

**CITY OF URBANA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - January 12, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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The City Council Committee Of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Heather Stevenson (Chair); Lynne C. Barnes; Brandon Bowersox; David Gehrig; Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Phyllis Clark

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Michelle Brooks; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Todd Rent; Ryan Brault, Deborah Roberts

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Neil Parthun; E. Wayne Johnson; Members of the Media

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Stevenson called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated report to the Committee and announced the recent opening of several new businesses and the beginning of several construction projects in Urbana.

Mr. Roberts (Alderman) gave a thank you to Lisa Braults and Thomas Carrino for all of their support and help over the past year with Urbana birthday events.

Mayor Prussing thanked Dennis Roberts for his efforts with the birthday celebrations.

Mayor Prussing also recognized the recent News Gazette article on Kate Gorman (UPTV Director) and announced a recent grant the City acquired due to her recent attendance at a seminar.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) announced the upcoming dedication of the Provena Center for Healthy Aging on Monday, February 2, 2009. She also announced the City had been highlighted in a recent publication of "American Planning Association" as one of six case studies for urban forestry.

She also announced the SE Urbana Business Association would be holding a meeting on January 27, 2009 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Urbana Monical's Pizza.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**December 8, 2008** - The Committee requested a correction be made to the minutes to reflect that Mike Lehman addressed the Committee against the criminal nuisance property ordinance, but in favor of the Employee Free Choice Act resolution. Mr. Gehrig made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 8, 2008 with corrections. Ms. Barnes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

E. Wayne Johnson, 1810 S. Vine and Neil Parthun, 705 E. Colorado #105 spoke to the Committee in opposition of the criminal nuisance property ordinance.

5. **Presentation: Civilian Police Review Board Update**

Todd Rent (Human Relations Officer) presented the report to Committee with additional input from Police Chief Bily. After discussion, a recommendation was made to have staff review the language for clarification.

6. **Downtown Urbana Project Analysis Update**

Ryan Brault (Redevelopment Specialist) presented the updated staff report with additional input from William Gray (Public Works Director) and Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager). Discussion followed.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-01-001: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Vine Street Lift Station Improvement)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report mentioning upgrades and improvements recommended. Ms. Barnes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-01-002: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Boyden Street)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report. Mr. Roberts made motion to approve and send to Council for approval. Mr. Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **Resolution No. 2009-01-001R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Goodwin Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project - Construction Phase)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report and announced the plans had already been submitted with IDOT for review. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send this item to Council with recommendation for approval. Mr. Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **Discussion: Ordinance No. 2008-11-135: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Article IV, Division 1 of the Urbana Code of Ordinances (Criminal Nuisance Property)**

Mayor Prussing announced other communities had been able to reduce crime through better management of apartments and rental properties. She also suggested the fines collected could possibly be used to help with the relocation of tenants affected by this ordinance.

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) introduced the new Assistant City Attorney, Michelle Brooks to the Committee and public. She will be attending Committee and Council meetings on a rotating basis with Assistant City Attorney, Curt Borman and Mr. O'Neal, Jr.

Mr. Smith announced the National Safety Council had banned the use of cell phones, both hand-held and hands-free, while driving. He requested Committee complete the ordinance started a year ago regarding this topic.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Gehrig declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.  
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: February 9, 2009