

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**\*\*\* SPECIAL MEETING \*\*\***  
**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, February 12, 2007 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
Danielle Chynoweth, Alderwoman Ward 2  
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3  
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4 (7:03 p.m.)  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6 (7:02 p.m.)  
Lynne C. Barnes, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce Walden; James Gitz; Michael Bily; Anthony Foster; Gale Jamison;  
Elizabeth Tyler; Gordon Skinner; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Rodney Fletcher

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Esther Patt; Members of the Media

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler #3, representing the Tenant Union, addressed the Council in support of the Building, Fire and Property Maintenance Code.

**III. ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01-006: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY CODES WITH ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS, AND REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS (CHAPTER 5 OF THE URBANA CODE OF ORDINANCES)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) and Gordon Skinner (Building Safety Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Bowersox seconded. Debate ensued.

Alderman Smyth moved to amend Section PM-104.6.1 of the code to change subsections 1(a), 1(e), and 1(i) as follows:

- "(a) Defective, dangerous, or non-functioning plumbing, electrical, gas or other necessary utility.
- (e) Serious structural problems or conditions which render a property uninhabitable.
- (i) Leaking roof that poses a safety or health risk."

Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Smyth also moved to strike subsection 1(d) distributed earlier to Council Members by James Gitz (City Attorney) and leave in 2(g) received previously. Alderman Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The vote on the motion to approve the ordinance was as follows:

Barnes - Nay	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Chynoweth - Aye	Stevenson - Nay
Lewis - Aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2007-01-006, "An Ordinance Adopting Building and Fire Safety Codes with Additions, Deletions and Modifications, and Repealing Certain Sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (Chapter 5 of the Urbana Code of Ordinances)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:2-nay).

**IV. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**a. *Human Relations Officer - Todd Rent***

Mayor Prussing presented her recommendation of Todd Rent for the position of Human Relations Officer. Mr. Rent is currently the Associate Director/Joint Office for Compliance at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA.

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

**Disposition:** The appointment of Todd Rent to the position of Human Relations Officer was approved by Council by a voice vote. Mr. Rent will begin his employ with the City of Urbana March 5, 2007.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:06 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: February 19, 2007