

**CITY OF URBANA
URBANA CITY COUNCIL – JULY 19, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

CLOSED SESSION

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: David Gehrig; Robert Lewis; Diane Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Heather Stevenson; Laurel Lunt Prussing

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Brandon Bowersox

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Monson; Ronald O'Neal; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Gail Jamison; John Schneider; Deborah Roberts

The City Council of the City of Urbana met in closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues, pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). The issues being discussed this evening were the proposed acquisitions of 1311 W. Beech and 202 S. Vine Street.

1311 W. Beech Street (Esther Stoba): John Schneider (Grants Management Division Manager) addressed the property at 1311 W. Beech owned by Esther Stoba. He noted that the City of Urbana is in second position on the mortgage. In order to protect the City's interest, the City could purchase the property via Sherriff's auction, if it goes to sell.

202 S. Vine Street (Goodyear Property): Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) addressed the Goodyear property. The City of Urbana has an option to purchase the property for \$400,000. The option expires August 31, 2010. Concerns raised about the property included contaminants that were found (i.e., mercury, volatile organic compounds). Goodyear has a lease that is good for another 36 months. Staff will meet with developers to express interest in the property, and will come to Council with a budget amount in August.

Following debate, Alderman Lewis moved to adjourn the closed session and resume to the Council Chambers for the regular meeting. Alderman Gehrig seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The City Council returned to open session at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts, Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary