



State of Illinois

Minutes



City of Urbana

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL – CLOSED SESSION**  
400 S. Vine, Urbana, IL 61801  
(Pending Litigation Issues)

October 22, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

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**Minutes Approved, 12/06/2010; Approved for Release, RES. 2017-08-059R**

The Urbana City Council Committee of the Whole met in a special closed session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11).

Elected Officials present: Lynne Barnes, Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, Heather Stevenson, Mayor Prussing.

Staff present: Ronald O'Neal, Jr., Robert Myers, Elizabeth Tyler

Mayor Prussing called the closed session to order and stated the purpose of the special session pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave an updated staff report regarding the proposed residential buffer requirements for outdoor advertising sign structures of 300 feet. He reviewed Adams Advertising concerns regarding the ambiguity and undue discretion of the administrative review process of approving or denying billboard applications. Staff felt that the measurement standard should be clarified in the ordinance one way or the other to provide a fair process. On October 4, 2007, Plan Commission recommended that City Council approve the proposed ordinance with clarifications that the 300 foot buffer requirement should be measured in a radius on both side of the roadway. City Staff also recommended clarifying that the 300 foot buffer from residential, CRE and AG zoning districts be measured only on the same side of the roadway. Attorney Robert G. Kerchner advised the status of the case brought by Adams Advertising and discussed several scenarios for the legal outcome and possible settlement of case. Additional information was provided by Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) and Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney). The consensus was to follow the recommendations made by Plan Commission with additional language regarding the TIF district and possibly lowering sign distance to 1200 feet if needed to secure a settlement.

With no more business to come before this closed session, it was moved by Charlie Smyth and seconded by Robert Lewis to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk