – Alderwoman Laura Huth be amended to Alderman Dennis Roberts and Ward 7 – be changed from Milton Otto to Christopher Alix in both sets of minutes. There was no objection. The minutes were approved as amended.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Kimberlie Kranich, 1731 West Haven Drive, Champaign, expressed her appreciation to Council Members for their service to the City and stated her belief that the Council-Elect will be equally as effective.

Robert Michael Doyle, 105 East Green, Champaign, addressed the Council in support of the Domestic Partner Registry.

Umesh Thakkar, member of the Community Development Commission, thanked Alderwoman Wyman for her service on the Urbana City Council.

Tracy Kloop, Park Forest, Illinois, addressed the Council to state his admiration for the work Alderman Whelan has done for the City of Urbana during his many years of service as Alderman in Ward 6.

Congressman Tim Johnson, 413 Beringer Commons, addressed the Council as the proud father of Alderwoman-elect Heather Stevenson, following the footsteps of her father and grandfather. Congressman Johnson congratulated the Council on the public service they have provided and gave his best wishes to the Council-elect.

Cliff Singer, 412 West Iowa, address the Council regarding fiscal policy and how to meet the financial needs of the City of Urbana.

Justin Kajiondos, Andy Monomoto, Scott Reddenbaugh and Ryan Ames addressed the Council to thank Mayor Satterthwaite for his service to the City of Urbana and presented him with a picture.

Alderman Whelan read a letter given to him by Rick Wellbank, resident of Town and Country Apartments, in opposition to the Domestic Partnership Registry.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2005-04-062: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Redevelopment Agreement and Other Tax Increment Financing Documents (Fox Development Corporation)**. This ordinance gives City of Urbana consent for the sale of this property. There are no outstanding issues.

Alderman Whelan moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-04-062: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Redevelopment Agreement and Other Tax Increment Financing Documents (Fox Development Corporation)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of Council: Alix, Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Roberts, Whelan, and Wyman – 7; voting nay: none.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-04-061: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Domestic Partner Registry**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman.

Mr. Walden stated at the request of Council, a clause entitled **Severability** which provides that if any portion of the ordinance is struck down, not the entire

ordinance is struck down. This is standard boiler plate language that the City has in many ordinances.

Alderwoman Chynoweth stated that there was a change in the affidavit, the section regarding tax returns was deleted.

Following extensive debate, the motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2005-04-061: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Domestic Partner Registry** carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Alix, Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Roberts, and Wyman – 6; voting nay: Whelan – 1.

Mr. Walden stated that he and Personnel Director Mona Shannon looked into the issue of insurance coverage for domestic partners and have outlined some of the internal and technical issues that will need to be considered. It appears to be available at limited cost through Health Alliance.

Alderwoman Wyman moved that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to adjust the Administrative Domestic Policy for City Employees to include health care benefits for domestic partners at an employee costs consistent with employee group family coverage costs upon completion of appropriate due diligence including, but not limited to discussion with the Park District, Township, Library and Union Officials, appropriate legal review, and further discussions with health care vendors and that the Chief Administrative Officer implement the policy in a timely fashion or report back to the City Council on the reasons why that cannot be implemented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes.

Following debate, the motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Alix, Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Roberts, and Wyman – 6;

voting nay: Whelan – 1.

The next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2005, in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

At this time Mayor Satterthwaite and the Outgoing-Council Members made parting remarks of friendship and appreciation to fellow Council Members, staff and constituents.

Members of the Outgoing-Council left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

### **OATHS OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Phyllis Clark issued the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Laurel Prussing.

Mayor Prussing issued the Oath of Office to City Clerk Phyllis Clark.

Mayor Prussing issued the Oath of Office to the Incoming Council:

Ward 1	Charles Smyth
Ward 2	Danielle Chynoweth
Ward 3	Robert Lewis
Ward 4	Brandon Bowersox
Ward 5	Dennis Roberts
Ward 6	Heather Stevenson
Ward 7	Lynne Barnes

The role was taken with the following Council Members present: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson – 7; Members absent: none.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Walden passed out the Economic Development Report giving a brief over of the projects underway at present.

Mr. Walden also presented a Farmer's Market Report which covers all the activities of the past year.

Next week at the regular committee meeting, the budget financial plan overview will be presented. On May 10 and 11, the Social Service will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Prior to the next Council meeting on May 16, 2005 there will be a tour of major projects, problem areas and issues of interest in the various wards.

Community Development Manager Libby Tyler discussed the procedures for social service grants and introduced Kelly Hartford, CDBG Coordinator. Ms. Hartford will be working with Council Members on the Social Service grants. Debate followed.

Alderman Lewis moved to postpone the **Council Orientation** until the Committee of the Whole meeting of Monday, May 9, 2005. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson and carried by a voice vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Smyth moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

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

**Minutes approved: May 16, 2005, as amended on the following page.**

**AMENDMENT TO THE MAY 2, 2005 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Alderman Smyth requested to change the spelling of “role” to “roll” in the second to the last paragraph on page 5. There were no objections.