Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



*** SPECIAL MEETING *** URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 14, 2008

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, July 14, 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
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Danielle Chynoweth, Alderwoman Ward 2 [Resignation entered in this record]

STAFF PRESENT

Ron O'Neal, Jr.; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Ronald Eldridge; Thomas Carrino; Kelly Hartford; Janel Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT

Durl Kruse; Carl Hill; James Winston; Members of the Media

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the special meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Prussing read into record a letter of resignation she received from Alderwoman Chynoweth. Alderwoman Chynoweth represents Ward 2 and is resigning due to increased travel and professional commitments. Mayor Prussing praised Alderwoman Chynoweth on her accomplishments and commitment to her constituents and the City of Urbana as a whole. Alderman Roberts also commended Alderwoman Chynoweth, recognizing the guidance and support she rendered to him at the time of his appointment to the City Council. Alderwoman Chynoweth's resignation is effective immediately. (A copy of the resignation is attached.)

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II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Durl Kruse addressed the Council with concerns and an expression of opposition to the Cunningham Township Board's decision at last Monday's meeting to not support placing the referendum for IRV (Instant Runoff Voting) on the ballot.

Carl Hill, 1913 Trails Drive, addressed the Council in support of the City's agreement for promotion and marketing services with the Urbana Business Association and the "Build Urbana Program".

James Winston, 1306 Eureka, addressed the Council with concerns about vicious dogs and dogs unleashed, and encouraged the Council to look into better enforcement to safeguard the community. Mr. Winston addressed the Council last year when his granddaughter was attacked by a dog running loose.

III. ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07-074: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2007-2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Services Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

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

Barnes - Aye

Bowersox - Aye

Lewis - Aye

Smyth - Aye

Stevenson - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2008-07-074, "An Ordinance Approving Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana/Champaign/Champaign County HOME Consortium FY 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

IV. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The appointments were acted on in omnibus fashion.

Mayor Prussing presented her recommendations for appointments to the Public Arts Commission, Sustainability Advisory Commission, and Community Development Commission.

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

Disposition: The following appointments were approved by Council by voice vote:

<u>Public Arts Commission</u>: (Term expiring June 30, 2010) Ted Zernich, Robin Hall, Barbara Hedlund, Katherine Lamb, and Michelle Plante; (Term expiring June 30, 2009) Geoffrey W. Bant, Robert Lewis, Sarah Ross, and Patricia Sammon Urbana City Council
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Sustainability Advisory Commission: (Term expiring June 30, 2011) Marya Ryan, John Marlin, and Kirstin Replogle; (Term expiring June 30, 2010) Jennifer Monson and Stephen Wald; (Term expiring June 30, 2009) Amy Ando and Todd Rusk

<u>Community Development Commission</u>: (Term expiring June 30, 2011) Janice Bengston

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Prussing declared the special meeting of the Urbana City Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: July 21, 2008