

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 18, 2016

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

- Charles Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
- Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
- Aaron Ammons, Alderman Ward 3
- Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4
- Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
- Michael P. Madigan, Alderman Ward 6
- Diane Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7
- Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
- Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Brandon Boys; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Balsbaugh; Elderess Melinda Carr; Levi Dinkla; John Gant; Grier Raclin; Caty Roland; Dale Sinder; Bishop King James Underwood; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; 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 7:01 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting held on April 4, 2016. Alderman Roberts seconded. Alderman Brown suggested corrections and it was decided to delay the vote on approval until the next council meeting on May 2, 2016.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Grier Raclin, Chairman and CEO of CountryWide Broadband spoke to the council about the acquisition of iTV3 by CountryWide. Mr. Raclin and Levi Dinkla, the current general manager of iTV3 answered questions and concerns from council members. John Gant, Chair of the UC2B board, discussed and answered questions about the Community Benefit Fund.

Bishop King James and Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood did not wish to speak, but asked that their position be entered into the record regarding the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues.

Richard Balsbaugh spoke council members about the crosswalk at Philo Road and Windsor Road. He said that drivers do not stop for people crossing the street at the crosswalk and would like to see police enforcement there.

Dale Sinder, the Chair of the Champaign Urbana Cable and Telecommunications Commission, spoke to the council. He informed council members that the commission would like to have some input on the iTV3 acquisition and that the next meeting of the commission will be Thursday afternoon, April 21.

Elderess Melinda Carr asked for the information from the sewer presentation at the April 11 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderman Roberts gave information about the early reader children's book drive by the Sister Cities Committee, which will be shipped to Malawi, Africa in May. He said that to help promote the drive, an African story teller and performance artist will give a free performance at the Urbana Free Library on Saturday April 23.

Alderman Roberts announced that Mayor Anne Grommerch of Thionville, France, one of Urbana's sister cities, passed away on April 15. Mayor Prussing called for a moment of silence in observance of her passing.

Alderman Ammons announced the Decriminalization of Cannabis Round Table discussion, hosted by State Representative Carol Ammons, will take place on April 26 at the Accord in Champaign. Doors will open at 5:00pm and discussion will begin at 6:00pm.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. **Resolution No. 2016-04-022R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Urbana and the Urbana Park District (Cunningham Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Area)

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-022R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Smyth seconded. There was discussion during which Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler, Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys and Urbana Park District Business Manager Caty Roland addressed questions and concerns from council members. After extensive discussion the motion made by Alderman Ammons to approve this resolution, and seconded by Alderman Smyth was carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Ammons - Aye	Marlin - Aye
Brown - Aye	Roberts - Abstain
Jakobsson - Aye	Smyth - Aye

Madigan - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2016-03-025 was approved by roll call vote (6-Aye; 0-Nay; 1-Abstain)

- b. **Resolution No. 2016-04-023R:** A Resolution to Amend the Urbana City Council Rules of Procedure (Rule to Set Time for Meeting Adjournment from 11:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-03-023R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Smyth seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Ammons - Aye

Marlin - Aye

Brown - Aye

Roberts - Aye

Jakobsson - Aye

Smyth - Aye

Madigan - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2016-03-023R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. **Discussion - OMA** - Alderman Jakobsson began the discussion of Open Meetings Act. City Attorney James Simon clarified the rules pertaining to discussion by council members of council matters at times other than scheduled council meetings, including in person, by email or by phone.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mayoral Appointment**

a. **Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals**

1. Gary Burgett - term to expire June 30, 2019

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve this Mayoral appointment. Motion seconded by Alderman Ammons. There was discussion after which the motion was approved by voice vote.

Disposition: The appointment of Gary Burgett to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals was approved by voice vote.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Kay Meharry
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Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
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*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television

Minutes Approved: May 2, 2016