

URBANA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – “Special Meeting”

400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Closed Session

(Collective Bargaining – Part A; and Property Acquisition – Part B)

May 22, 2006

5:30 p.m.

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The Urbana City Council Committee of the Whole met a closed session of a Special Meeting to discuss collective bargaining and property acquisition. Elected officials present: Brandon Bowersox, Danielle Chynoweth, Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth and Heather Stevenson. Other elected officials present: Mayor Prussing and Phyllis Clark. Staff present: Jim Getz, Bruce Walden, Mike Bily, Bill Gray, Mona Shannon and Libby Tyler.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Robert Lewis and seconded by Brandon Bowersox. City attorney Jim Getz restated the purpose of the closed session, Mayor Prussing gave a brief overview and turned the meeting over to Bruce Walden, Chief Administrator Officer. Mr. Walden gave a presentation on the collective bargaining aspect of this meeting.

Part A: Held per Resolution ...

Part B:

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Lynne Barnes recused herself from participation in this portion of the meeting due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Prussing opened this portion of the closed session and passed out a letter from Carle. Carle has approached the City about the kinds of expansions that they are contemplating. Mr. Walden gave an overview of the request and turned the discussion over to Libby Tyler, Community Development Director.

Following a lengthy discussion the decision that the Council has to make is geared to neighborhood concerns about the expansion, if the Council disapproves this expansion will it possibly go to Champaign? Therefore, the Council has to make a real decision on how to proceed. It should not just be said that we will help with fairgrounds but should also be known that a portion of the property should be designated as affordable housing, there will be no imminent domain executed. Mr. Smyth is interested in a land swap with the Park District. Staff wanted to know how to proceed. It is the consensus of the Council that staff be allowed to proceed with the talks and they should express Council’s desire to negotiate and to include the park district and fairgrounds.

With there being no more business to come before this body, Dennis Roberts moved to adjourn back into open session, Robert Lewis seconded the motion. The Committee adjourned this Special Meeting into regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk