

**CITY OF URBANA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - September 28, 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, September 28, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Diane Marlin (Chair); Robert E. Lewis; Dennis Roberts; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** Brandon Bowersox

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Charlie Smyth, David Gehrig

**STAFF PRESENT:** William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Mike Monson; Michael Bily; Todd Rent; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; John Schneider; Rich Coyne; Gale Jamison

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Costello; Grace Mitchell; Carol Ammons; Ricky Baldwin; Brian Dolinar; Keihly Moore; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Marlin called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:04 p.m.

*Due to scheduling conflicts, Diane Marlin is chairing this meeting.*

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mayor Prussing announced she and Mike Monson had attended a recent Illinois Municipal League meeting which addressed FOIA changes and video gaming. She mentioned there will be a water report and public meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Parkland College. Thursday, October 1, 2009 there will be a hearing of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 7:00 p.m. at the Champaign City Council Chambers to discuss the proposed rate increases.

Dennis Roberts announced the recent Folk and Roots Festival held over the weekend was well attended.

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

August 24, 2009 - Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 24, 2009. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Carol Ammons, 1108 N. Busey Avenue, spoke to the Committee of her concerns regarding some clarification needed in the wording of the Civilian Police Review Board policies.

5. **Civilian Police Review Board Annual Report**

Todd Rent (Human Relations Officer) introduced Tom Costello and Grace Mitchell who presented the annual report. Discussion followed. Ricky Baldwin, 801 E. California Avenue spoke to the Committee regarding his concerns that more outreach needs to be done in the community. Brian Dolinar, 303 W. Locust suggested that the board needed to meet more frequently and make the records more accessible to the public.

6. **Presentation - "The Lincoln Elm Tree"**

Mr. Roberts gave the presentation about the site of an elm tree under which Abraham Lincoln gave a speech. Adjacent to the site is another site of a pine tree which was a gift from Mr. Lincoln. Discussion followed.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to endorse the creation of a "Looking for Lincoln" wayside marker for the two historic Urbana trees. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-109: An Ordinance to Repeal and Make Void Ordinance No. 2008-09-093, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate to Ecological Construction Laboratory for Affordable Housing Development (901 North Division Avenue)"**

John Schneider (Grants Manager) gave the staff report and advised that Keihly Moore from Ecological Construction Laboratory was available to take questions from Committee if needed. Ms. Stevenson made a motion to vote on this in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2009-09-110 and send both to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-110: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1302 West Dublin Street to Ecological Construction Laboratory for Affordable Housing Development**

*This item was voted in omnibus fashion with Ordinance No. 2009-09-109.*

9. **Resolution No. 2009-09-029R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (Green Street)**

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

10. **Motion to Permit Replacement of Brick Streets with Concrete or Asphalt at Certain Locations (Park Street and Goodwin Avenue)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report with additional information given by Gale Jamison (Assistant City Engineer). Mr. Lewis made a motion to send to Council for approval with amendment of wording to replacement by concrete only. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. **Resolution No. 2009-09-030R: A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Goodwin Avenue)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-107: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Public Works Dump Truck and Salt Spreader)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report with additional information given by Rich Coyne (Operations Manager). Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

13. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-108: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-123 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Smith Road, Ogelthorpe Avenue, Montgomery Street, Abercorn Street)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) gave the staff report. Ms. Stevenson made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

14. **Ordinance No. 2009-09-111: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Intervention, Water Company Rate Increase - FY 2009-2010)**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave the staff report with additional input from Mayor Prussing. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

15. **Resolution No. 2009-09-031R: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Intervention Before the Illinois Commerce Commission in Ameren Electricity Cases (FY 2009-2010)**

Ronald O'Neal, Jr. (City Attorney) gave the staff report. He told the Committee they could anticipate a budget amendment in the future as Urbana's share of costs, if all cities participate, would be around \$19,055.32. Mr. Roberts made a motion to send to Council for approval. Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

16. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: October 12, 2009