



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 4, 2006

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 4, 2006 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Pro Tem Chynoweth called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Also present were staff members: Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino, Assistant Police Chief Pat Connelly, City Attorney Jim Gitz, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2006 regular meeting, the November 13, 2006 Special Council Meeting, and the November 27, 2006 Special Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The petitioner requested to speak at the time of the agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

As Alderwoman Chynoweth is Mayor Pro Tem at this meeting, Alderman Smyth will be presenting items from the Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-11-142: An Ordinance Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters (AssistUrbana 2006)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-11-036R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Greenways and Trails**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved by omnibus motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-11-139: An Ordinance Amending Schedule A of Section 23-62 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Increasing State Speed Limits in Certain Zones (Philo Road); Ordinance No. 2006-11-140: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Brighton Drive at Cottage Grove Avenue; Mitchem Drive at Cottage Grove Avenue; and Harding Drive at Cottage Grove Avenue); and Ordinance No. 2006-11-141: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Rainbow View)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-11-035R: A Resolution Approving an Amendment to an Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Urbana (Goodwin Avenue)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye

were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-11-032R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Agreement with the City of Champaign, Illinois, and the Illinois Department of Transportation (Lincoln Avenue and University Avenue)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-11-033R: A Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Modernization of Traffic Signals at Lincoln Avenue (FAU Route 7177) and University Avenue (FAP Route 808/US 45)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting

Alderman Smyth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-11-034R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Lincoln Avenue and University Avenue)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-10-130: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Noise and Vibrations, of the Urbana Code of Ordinances**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Smyth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-11-138: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement With the City of Champaign and the Village of Savoy**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Member of the Council: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, and Stevenson – 7; voting nay: none.

PUBLIC INPUT

Sally Stocks Eissfeldt, 1114 Lincolnshire, Champaign, and Neil Malone, representing Champaign County Association of Realtors, addressed the Council with their concerns regarding **Ordinance No. 2006-08-109: An Ordinance to Establish a Rental Registration Program for Residential Property Within the City of Urbana.**

Alderman Smyth moved by omnibus motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2006-08-109: An Ordinance to Establish a Rental Registration Program for Residential Property Within the City of Urbana** and **Ordinance No. 2006-11-137: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois, Adding Registration Fees for Residential Properties Being Rented Within the City of Urbana to the Schedule of Fees.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox.

Community Development Director Libby Tyler presented staff report and answered questions that had been brought forth by the public.

Alderwoman Chynoweth Danielle suggested the Council go through the amendments as they were presented.

The first amendment is one that was recommended by Alderman Smyth. Alderman Smyth stated that this amendment actually goes in the fees. Alderwoman Chynoweth inquired if there was discussion on the proposal to consider a waiver of fees for HUD certified low income housing for seniors and disabled persons.

Ms. Tyler presented substitute language for section (b) "HUD assisted low-income permanent housing projects for seniors, persons with disabilities, and/or homeless individuals shall be eligible for a waiver of fees by the Building Official." Alderwoman Chynoweth suggested discussing items 1, 2, 4, and 5, stating that 2, 4, and 5 seem to be straight forward clean up and item 1 has a substantial change.

Alderman Bowersox moved adoption of 1 (with tonight's changes), 2, 4 and 5. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smyth and carried a voice vote.

Alderwoman Chynoweth stated that number 3 probably shouldn't be acted upon because it needs to be considered.

Alderwoman Chynoweth proposed that if "A" was specified more clearly, such as including a key tracking system made of a list of current key holders and a

good education program that explained the security plan that would take care of this. The first sentence of part B is not really clear, it states that keys would be restricted to the owner/owners agent. There needs to be a definition of owners, agent or exempt, owner-occupied units. Alderwoman Chynoweth proposed that she and Alderman Smyth try to put something together and see if that reflects a consensus of the group.”

Council moved on to the discussion of Number 3.

Following debate, Mr. Smyth moved that Council accept Amendment 3; 1, 2, and 3. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis and carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Chynoweth stated that Number 4 is a proposal from Mayor Prussing that the first year the fees be prorated. Number 5 indicates that the City would have the street address of the applicant. Number 6 addresses changes of ownership. These could be considered in omnibus fashion.

Alderman Smyth moved by omnibus motion to accept the items as stated by Alderwoman Chynoweth. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Chynoweth reviewed the text amendments made by City Attorney Jim Gitz. Number 7 deletes the last sentence in subsection on page 7. Number 8 on page 9, amends Section 15. Violations, by deleting the present subsection (b) and inserting the following:

(b) The Building Official may refuse to register or revoke the registration of a Rental property unit which obtains a “Class F” designation as set forth in Section 10. Building Official may also revoke the registration of a building which fails to comply with Property Maintenance Code deadlines to remedy without good cause.

Mr. Gitz suggested that Council forego action on #8 to work on it collectively.

Alderman Lewis moved to move forward with Number 7. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowersox and carried by a voice vote.

Following further debate, Alderman Smyth moved to defer. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lewis.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be a 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 27, 2006 in the City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Economic Development Manager Tom Carrino presented the Economic Development Report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Chynoweth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Danielle Chynoweth
Mayor Pro Tem

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: January 16, 2007, as amended

AMENDMENT TO THE DECEMBER 4, 2006 MINUTES

Mayor Prussing requested that the minutes be amended to show her in attendance at this meeting. There were no objections.