

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, December 19, 2011 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Carrino; Mike Monson; Elizabeth Tyler; Curt Borman; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Michael Dilley; Bart Hagston

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Olsen; John Dimit; Gary Cziko; Carol McKusick; 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 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Prussing asked for a moment of silence to remember former Council member, Arthur R. Zangerl, who recently passed. She also read a final message he prepared.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

December 5, 2011 - Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve the regular minutes of December 5, 2011. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Presentation: Metro Centre Project (Goodyear Block)

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) introduced Gary Olsen, architect and developer with Olsen & Associates, who presented a proposal for a mixed-use project in the 200 block of Vine Street. Discussion followed. Alderman Smyth made a motion to direct Staff to prepare the appropriate documents which meet the spirit of the request for proposal, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the documents. Alderman Jakobsson seconded, and the motion carried by a voice vote.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

John Dimit, representing Urbana First Presbyterian Church, presented a short pictorial of a recent trip to Zomba, Malawi (Sister-City to Urbana) and gave gifts to Mayor Prussing and Alderman Dennis Roberts from the citizens.

Gary Cziko, gave a short presentation on crossing solutions for blind and disabled pedestrians at roundabouts.

Carol McKusick spoke to Council of her concerns regarding commercial haulers and the Boneyard Creek plans.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

a. ***Motion to Approve the Boneyard Creek Improvement Project and Public Art Design***

Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to approve. Alderman Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

b. ***Ordinance No. 2011-12-136: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Promotion and Marketing Services (Urbana Business Association, FY 2011-2012)***

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

Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Marlin - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-12-136: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Promotion and Marketing Services (Urbana Business Association, FY 2011-2012), was approved by a roll call vote [5-aye:0-nay].

c. ***Resolution No. 2011-12-043R: A Resolution Extending the Build Urbana Tax Rebate Program for One Additional Year (to December 1, 2012 - Build Urbana)***

Tom Carrino (Economic Development Manager) announced the Urbana Park District and Urbana School District have approved this item during their recent meetings on December 13th. Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

d. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-131: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Clarifying Ownership of Parking Deck Walkway (115 W. Main Street)***

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

Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Marlin - aye	Prussing - aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-131: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Clarifying Ownership of Parking Deck Walkway (115 W. Main Street), was approved by a roll call vote [6-aye:0-nay] [MAYOR VOTING].

e. ***Ordinance No. 2011-11-132: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way (Fish Alley)***

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

Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Marlin - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-11-132: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way (Fish Alley), was approved by a roll call vote [5-aye:0-nay].

f. ***Ordinance No. 2011-12-137: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) Agreement (Green Street at Lincoln Avenue)***

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

Jakobsson - aye	Roberts - aye
Lewis - aye	Smyth - aye
Marlin - aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2011-12-137: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) Agreement (Green Street at Lincoln Avenue), was approved by a roll call vote [5-aye:0-nay].

g. ***Resolution No. 2011-12-044R: A Resolution Initiating the Submission to the Voters of the City of Urbana of the***

Public Question of Whether to Authorize the City to Arrange for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such Program (Municipal Electric Aggregation)

Bart Hagston (Environmental Sustainability Manager) answered questions from Council. He announced voter education materials would be sent out fairly quickly to help the public become more educated on this item. Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

William Gray (Public Works Director) invited the Council members to ride along with a snow plow driver sometime during the season to get an idea of the job requirements.

Michael Dilley (Fire Chief) told of a recent call where the resident had accidentally set off his medic alert button by mistake. However, while the fire staff checked the alarm out, they discovered a more serious problem of a gas leak in the basement. They corrected the problem and got the resident to safety until his home could be cleared of the gas fumes and the leak stopped.

Mayor Prussing announced the Police Department staff and Swat Team members were recently involved in a situation on December 12th which ended with several suspects being taken into custody. She also mentioned she forwarded to Council the rules and procedures for Council meetings for their review.

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director) announced Staff had received good responses back from citizens whose homes are being included on the listing of 100 most important buildings in Urbana. Information and photos received are now being compiled by staff.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Ordinance No. 2011-12-138: An Ordinance Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 1147 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (Term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013)***

Since the contracts have not been finalized, Mayor Prussing asked that this item be pulled from tonight's agenda and brought forth on January 9, 2012. There were no objections. No further action was taken on this item at this time.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: January 17, 2012