

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2008

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 3, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

- Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
- Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
- Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4
- Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
- Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6
- Lynne C. Barnes, Alderwoman Ward 7
- Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
- Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

- Danielle Chynoweth, Alderwoman Ward 2

STAFF PRESENT

Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Dilley; William Gray, Elizabeth Tyler; Tom Carrino; Robert Myers; Rebecca Bird

OTHERS PRESENT

Greg Anderson; Clifford Singer; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

February 18, 2008 - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2008. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. Alderman Bowersox asked that the minutes be corrected to show the last meeting on *February 18, 2008* and not *February 28, 2008*. The motion to approve corrected minutes carried by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Greg Anderson, 206 E. University, Executive Vice President of the University of Illinois Employees Credit Union, announced the Five-Points Branch had opened on January 30, 2008. They will be celebrating the grand opening all this week and he wished to thank the City and the Council for all of their support.

Clifford Singer addressed the Council regarding his concerns about electrical conservation, especially in regards to public lighting. He has noticed street lighting may sometimes be activated at times when it is not necessary. He feels this issue should be addressed by the City.

Council Member Input

Mayor Prussing announced the City has been contacted by the City of Monticello about their consideration to contest the Ameren rate increase. The City of Monticello is also greatly concerned about the proposed water rate increases as well.

Mayor Prussing announced she had received a letter from a citizen thanking the Urbana police force for their quick response and professionalism during a recent incident.

The Mayor announced Alderwoman Stevenson out-shopped Mayor Schweighart of Champaign during Food Check-out Day which celebrated the affordability of food in America.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. ***Ordinance No. 2008-02-006: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Redevelopment Agreement with Five Points Realty, LLC (Northwest Corner of Cunningham Avenue and University Avenue - Gateway Shops)***

Alderman Bowersox, alternate for Alderwoman Chynoweth who was absent, made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - aye	Lewis - aye
Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Smyth - aye	Stevenson - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-02-006: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Redevelopment Agreement with Five Points Realty, LLC (Northwest Corner of Cunningham Avenue and University Avenue - Gateway Shops), was approved by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

b. **Ordinance No. 2008-02-007: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Gateway Shops)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - aye	Lewis - aye
Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Smyth - aye	Stevenson- aye
Mayor Prussing - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-02-006: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Gateway Shops), was approved by Council by roll call vote (*7-aye:0-nay).
[*Requires Mayor vote.]

c. **Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Real Estate Option and Contract for Property Located at 302 West Springfield Avenue (Allman's Auto Repair)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Smyth asked for a point of order to review if a roll call vote was needed. The City Clerk addressed the Council and stated it was not necessary to have a roll call vote for a motion. Alderman Smyth made a motion that the vote be done by roll call. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The motion to have a roll call vote carried by a voice vote.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Barnes - aye	Lewis - aye
Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Smyth - aye	Stevenson - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Real Estate Option and Contract for Property Located at 302 West Springfield Aveune (Allman's Auto Repair), was approved by Council by roll call vote (*7-aye:0-nay).
[*Requires Mayor vote.]

d. **Ordinance No. 2007-10-115: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances (Vehicles for Hire)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - aye	Lewis - aye
Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Smyth - aye	Stevenson - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2007-10-115: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances (Vehicles for Hire), was approved by Council by a roll call vote

(6-aye:0-nay)

There was nothing further to report. The next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) presented this month's Economic Development Report. There was a lot of activity this month with several businesses opening. He also announced the Cunningham Avenue Project team would be conducting a series of public meetings and a charette this week.

Alderman Bowersox asked that staff give an update at next month's meeting regarding the status of the Strong Banquet Center project and the Urbana Country Club condo project. Tom Carrino advised the Country Club project was not moving along at this time due to some items which needed to be addressed between the Urbana Country Club and the developer.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2008-03-012: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Revisions to Article XII, Historic Preservation Ordinance - Plan Case No. 2053-T-07)

Rebecca Bird (Community Development Intern) presented staff report.

After discussion, Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - aye	Lewis - aye
Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Smyth - aye	Stevenson - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-012: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Revisions to Article XII, Historic Preservation Ordinance - Plan Case No. 2053-T-07), was approved by Council by a roll call vote(6-aye:0-nay).

2. Resolution No. 2008-03-005R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Intervention in the Ameren Rate Case Before the Illinois Commerce Commission

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (Acting City Attorney) presented staff report.

Alderman Bowersox asked that the wording regarding population totals be changed to read "in excess of 25,000". Alderman Bowersox made a motion to amend the resolution to reflect the

change in population totals. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion to amend resolution carried by voice vote.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution: No. 2008-03-005R A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Intervention in the Ameren Rate Case Before the Illinois Commerce Commission, was adopted by Council by a voice vote.

3. ***Ordinance No. 2008-03-011: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Intervention, Ameren Rate Increase)***

A staff report was not given.

Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Barnes seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - aye	Lewis - aye
Bowersox - aye	Roberts - aye
Smyth - aye	Stevenson - aye
Mayor Prussing - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-03-011: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Intervention, Ameren Rate Increase), was approved by Council by a roll call vote (*7-aye:0-nay).
[*Requires Mayor vote.]

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: April 7, 2008