

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, February 2, 2009 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
David Gehrig, Alderman Ward 2
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
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ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray;
Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Myers

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Halvorsen; Members of Urbana High School FFA; Diane Marlin; Laura Huth; Michael Mervis; Thomas Falender; Ted Vacketta; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following minutes were acted on in omnibus fashion:

January 20, 2009 - Special

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Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting, as well as the regular meeting held January 20, 2009, in omnibus fashion. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alderwoman Stevenson introduced the members of the Urbana High School FFA to the Council.

Diane Marlin, 2203 Boudreau Circle, spoke to the Council of her support of the criminal nuisance ordinance. She asked for a review of some of the language used in the ordinance. She also made a recommendation for Council to consider reviewing vacancy rates in apartment complexes to avoid future problems with vagrancy.

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) discussed the monthly economic report with Council. She mentioned several new businesses had recently opened or were scheduled to open in various areas of the City. She announced a new office building was being planned for the University and Race intersection at the site of the old Collins gas station. She stated the Market at the Square report would be available next week. An under-utilized property commission is being considered as well. She mentioned the Arts Commission has been very active and has several projects in progress.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced the City in conjunction with other intergovernmental agencies had received a merit award for the Scottswood Subdivision Storm Water Project (Weaver Park Project) from the American Council of Engineering Consultants. A presentation will be held Friday, February 13, 2009 in Chicago.

Alderman Smyth announced there would be a conference concerning traffic roundabouts on Monday, February 23, 2009 at the I Hotel.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Presentation - St. Mary's Road Corridor Study**

William Gray (Public Works Director) introduced Eric Halvorsen, CUUATS transportation planner, who gave a presentation to Council. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Bowersox recused himself from the meeting at 7:43 p.m., citing a possible conflict of interest.

2. **Ordinance No. 2009-02-006: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Allow the Construction of a Recycling Center in the IN, Industrial, Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2093-SU-08 / 3008 North Cunningham Avenue, Mervis Industries)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) presented the staff report. A presentation was given by Laura Huth, Do Good Consulting; Michael Mervis, Thomas Falender and Ted Vacketta of Mervis Industries.

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderman Gehrig seconded. Following discussion, the vote was as follows:

Barnes - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Bowersox - Abstain	Smyth - Aye
Gehrig - Aye	Stevenson - Aye
Lewis - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-02-006, An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (To Allow the Construction of a Recycling Center in the IN, Industrial, Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2093-SU-08 / 3008 North Cunningham Avenue, Mervis Industries), was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay:1-abstain).

Alderman Bowersox rejoined the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

3. **Resolution No. 2009-02-006: A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Map Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Map (A 41.5 - Acre Tract of Land Known as 1742 CR 1400 N / Country Arbors Nursery, Inc.)**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) presented the staff report.

Alderwoman Barnes made a motion to approve. Alderman Gehrig seconded. Mayor Prussing asked for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

Barnes - Nay	Roberts - Nay
Bowersox - Nay	Smyth - Nay
Gehrig - Nay	Stevenson - Nay
Lewis - Nay	

Disposition: Resolution No. 2009-02-006: A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Map Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning

Map (A 41.5 - Acre Tract of Land Known as 1742 CR 1400 N / Country Arbors Nursery, Inc.), was defeated by a roll call vote (0-aye:7-nay).

4. **Mayoral Appointment**

Mayor Prussing made a recommendation to appoint Gary Cziko to the Sustainability Advisory Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Todd Rusk, with a term to expire on June 30, 2009.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 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 16, 2009