

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2005**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, August 15, 2005 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Ward 1 - Alderman Charlie Smyth
Ward 2 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth (7:18 p.m.)
Ward 3 - Alderman Robert E. Lewis
Ward 4 - Alderman Brandon Bowersox
Ward 5 - Alderman Dennis Roberts
Ward 6 - Alderwoman Heather Stevenson
Ward 7 - Alderwoman Lynne C. Barnes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Michael Bily;
William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Erin Bullok; Paul Lindahl; Rebecca
Bicksler

OTHERS PRESENT

Burnell Dixon; Carol Ammons; Cameron Belk, Sr.; Ron Naples;
Members of the Media

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:06 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

August 8, 2005 - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2005 meeting. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Burnell Dixon, 507 Crystal Lake Drive, addressed the Council concerning an incident with the Urbana Township Supervisor and staff, and read into record a letter he prepared. (See attached.)

Carol Ammons, 1108 N. Busey, representing C-U Citizens for Peace and Justice, addressed the Council on the topic of police conduct and concerns of residents about recent allegations against an Urbana police officer involving criminal sexual assault. She indicated that the public had not seen any media coverage or information from the Council or Mayor concerning an investigation, and because of the severity of this issue they are concerned about their safety. Ms Ammons urged the Council to look into this matter and keep the public informed.

Cameron Belk, Sr., 1403 E. Washington, addressed the Council in opposition to Ordinance No. 2005-08-121, "An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Lierman Avenue)."

Council Member Input

Mayor Prussing acknowledged William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) on achieving the "2005 Professional Engineer Management Award" from the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. Mr. Gray was the sole recipient of this award in the State of Illinois.

Alderwoman Chynoweth requested that a closed session be placed on next week's Committee agenda so that Council Members can be briefed on the status of the criminal allegations brought against an Urbana police officer and how to protect the integrity of the investigation. There were no objections.

D. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

a. Traffic Commission Ordinances:

1. Ordinance No. 2005-08-119: ***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)***

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

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-119, "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)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

2. Ordinance No. 2005-08-120: ***An Ordinance Amending Section J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Rutherford Drive)***

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

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-120, "An Ordinance Amending Section J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Rutherford Drive)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

3. Ordinance No. 2005-08-121: ***An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Lierman Avenue)***

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

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-121, "An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Lierman Avenue)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- b. Resolution No. 2005-08-012R: ***Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Adoption of the Housing Rehabilitation Program Manual (Program Years 2005-2009)***

Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to adopt the resolution.
Alderwoman Barnes seconded.

It was noted that this item was sent from Committee without a recommendation. Erin Bullok (Interim Grants Management

Division Manager) presented a staff report and reviewed revisions she distributed prior to the meeting pertaining to the Rehab Manual. (See attached.)

Alderman Smyth noted typos on pages 46 and 63 of the pages Ms Bullok distributed. On page 46 under "9.3 Eligibility Criteria" the letter "t" missing from the word "Targe" to read "Target"; and on page 63 the third factor is also missing the letter "T" at the beginning of the sentence to read "The".

Following debate, the motion to adopt the resolution carried by a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2005-08-012R, "Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Adoption of the Housing Rehabilitation Program Manual (Program Years 2005-2009)", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

- c. Ordinance No. 2005-08-122: **An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Agreement (Homestead Affordable Homeownership Program, FY 2003-2004)**

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

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-122, "An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Agreement (Homestead Affordable Homeownership Program, FY 2003-2004)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- d. Ordinance No. 2005-08-123: **An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Estate (1209 W. Beech)**

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

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-123, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Estate (1209 W. Beech)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). [*Requires Mayor vote.]

The next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Gray gave an update on the tire collection project that took place on July 9, 2005 for the cities of Urbana, Champaign, and Savoy. They had 123 participants and collected 7,310 tires representing a total of 91 tons. The event was highly successful and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) indicated that this doubled the typical number of tires they have received.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2005-08-013R: ***Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes (Review Period February 2005 to August 2005)***

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution, recommending the release of closed session minutes listed on Schedule "A" (February 7, 2005, February 14, 2005, and March 21, 2005). Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote. [Note: Closed session minutes listed on Schedule "B" require a need for confidentiality and are not eligible for release at this time.]

Disposition: Resolution No. 2005-08-013R, "Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes (Review Period February 2005 to August 2005)", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

2. Ordinance No. 2005-08-128: ***An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (Installation of Certain Utilities Along Mathews Avenue)***

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-128, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement With the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (Installation of Certain Utilities Along Mathews Avenue)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

3. Ordinance No. 2005-08-126: **An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Annexation Agreement (2803 East Airport Road, Elmer and Betty Weemer)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

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

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Mayor Prussing - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-126, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Annexation Agreement (2803 East Airport Road, Elmer and Betty Weemer)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). [*Requires Mayor vote.]

4. Resolution No. 2005-08-014R: **A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Map Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Map (2305 E. Oaks Road / William and Peggy Campo)**

Paul Lindahl (Planner) presented the staff report.

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2005-08-014R, "A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Map Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Map (2305 E. Oaks Road / William and Peggy Campo)", was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

5. Ordinance No. 2005-08-127: **An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance (To Amend Section IX-10, Interim Development Ordinance, Creating a 365-Day Moratorium on Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures for Up to An Additional 300 Days - Plan Case No. 1944-T-05)**

Ms Tyler presented the staff report. Ms Tyler distributed a revised ordinance with a change in the title, striking the words "...for up to an additional 300 days" and amending it to read "...for an additional period not to exceed 300 days."

Following debate, Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-08-127, "An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance (To Amend Section IX-10, Interim Development Ordinance, Creating a 365-Day Moratorium on Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures, For an Additional Period Not to Exceed 300 Days, Plan Case No. 1944-T-05)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

6. ***Study Session on Possible Text Amendments to the Comprehensive Sign Regulations (Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance) Pertaining to Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures***

Ms Tyler introduced Rebecca Bicksler (Planning Intern) to the Council. Ms Bicksler presented the staff report, with the assistance of Mr. Lindahl. (See attached.)

Following the staff presentation, Ron Naples (Adams Outdoor Advertising) addressed the Council with input concerning the proposed text amendments to sign regulations. (See attached.)

This item did not warrant action from the Council at this time.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: September 6, 2005