

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2006

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, February 20, 2006 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

- Ward 1 - Alderman Charlie Smyth
- Ward 3 - Alderman Robert E. Lewis
- Ward 4 - Alderman Brandon Bowersox
- Ward 5 - Alderman Dennis Roberts
- Ward 6 - Alderwoman Heather Stevenson (via teleconference)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

- Ward 2 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth (excused)
- Ward 7 - Alderwoman Lynne C. Barnes (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; James Gitz; Michael Bily; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers; Mathew Wempe; Paul Lindahl

OTHERS PRESENT

Trent Short; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. [Note: Alderwoman Stevenson was present via teleconference.]

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

February 6, 2006 - Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 6, 2006. Alderman Smyth seconded.

Mayor Prussing noted two corrections on page 5:

1. First paragraph - "RWD" should be corrected to read "RWE".
2. Fourth paragraph - Following the first sentence add "*The Mayor noted that, unfortunately, the last time the IHSA Championship was held here Champaign was under a boil order.*"

There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2006 meeting carried by a voice vote, as amended.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trent Short, President/Urbana Fire Local 1147, addressed the Council with concerns regarding the Philo Road Improvement Project. Urbana Firefighters Local 1147 is requesting a signal in front of the fire station on Philo Road for emergency vehicles, similar to the one recently installed in Champaign.

Council Member Input

There was none.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

Agenda items F.1.a, F.1.b, and F.1.c were acted on in omnibus fashion.

- a. Resolution No. 2006-02-004R: ***A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Philo Road - Windsor Road to Florida Avenue)***

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 2006-02-004R, 2006-02-005R, and 2006-02-006R. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 2006-02-004R, 2006-02-005R, and 2006-02-006R were adopted by Council by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

- b. Resolution No. 2006-02-005R: ***A Resolution Providing for the Reconstruction of Philo Road (F.A.U. 7185) from Windsor Road to Florida Avenue***

(This item acted on in omnibus fashion.)

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 2006-02-004R, 2006-02-005R, and 2006-02-006R were adopted by Council by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

- c. Resolution No. 2006-02-006R: ***A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Philo Road - Windsor Road to Floriday Avenue)***

(This item acted on in omnibus fashion.)

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 2006-02-004R, 2006-02-005R, and 2006-02-006R were adopted by Council by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

- d. Ordinance No. 2006-02-017: ***An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement JAG Program (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant)***

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

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2006-02-017, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement JAG Program (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

- e. Ordinance No. 2006-02-015: ***An Ordinance Amending Sections 2-115 and 2-119(d) of the Code of Ordinances (Finances and Purchases by Contractors and Vendors)***

This item was sent from last week's Committee without a recommendation. It was noted this evening that staff was not prepared to present additional information at this time and is requesting a postponement.

Alderman Bowersox moved to postpone this item to the next Council meeting. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

This item will appear on the March 6, 2006 agenda.

- f. Ordinance No. 2006-02-016: ***An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Urbana Park District and Five Points Realty, LLC (Northeast Corner Broadway Avenue and University Avenue)***

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

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2006-02-016, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the

Urbana Park District and Five Points Realty, LLC (Northeast Corner Broadway Avenue and University Avenue)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

With nothing further to report, Alderman Bowersox stated that the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

James Gitz (City Attorney) reported that the House and Senate legislations were moving forward on eminent domain for the water system. He also reported that the Illinois Institute for Local Government Law had a seminar today and distributed handouts; one of which was a summary of the activities at the Federal level on cable television as it relates to telephone companies. Also included was an explanation of some of the issues and a Federal rule making proceeding being done by the FCC. Mr. Gitz believed this summary to be relevant to the Council and suggested it be distributed to them. The deadline for filing responses is in March and could be done either collectively or individually.

Mayor Prussing informed the Council of a boil order notice she received in her door Saturday from Illinois-American Water Company. She noted that after spending 25 minutes on the phone listening music and being assured that her call was very important to them, they had no record of the boil order and the person helping her asked if she lived near Bolingbrook. She noted that her neighbors also tried to get information from the company and were unsuccessful.

Mayor Prussing read a proclamation into record for the American Cancer Society proclaiming February 22, 2006 as "A Day of Hope." (See attached.)

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2006-02-018: ***An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat (Somerset Subdivision Phase 5 - Plan Case No. 1975-S-06)***

Mathew Wempe (Planner) presented the staff report.

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

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2006-02-018, "An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat (Somerset Subdivision Phase 5,

Plan Case No. 1975-S-06)", was approved by Council by roll call (5-aye:0-nay).

2. Ordinance No. 2006-02-020: **An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat (Cobble Creek Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1977-S-06)**

Paul Lindahl (Planner) presented the staff report.

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

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2006-02-020, "An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat (Cobble Creek Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1977-S-06)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

3. Ordinance No. 2006-02-021: **An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Increase the Size of Two Freestanding Shopping Center Signs from 75 sq. ft. to 150 sq. ft. in the B-3, General Business Zoning District, Located at 520 North Cunningham Avenue and 306 East University Avenue (Five Points Plaza) - Plan Case No. 1978-SU-06)**

Robert Myers (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report. Paul Tatman (Developer) was present to answer questions of the Council.

Following debate, Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2006-02-021, "An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Increase the Size of Two Freestanding Shopping Center Signs from 75 sq. ft. to 150 sq. ft. in the B-3, General Business Zoning District, Located at 520 North Cunningham Avenue and 306 East University Avenue (Five Points Plaza) - Plan Case No. 1978-SU-06)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay). *[Recorder's Note: Concerns were raised by Council Members regarding the height of the sign. Mr. Tatman indicated no objection to lowering the height of the sign somewhat and implied that he was considering enhancing the base of the sign with a floral planter. This was not a requirement or basis for the Council's approval.]*

4. Ordinance No. 2006-02-019: **An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cities of Champaign and Pekin, Illinois, and the University of Illinois (Preliminary Feasibility Study of Water Utility Acquisition)**

Mr. Gitz presented the staff report.

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

Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Roberts - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2006-02-019, "An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cities of Champaign and Pekin, Illinois, and the University of Illinois (Preliminary Feasibility Study of Water Utility Acquisition)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

5. ***Mayoral Appointments***

These appointments were presented and acted on in omnibus fashion.

Mayor Prussing presented the following recommendations for appointments:

a. ***Community Development Commission - Joy Ready***

Ms Ready resides at 702 E. Elm and is currently employed at the University of Illinois as a Resource and Policy Analyst and Associate Provost of Internal Affairs. If approved, this term would expire June 30, 2008.

b. ***Champaign County Housing Development Corp. - Andy Kulczycki***

Mr. Kulczycki resides at 306 W. Evergreen Ct. and is currently the Executive Director of the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County. If approved, this appointment would expire June 30, 2010.

c. ***UPTV Commission, Library Representative - Carol Inskeep***

Ms Inskeep resides at 606 E. High and is currently employed at the Urbana Free Library as a Reference Librarian (Youth Services).

d. ***Fire Pension Board - Ronald Eldridge and Rex Mundt***

Mayor Prussing explained that these appointments are a result of changes in the Illinois Pension Law.

Mr. Eldridge is currently employed as Comptroller for the City of Urbana. If approved, this appointment would expire April 17, 2008.

Mr. Mundt is currently employed as Fire Chief for the City of Urbana. If approved, this appointment would expire April 17, 2009.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the recommendations for appointment by the Mayor. Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Disposition: Mayoral appointments presented for the Community Development Commission (Joy Ready), Champaign County Housing Development Corp. (Andy Kulczycki), UPTV Commission, Library Representative (Carol Inskeep), and Fire Pension Board (Ronald Eldridge and Rex Mundt) were approved by the Council by voice vote.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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: March 6, 2006