

**Closed Session: Property Acquisition Issues, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**

Monday, September 17, 2012

400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Minutes Approved, 9/18/2017CS20120917

During the course of the meeting, Alderman Smyth made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition issues, pursuant Chapter 5, Section 120/2(c)(5) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Alderman Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows:

Bowersox-Johnson – Aye Roberts – Aye Jakobsson – Aye Smyth – Aye Lewis – Aye Stevenson – Aye Marlin – Aye Mayor Prussing - Aye The motion carried by roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay).  
[\*Mayor voted.]

The Urbana City Council moved to the Executive Conference Room. Elected officials present: Charlie Smyth, Eric Jakobsson, Robert Lewis, Brandon Bowersox-Johnson, Dennis Roberts, Heather Stevenson, Diane Marlin, Mayor Prussing and City Clerk Phyllis Clark. Staff present: Libby Tyler, Tom Carrino, Curt Borman, Randy Burgett, Pat Connolly, Mike Dilley, Kelly Mierkowski, Mike Monson, and Ronald Eldridge.

The Mayor called the closed session to order at 9:15 p.m. and after stating the purpose of the closed session, turned the floor over to Randy Burgett.

**Part A: Approved for Release, RES. 2017-08-059R**

Mr. Burgett advised the Council that the property at 301 E. Thompson Street, which at one time had been used as a church, is now vacant and condemned. The City has been in contact with the title company negotiating a price for the purchase of the property. The amount negotiated through the title company is \$7,200.00. The property will be signed over to Habitat after demolition. The demolition will be the responsibility of City of Urbana. At this point staff is seeking permission to move forward with the negotiations. Discussion ensued. Libby advised that staff is recommending that they be given the okay to pursue the offer on this property as this item is on tonight's agenda.

**Urbana Town Homes:**

Libby Tyler gave the Council an update on the status of the Urbana Town Homes. She advised that the Receiver has been working to relocate tenants and has a desire to remove the request for condemnation. There is one last resident on the property that will be moving in a few days. The Receiver wants to know if the City wants to take title of property.

Discussion ensued. Libby stated two options that the City could review, 1) the City does not take title and the condemnation proceed; 2) the City takes title and demolish two of the buildings at a cost of \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00. Then seek to find funds for the demolition of the remainder of the buildings. The cost for all the buildings to be demolished is in the neighborhood of \$200,000.00 to \$275,000.00. The problem is, where will the funds come from.

Part B: **Confidential Not for Release, RES. 2017-08-059R**

With no further business to come before this closed session, Heather Stevenson moved that we return back into open session, Robert Lewis seconded. This meeting adjourned into open session at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk