



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 6, 2006**



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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2006 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; Members absent: none.

Also present were staff members: Acting Police Chief Mike Bily, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Assistant City Engineer Gale Jamison, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderman Smyth moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006 special meeting, the January 17, 2006 regular meeting and the January 23, 2006 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Paul Luu, Unit Director for the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club and two interns from the University of Illinois addressed the Council regarding the activities at Don Moyer while students that attend after school programs distributed flower pots they made as a project to Council Members.

The following people were present in support of the C-U Smoke Free Alliance but did not speak:

Kathleen Gray, 3106 Sylvan Drive, Champaign  
Kathryn Anthony, 309 West Pennsylvania, Urbana  
Nikki Hillier, 3102 West Daniel Street, Champaign  
Cheri Manrique, 308 Thompson, Urbana  
Daniel Lewart, 301 North Busey Avenue, #4, Urbana

Scott Hays, 204 South Harrison, President of C-U Smoke Free Alliance to express his appreciation for the forum that the City is planning to have regarding the smoking issue.

Alderman Roberts addressed the Council advising of the planning for the study forum regarding the smoking issue in Urbana. After debate, the location and time of the forum were set to be held at the Pollard Auditorium at Carle Forum at 7:30p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Committee of the Whole**

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-01-010:**  
**An Ordinance Amending Schedule N of Section 23-193 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Limiting Parking Time on Certain Streets or Public Parking Lots (An Area Bounded by Beslin Street, Goodwin Avenue, Wright Street, Church Street and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks).** The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-01-011:**  
**An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection Goodwin Avenue at Illinois Street).** The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-01-012:**  
**An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Race Street Storm Sewer Repairs).** The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson, and Mayor Prussing – 8; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to **Proceed on the Lincoln Avenue Project.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis. Following debate, Alderman Smyth moved to amend the motion to have six feet for the sidewalks and four feet for

bicycles. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

The main motion, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-01-002R:**  
**Resolution of Support for the West Urbana Neighborhood Association (WUNA)**  
**Document Entitled “Preserving and Revitalizing the West Urbana Neighborhood”.**

The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth.

Following a brief overview by Alderman Roberts, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-01-003R:**  
**Resolution of Support to Strengthen Communications Regarding Future**  
**Development and Planning Between the City of Urbana and the University of**  
**Illinois.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

City Attorney Jim Gitz presented information on the **Water Company**  
**Acquisition.** There are two legislative bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly on this topic. One is Senate Bill 3046 which will be heard in the Senate Local Government Committee of February 7<sup>th</sup>. There is another House Bill, 4333, which will be amended to have the Senate bill’s language in it. The approach that is being taken is primarily the removal of the Illinois Commerce Commission as the first stop for Municipal Condemnation Proceedings. The City will be represented on the 7<sup>th</sup> in

Springfield. The City has been in contact with the Governor's Office and have received favorable assistance from them.

There was a meeting last Friday with Illinois American Water to discuss the City's concerns about long term investment, the pending sale of RWD's holdings in North America and the kind of uncertainties and problems it presents to municipalities.

There is a growing number of municipalities in the northern part of the state that are signing on to this legislation.

The intergovernmental agreement which has been presented at the Committee of the Whole and the City Council will be in final form at the next meeting.

Mayor Prussing discussed a letter from Terry Gloriod, President of American Water, Central Region, which noted that they had contributed to a lot of things, one of which was to keep the Illinois High School Association State Football Championships in Champaign-Urbana. The Attorney General has filed a complaint with the ICC because of American Water's problems with consumers in other cities.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2006 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden reported that the February Economic Development Report was on Council Member's desk.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderwoman Stevenson moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-02-013: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Police Vests)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson, and Mayor Prussing – 8; voting nay: none.

Comptroller Ron Eldridge presented staff report **Ordinance No. 2006-02-014: An Ordinance Abating Property Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005**. This ordinance was omitted when regular property tax levy was presented in December, 2005. This action instructs the County Clerk not to levy an amount for the 2005 bonds. Because the City has T.I.F. incremental taxes available to satisfy this debt service, this levy on property tax is not needed.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-02-014: An Ordinance Abating Property Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-01-009: An Ordinance Approving the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (South of Interstate 74, Generally East of the Eastern Terminus of Killarney Street, and Generally North of the Northern Terminus of Country Club Road / Urbana Golf &**

**Country Club and Snyder Corporation**). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes.

Mr. Walden stated that this ordinance is not quite ready and needs to be postponed until it is completed.

Alderman Roberts and Alderwoman Barnes withdrew their motion and second.

Alderman Roberts moved to postpone **Ordinance No. 2006-01-009: An Ordinance Approving the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (South of Interstate 74, Generally East of the Eastern Terminus of Killarney Street, and Generally North of the Northern Terminus of Country Club Road / Urbana Golf & Country Club and Snyder Corporation)** until it is ready to be heard. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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: February 20, 2006, as amended below.

## **AMENDMENT TO FEBRUARY 6, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Prussing requested to amend the minutes on page 5, second paragraph, line two, "RWD" should read "RWE".

Mayor Prussing further requested to add to page 5, paragraph 4, following "Champaign-Urbana." a sentence that states "What they failed to mention was that at the time of the Championships, Champaign was under a boil order."

There were no objections to these changes.