

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2006**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ward 1 - Alderman Charlie Smyth  
Ward 2 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth  
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; James Gitz;  
Michael Bily; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Erin Bullok; Patrick Pioletti

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Aaron Ammons; Carol Ammons; Linda Weber; George Carlisle; Mort Brussel; Hebah Ahmed; John Norwood; I.D. (David) Berg; Justine Schoeptein; Robert Naimen; Ben Galewsky; Zelda Galewsky; Jan Kalmar; Erik McDuffly; David Key; Ricky Baldwin; Daniel Lewart; Durl Kruse; Gary Storm; Cheri Manrique; Members of the Media

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**March 6, 2006** - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 6, 2006. Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following people addressed the Council in support of Resolution No. 2006-03-009R (Resolution to End the U.S. Military Occupation of Iraq):

Aaron Ammons, 1108 N. Busey Ave.; Linda Weber, 1820 Lyndhurst Dr.; George R. Carlisle, 406 E. Green #102; Mort Brussel, 2003 George Huff Dr.; Hebah Ahmed, 709 E. Green; and Carol Ammons, 1108 N. Busey Ave.

The following people addressed the Council in opposition to Resolution No. 2006-03-009R:

John Norwood, 109 Hartle Ave.; and I.D. (David) Berg, 401 Eliot Dr.

The following people did not wish to address the Council, but requested that their position be reported in the record in support of Resolution No. 2006-03-009R:

Justine Schoeptein, 2208 S. Lynn; Robert Naimen, 802 E. California; Ben Galewsky, 1208 S. Vine; Zelda Galewsky, 1208 S. Vine; Jan Kalmar, 723 S. Broadway; Erik McDuffly, 715 W. Iowa; David Key, 214 Fairview; Ricky Baldwin, 801 E. California; and Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey #4.

Cheri Manrique, 308 Thompson, addressed the Council in support of the smoking ordinance proposal.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

a. Ordinance No. 2006-03-030: ***An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Courtesy Road, East of Broadway Avenue***

Alderman 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. 2006-03-030, "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Courtesy Road, East of Broadway

Avenue", was approved by the Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

b. Resolution No. 2006-03-009R: ***Resolution to End the U.S. Military Occupation of Iraq***

Alderman Smyth made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Chynoweth seconded.

Mayor Prussing recognized petitions and communications from the public wishing to address the Council at this time.

Durl Kruse, 2007 S. George Huff, and Gary Storm, 304 E. George Huff Dr., representing AWARE, addressed the Council in support of the resolution.

Following debate, Alderman Smyth read the resolution into record. (See attached.)

The motion to adopt the resolution carried by a voice vote.

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2006-03-009R, "Resolution to End the U.S. Military Occupation of Iraq", was adopted by Council by voice vote.

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

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

1. Upper Deck Proposal (Downtown Parking Deck)

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) presented a staff report on the upper deck proposal discussed at last week's Committee meeting. Local business entrepreneurs Ian Goldberg and Scott Glassman are proposing to use a portion of the upper deck for beer garden and live music. (See attached.)

Following debate, James Gitz (City Attorney) noted concerns that would need to be addressed regarding this proposal and indicated that the City's Liquor Ordinance may also need to be amended. Using the issues raised by staff, plus that of insurance, Counselor Gitz indicated that it may be possible to put together a draft framework of a lease or contract. From a legal perspective, he noted the need for a license or lease to be in place that is particular to the use of this piece of property and that respective responsibilities and duties of each party should be defined. Debate ensued.

Messrs. Goldberg and Glassman were present to answer questions of the Council. Because of the concerns raised about this proposal, they would like to have a meeting with downtown residents, but would like it to be initiated by the City and they would be present to answer questions.

Alderman Smyth encouraged staff to proceed with negotiating a lease contract before meeting with neighborhood residents. It was also the consensus of the Council that the lessees of the parking deck be notified of the meeting as well.

2. Water Bill

Counselor Gitz indicated that the Water Bill is up before the House Local Government Committee this week. It has passed the Senate with extensive amendments that will go on the Bill. Earlier today an agreement was reached on an agreed amendment defining the major terms of the Bill with American Water. There is a lobby day sponsored this week by the IML (Illinois Municipal League) concerning this issue. Counselor Gitz concluded his report indicating that there had been some discussions and concerns from surrounding small communities regarding what might happen if Champaign-Urbana is suddenly in control of the water system if they have supply contracts or are in unincorporated areas. His hope is that an agreement will be met that will meet everyone's basic needs.

3. Chicago Trip

Alderman Bowersox reported on a trip he organized to Chicago to see the Chicago Center for Green Technology, which is Mayor Daly's demonstration project of solar and green roofs. Joining Alderman Bowersox on this trip were Mayor Prussing, Alderman Smyth, Elizabeth Tyler, and Pat Pioletti. They also visited Prairie Crossing and saw an example of a community that, because of planning, was able to preserve prairie and build houses and some dense environmentally-efficient condos on a railstop, having some sort of transit-oriented development and density (farm and charter school).

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 2006-03-031: ***An Ordinance Authorizing the Revision of the Contract to Transfer Certain Real Estate (1209 W. Beech Street)***

Erin Bullok (Grants Coordinator) presented the staff report.

Alderman Smyth 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. 2006-03-031, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Revision of the Contract to Transfer Certain Real Estate (1209 W. Beech Street)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

2. ***Mayoral Appointments:***

a. ***Economic Development Manager - Thomas Carrino***

Mayor Prussing presented the name of Thomas Carrino as her recommendation for appointment to the position of Economic Development Manager. Mr. Carrino is currently employed as Economic Development Manager for the City of Cocoa, Florida. If approved, Mr. Carrino's appointment will be effective on or around May 16, 2006.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The appointment of Thomas Carrino to the position of Economic Development Manager for the City of Urbana, Illinois, was approved by Council by a voice vote.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

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Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

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

Minutes Approved: April 3, 2006