



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 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, March 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 7:17 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: Human Relations Officer Vacellia Clark, Comptroller Ron Eldridge, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Division Chief Jeff McDuffy, Police Lt. Mike Metzler, Planning Division Manager Robert Myers, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderwoman Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2006 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mary Blair, 506 West Illinois, addressed the Council regarding the function of Public Access Television.

Alderman Smyth addressed the Council regarding the inequities of the Sewer Benefit Tax system.

Comptroller Ron Eldridge addressed the Council with a brief explanation of the Sewer Benefit Tax.

Ryan Noise, representing Growth Options for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, addressed the Council to present an overview of the **CREATE** Program. This program is a first of its kind partnership between the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, Metra and the nation's freight railroads to increase the efficiency of the region's rail infrastructure and the quality of life of the Chicago area residents.

Alderman Roberts addressed the public with a reminder of the Smoking Forum to be held Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pollard Auditorium at the Carle Forum.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Human Relations Officer Vacellia Clark and Comptroller Ron Eldridge presented staff report on **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)**. The Human Relations Commission began their discussion on the City's bid process about 18 months ago as a result of its becoming

aware of the Finance and Purchases by Contractors and Vendor Code of Ordinance Section 2-119.

Representatives of the Human Relations Commission met with Mayor Prussing. The Commission believes it is appropriate to increase the current dollar amount for formal bidding from \$2500 to \$5000. The Commission currently reviews all Competitive Purchase Forms over \$50,000. The Commission is requesting that Section 2-119d be amended to increase the dollar amount for contractors to \$50,000, and also supports the recommendation to increase the dollar amount for subcontractors and vendors to \$50,000.

The end goal for the Urbana Human Relations Commission is to have staff develop an equitable bidding process that ensures compliance with city codes and functions efficiently for staff, contractors and vendors.

Following debate, Alderwoman Barnes moved to forward **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)** to the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 27, 2006 for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Committee of the Whole**

Alderman Roberts moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-02-007R:**

**Resolution to Endorse the Report and Recommendations of the Public Access Committee of the C-U Joint Telecommunications Commission.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Barnes moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-02-008R: A Resolution Allocating and Reserving Private Activity Bond Volume Cap and Providing the Terms and Conditions of Such Allocation and Reservation, and Related Matters (Prairie Winds).** The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Stevens moved to reconsider the Resolution for a roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Roberts moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-02-008R: A Resolution Allocating and Reserving Private Activity Bond Volume Cap and Providing the Terms and Conditions of Such Allocation and Reservation, and Related Matters (Prairie Winds).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes 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. 2006-02-026: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 23 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code (Section 23-159 Handicapped Parking and Section 23-211 Parking Violation Procedures).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes 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. 2006-02-027: An Ordinance Amending Section 1-10(j) of the Local Traffic Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding the Schedule of Fines (Disabled Parking)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes 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. 2006-02-023: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Griggs Street)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnes 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. 2006-02-024: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Establish a Parking Meter Zone on Certain Streets (Griggs Street)**. 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.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-02-028: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Engineering Technician, Windsor Road)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Stevenson 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; voting nay: none.

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

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Economic Development Specialist Kathy Larson presented an update on success of the Market at the Square and the progress and additions made over the past twelve years.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden reported on how City Staff is integrating the list of common goals presented by Council into its overall work plan.

City Attorney Jim Gitz reported on his trip to Springfield and the legislation activity in the General Assembly.

Mayor Prussing read a Proclamation proclaiming March Kid Wish Holiday of Hope Month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Planning Division Manager Robert Myers presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2006-03-029: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 312 W. Springfield Avenue (Opera House) from B-2, Community Business-Arterial, to B-4, Central Business -- Plan Case No. 1981-M-06)**. Barbara Gaffen and Michael Zaransky, of Prime Properties Investors, have requested to rezone a 0.34-acre property located at 312 West Springfield Avenue from

B-2, Neighborhood Business – Arterial to B-4, Central Business. This property contains a mixed use building with 15 multifamily apartments and 4,175 square feet of office/commercial space. The petitioners wish to convert the entire building to multifamily residential. Staff concurs.

Vance Barr, representing Barr Real Estate was present to answer questions.

Following debate, Alderwoman Barnes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-03-029: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Rezoning of 312 W. Springfield Avenue (Opera House) from B-2, Community Business-Arterial, to B-4, Central Business -- Plan Case No. 1981-M-06)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth 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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 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: March 20, 2006