

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**\*\*\* SPECIAL \*\*\***  
**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 30, 2012**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, July 30, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
Eric Jakobsson, Alderwoman Ward 2  
Brandon Bowersox-Johnson, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6  
Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Monson; Curt Borman; Elizabeth Tyler; William Gray; Patrick Connolly; Michael Dilley; Tom Carrino; Bill DeJarnette; Bruce Cubberley

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Paul Hixson; Lori Gold Patterson; Sharon Irish; Chris Alix; Claudia Michel; Margaret Grady; Members of the Media

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:09 p.m.

**B. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Smyth discussed the recent fire in his ward and expressed his admiration for the organization and teamwork displayed by several different fire departments and police departments.

William Gray (Public Works Director) introduced Bruce Cubberley as the new Arbor Manager.

Margaret Grady did not speak to Council, but asked that her position be entered into the record as against video gambling in the City.

The following citizens spoke to Council in favor of the UC2B proposed plan including the participation of Gigabit Squared: Paul Hixson, Lori Gold Patterson, Sharon Irish and Chris Alix.

Claudia Michel spoke to Council of her frustration in being unable to secure a liquor license for their proposed business.

**C. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

a. ***Ordinance No. 2012-07-073: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3.7 (Video Gambling)***

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

Bowersox-Johnson - nay	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - nay	Stevenson - nay
Marlin - aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-07-073: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3.7 (Video Gambling), was approved by a roll call vote (4-aye:3-nay).

b. ***Ordinance No. 2012-07-077: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Vermont Avenue at Broadway Avenue)***

William Gray (Public Works Director) discussed a slight revision to the ordinance in language. Alderman Bowersox-Johnson made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-07-077: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Vermont Avenue at Broadway Avenue), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

c. ***Ordinance No. 2012-07-078: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code***

***Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets  
(Fairview Avenue, McCullough Street)***

William Gray (Public Works Director) discussed language changes on page two of the ordinance. This was accepted as a friendly amendment with no objections. Alderman Bowersox-Johnson made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-07-078: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Fairview Avenue, McCullough Street), was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

d. ***Resolution No. 2012-07-051R: A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with ESCA Consultants, Inc. (Florida Avenue and Philo Road Traffic Signal Improvements)***

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

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2012-07-051R: A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with ESCA Consultants, Inc. (Florida Avenue and Philo Road Traffic Signal Improvements), was passed by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay].

e. ***Resolution No. 2012-07-054R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Philo Road and Florida Avenue Traffic Signal Replacement)***

*There was a typographical error in the numbering of this item on the agenda and the correct number for this item is 2012-07-054R.*

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

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2012-07-053R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Philo Road and Florida Avenue Traffic Signal Replacement), was passed by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay].

f. ***Ordinance No. 2012-07-076: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Certain Real Estate (Effective March 1, 2013 / 212 West Green Street - Marro Building)***

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

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	Mayor Prussing - aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2012-07-076: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Certain Real Estate (Effective March 1, 2013 / 212 West Green Street - Marro Building), was approved by a roll call vote (8-aye:0-nay)[MAYOR VOTING].

g. ***Resolution No. 2012-07-052R: A Resolution Approving the 2012 Update of the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Urbana***

Alderman Bowersox-Johnson made a motion to approve. Alder seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox-Johnson - aye	Roberts - aye
Jakobsson - aye	Smyth - aye
Lewis - aye	Stevenson - aye
Marlin - aye	

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2012-07-052R: A Resolution Approving the 2012 Update of the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Urbana, was approved by a roll call vote [7-aye:0-nay].

**G. MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT**

Mayor Prussing announced her reappointment of Morgan Johnston to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission with a term to expire on June 30, 2015. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderman Bowersox-Johnson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**H. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ONLY**

1. UC2B Business Plan
2. Gigabit Squared Participation

Alderman Bowersox-Johnson showed a short video to the Council. Debate followed.

Mayor Prussing relinquished chair at 8:27 p.m. to join debate. She resumed the chair at 8:29 p.m.

It was the consensus of Council that there needed to be more transparency, especially with Gigabit Squared working relationships, past, present and future; what alternatives were there for the City to consider; and what reliable support from the University of Illinois could the City consider; possibility of a 501C12.

Alderman Smyth directed staff to draft a resolution for review at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting to contain language as follows:

Whereas, on July 23, 2012, the Urbana City Council amended a motion supporting the UC2B application to Gigabit Squared, but the Champaign City Council was not informed of the amendments before their vote the following day; and

Whereas, the Urbana City Council was not informed about UC2B's intention to offer Gigabit Squared free use of up to one half of all the fiber strands on the NTIA-funded backbone network, a subsidy valued at over \$9 million over a 20 year contract, until after the council vote on the application motion; and

Whereas, the Urbana City Council was not informed about the Non-Disclosure Agreement for the Gigabit Squared Application until after the council vote on the application motion; and

Whereas, the UC2B Policy Board voted 4-3 against adding the Urbana amendments to a resolution related to terms of the potential agreement with Gigabit Squared; and

Whereas, UC2B has stated that University of Illinois financial support may change substantially from the original 5 year agreement;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the City of Urbana communicates to all concerned by a straw vote of the City Council on July 30, 2012 that it is unlikely to enter into an agreement for expanded high-speed, fiber-optic services within the corporate limits of Urbana, Illinois that does not adhere to core principles of open access and local community connectivity as expressed in the council July 23 resolutions.

Furthermore, in the interest of transparency, fairness and in an effort to obtain the best possible service for the citizens of Urbana, Champaign and Savoy, the City of Urbana strongly urges that

- 1.) Acquire an independent evaluation and update of the UC2B Business Plan;
- 2.) Issue an RFI with a goal for issuing an RFP for expanding high-speed, open-access, fiber optic broadband network to all homes and businesses in Urbana, Champaign, and Savoy while adhering to the core principles and conditions outlined in the amended motion passed by the Urbana City Council on July 23, 2012;
- 3.) The RFI should invite input from citizens, potential private partners, and interested public entities in Champaign, Urbana, and Savoy, and should be a precursor to issuing an RFP for all interested parties to participate in the creation of the broadband build-out in the UC2B area;
- 4.) UC2B immediately hire a general manager to oversee operations and maintenance of the grant-funded network;
- 5.) UC2B provide briefings to the Urbana City Council on all incentives offered to Gigabit Squared as well as all incentives that have been offered to other service providers to date;
- 6.) Provide full disclosure on the personal and professional relationships among Gigabit Squared, NEOFiber, Gig U, and UC2B consultants and representatives; and
- 7.) Explore various ownership/financing options under different scenarios and different timing options for build-out.

Mayor Prussing asked for a straw poll to gauge Council consensus for such a resolution. The poll by a show of hands was 4-aye:3-nay.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: August 20, 2012