



State of Illinois

Minutes

City of Urbana

URBANA CITY COUNCIL – CLOSED SESSION
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801
(Property Acquisition Issues)

February 28, 2011
During Committee of the Whole Meeting

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The Urbana City Council met in closed session at 8:25 p.m. (during the course of the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting) for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).

Elected Officials present: Brandon Bowersox, Eric Jakobsson, Diane Marlin, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth, Heather Stevenson, Mayor Prussing

Staff present: Mike Monson, John Schneider, Elizabeth Tyler, Curt Borman

Chair Bowersox called the closed session to order at 8:25 p.m.

John Schneider (Grants Manager) gave staff report regarding the possible acquisition of property at 1304 W. Dublin. The owner approached staff to see if the City would be interested in purchasing the property. The appraised value of the property is \$36,000. Staff feels the structure is not a candidate for rehab and would demolition. The owner has waived any relocation costs, but would ask that we release a junk and debris lien amounting to \$1,800 on the property making the total cost \$37,800. The estimated cost to demolish the property would be around \$10,000 - \$11,000. This would remove a dilapidated structure from the neighborhood and provide a lot for new construction. Funds are available in property acquisition line item in the budget. Discussion followed. Staff felt they could make an offer lower than what is asked.

Another property at 1204 W. Beech is available for \$13,500 which the property owner is willing to accept. This structure is empty and vacant at this time and would also need to be demolished. This would be another lot that could be available for new construction.

Sense of Committee was for staff to proceed with these acquisitions.

With no more business to come before this closed session, it was moved and seconded to go back into open session. Committee went back into open session at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk