

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6
Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

David Gehrig, Alderman Ward 2 (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Monson; Curtis Borman; Michael Bily; Michael Dilley; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Michael Brunk; Raymond Knight; Thomas Carrino

OTHERS PRESENT

Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

November 2, 2009 - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 2, 2009. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. There were no corrections. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Prussing welcomed Boy Scout John Seabauer, who was seated in the audience and attending tonight's City Council meeting to earn his Citizenship in the Community Badge.

There was no public input.

Council Member Input

Alderman Roberts thanked City Clerk Phyllis Clark and Mayor Prussing for their support and efforts in making the "Come Alive! 2" event a success. Come Alive! 2 was held Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Levis Faculty Center, featuring a celebration of African-American culture in music, dance, art and history, as well as a delicacy of soul food dishes.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

a. **Ordinance No. 2009-11-117: Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and Ending June 30, 2010**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-11-117, "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and Ending June 30, 2010", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:1-nay).

b. **Ordinance No. 2009-11-118: An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 (FY 2009-2010)**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-11-118, "An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy for \$965,000 General Obligation Bonds,

Series 2005 (FY 2009-2010)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:1-nay).

- c. **Resolution No. 2009-11-035R: A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and Ending June 30, 2010**

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 2009-11-035R, "A Resolution Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Purpose for the Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and Ending June 30, 2010", was adopted by Council by voice vote.

- d. **Ordinance No. 2009-11-119: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (1913 Brownfield Road / Maxey and Ruth Overmyer)**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-11-119, "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (1913 Brownfield Road / Maxey and Ruth Overmyer)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

- e. **Ordinance No. 2009-11-120: An Ordinance Amending Section 11-49 of the Urbana City Code (Nuisance Abatement Liens)**

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

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-11-120, "An Ordinance Amending Section 11-49 of the Urbana City Code (Nuisance Abatement Liens)", was approved by Council by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

- f. **Ordinance No. 2009-11-121: An Ordinance Amending Section 1-18 of the Urbana City Code (Minimum Fine Schedule for Certain Violations)**

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
Stevenson - Nay

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2009-11-121, "An Ordinance Amending Section 1-18 of the Urbana City Code (Minimum Fine Schedule for Certain Violations)", was approved by Council by roll call vote.

With nothing further to report, the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for December 14, 2009* at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. [*Note: The November 23, 2009 Committee meeting has been cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday.]

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were none.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation: Rain Garden

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) introduced his staff, Michael Brunk (City Arborist) and Ray Knight (Landscape Supervisor), who did a brief presentation on rain gardens and one they recently constructed. Mr. Knight's presentation demonstrated the benefits of rain gardens and how they help to rid standing water from going into storm drains.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

2. Discussion: Second Floor Relocation Initiative (Retail)

Alderman Roberts presented an initiative for a second floor relocation program for Downtown Urbana retail, that would create a city-based incentive to assist the relocation of non-retail businesses currently located in ground floor business spaces to second floor office space. Debate ensued.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

3. Discussion: Creation of a Multi-Use Community Center in Southeast Urbana

Alderman Roberts proposed the creation of a local multi-use community center in Southeast Urbana, based on two neighborhood meetings and a survey of residents in the East Washington Street and South Lierman Avenue neighborhoods (including residents of Scottswood Manor Apartments). Following his presentation, Alderman Roberts gave notice of a public hearing that will be

held November 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers, for the purpose of soliciting public input concerning the creation of a community center serving residents of Urbana.

This item did not warrant Council action at this time.

4. **Mayoral Appointment**

a. **Building Safety Code Board of Appeals - Scott Kunkel**

Mayor Prussing presented Scott Kunkel as her recommendation for appointment to the Building Safety Code Board of Appeals for a term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2014.

Alderman Bowersox made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Disposition: The appointment of Scott Kunkel to the Building Safety Code Board of Appeals was approved by Council by 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.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 7, 2009