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City of Urbana

URBANA CITY COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION
(City Goals)

October 26, 2009
5:15 p.m.

The Urbana City Council met in study session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing City Council goals.

Elected Officials present: Brandon Bowersox, David Gehrig, Robert Lewis, Diane Marlin; Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, Mayor Prussing.

Staff present: Mike Monson, Elizabeth Tyler, Ronald O'Neal, Jr

Mayor Prussing called the study session to order which was a continuation of the previous meeting held on 10/05/09.

Mike Monson (Chief of Staff) gave an updated report regarding City goals. Council reviewed and made some adjustments to the wording (see attached draft #9). Issues discussed included conducting annual training for boards and commissions; placing Mayor's action plans on the website; ward maps and census information with addition of wording of fairly balanced and contiguous use of transparent public process for the drawing of the next ward maps; completing the design of City website by February 2010; promoting diversity; publishing annual report regarding diversity issues and training, Affirmative Action Plan, etc.; Comprehensive Plan with ordinance changes; affordable housing; tenant relocation funding; continuing to work with Housing Authority; reduce impact of off street parking; historic district corridors; encourage new business and high tech job creation; Sister City participation; Fire and Police protection.

The meeting was recessed at 6:55 p.m. to allow the Council to attend the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Discussion regarding investigating hotels and motels including extended stay facilities for safety issues, possibly not including under rental registration guidelines; review of properties with excessive vacancies, foreclosures, or excessive police reports, homelessness issues, etc.

With no more business to come before this study session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk