



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, May 18, 2009 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

David Gehrig, Alderman Ward 2
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Ronald O'Neal Jr.; Robert Myers; Deborah J. Roberts; John Schneider; Brian Nightlinger

OTHERS PRESENT

Danielle Chynoweth; Neil Parthun; Belden Fields; Durl Kruse; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Pro-tem, Charlie Smyth, called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

February 27, 2009 (Special); May 4, 2009; May 11, 2009 (Special) - Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 27, 2009, May 4, 2009, and May 11, 2009 in omnibus fashion. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Danielle Chynoweth, 412 W. Illinois; Neil Parthun, 705 E. Colorado, #105; Belden Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania; Durl Kruse, 2007 S. George Huff all spoke to the Council about their concerns regarding the recent displacement of citizens of the City of Champaign from their living accommodations due to failure of the landlord to pay utilities. They suggested the Council look at enacting an ordinance which addresses a tenant relocation assistance fund and possibly looking at including hotel/motel structures in the rental registration program.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) told the Council there would be a report for the next Committee meeting on June 8, 2009 regarding an action plan being developed to address the issues of apartment status versus hotel/motel use. She also mentioned there are funds available in the Social Services funding from last year which are slated for emergency relocation.

Mayor Pro-tem Charlie Smyth gave a proclamation from Mayor Prussing to William Gray (Public Works Director) announcing the week of May 17 through May 23rd as being "National Public Works Week in Urbana, Illinois".

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2009-03-024: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 of the City of Urbana Code of Ordinances to Authorize the City of Urbana to Charge Non-Residents for Calls for Fire Rescue Services on Urbana Streets and Highways**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave the updated staff report and noted the title had changed slightly from what was noticed in the agenda. Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve with amendments to language regarding clarification of what constituted a resident or non-resident. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Marlin - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-03-024: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 of the City of Urbana Code of Ordinances to Authorize the Charging of Costs of Certain Fire and Rescue Services to Non-Resident Parties, was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee of the Whole

a. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-050: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Street (Colorado Avenue)**

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

Bowersox - Aye
Lewis - Aye
Marlin - Aye

Roberts - Aye
Smyth - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-05-050: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Street(Colorado Avenue), was approved b a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

b. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-051: An Ordinance Approving the Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System Annual Budget (FY 2009-2010)**

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

Bowersox - Aye
Lewis - Aye
Marlin - Aye

Roberts - Aye
Smyth - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-05-051: An Ordinance Approving the Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System Annual Budget (FY 2009-2010), was approved by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

c. **Ordinance No. 2009-05-047: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2003-03-024, and Approving and Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1107 North Gregory Street and 1109 North Gregory Street / Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana)**

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

Bowersox - Aye
Lewis - Aye
Marlin - Aye

Roberts - Aye
Smyth - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-05-047: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2003-03-024, and Approving and Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1107 North Gregory Street and 1109 North Gregory Street / Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana), was approved by a roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

d. **Resolution No. 2009-05-019R: A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2009-2010 (Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana)**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve this resolution in omnibus fashion with Resolution No. 2009-05-020R. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- e. Resolution No. 2009-05-020R: A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2009-2010 (Ecological Construction Laboratory)

This resolution was voted in omnibus fashion with Resolution No. 2009-05-019R and was carried by a voice vote.

- f. Ordinance No. 2009-05-048: An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Champaign County for the Placement of a Newspaper Rack Located at 101 East Main Street / Champaign County Courthouse Site

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

Bowersox - Aye	Roberts - Aye
Lewis - Aye	Smyth - Aye
Marlin - Nay	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-05-048: An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Champaign County for the Placement of a Newspaper Rack Located at 101 East Main Street / Champaign County Courthouse Site, was approved by a roll call vote (4-aye:1-nay).

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

William Gray (Public Works Director) notified the Council that on Sunday, May 17, 2009, eight public works employees in conjunction with 5 other agencies, as part of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network, were dispatched to help with clean-up and debris removal in the southern part of Illinois due to high winds.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2009-05-053: An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Amending Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations - Plan Case No. 2104-T-09)

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave the staff report with additional input from Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner). After discussion, Alderman Bowersox made a motion to have this item sent to the next Council meeting on June 1, 2009 to allow staff more time to review. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Prussing notified Council of her recommended appointment of Dannie Otto to the Plan Commission for an unexpired term ending

June 30, 2011. Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve.
Alderswoman Marlin seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro-tem Smyth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.
Minutes Approved: June 1, 2009