

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor*

**CITY OF URBANA**

*Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk*



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, April 4, 2016**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 4, 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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

William Gray; Kelly Mierkowski; Mike Monson; Sylvia Morgan; Brian Nightlinger; Matt Rejc; John Schneider; James Simon

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Hamza Ahsan; Franco Benyamin; Brian Dolinar; Amy Hatch; Spencer Haydary; Mike Melvin; Martel Miller; Rose Rodriguez; Nigel Smucker; Bishop King James Underwood; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Members of the Media

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**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.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting held on March 28, 2016. Alderman Brown seconded. Motion to approve the minutes was carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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.

Mike Melvin addressed the committee to express his opinion regarding the Marijuana charge changes.

Rose Rodriguez addressed the committee to give the council some suggestion regarding the proposed marijuana fine changes.

Alderman Roberts introduced U of I student from Cecilia Suarez Ag class regarding a fundraiser in efforts to assist Urbana Sister City Malawi with collection of books to aid the literacy program.

Franco Benyamin, Hamza Ahsan and Nigel Smucker addressed the council after introduction by Alderman Roberts and explained the process of the fundraiser while asking for assistance and suggestions.

Amy Hatch addressed the council regarding rubbish issues at the Savannah Green Subdivision.

Spencer Haydary addressed the council to express U of I student body position regarding the proposal to lower marijuana charges.

Brian Dolinar addressed the council in support of lowering the marijuana charges.

Martell Miller addressed the council regarding disparities issues in Urbana.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-025:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 1, Section 1-18 (Reducing minimum fine for possession of cannabis from \$300 to \$50)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-03-025 as forwarded from committee. Alderman Ammons seconded. Discussion ensued. After discussion the motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye  
Bill Brown - Aye  
Eric Jakobsson - Aye  
Michael P. Madigan - Nay

Diane Marlin - Aye  
Dennis Roberts - Aye  
Charles Smyth - Aye

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-024:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule Q of Section 23-64 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Decreasing State Speed Limits on Certain Streets (Green Street between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue; Springfield Avenue between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-03-024 as forwarded from committee. Alderman Roberts seconded. No discussion. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2016-03-024 was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

- c. **Resolution No. 2016-03-017R:** A Resolution Approving an Emergency Solutions Grants Program Subrecipient Agreement with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (FY 2015-2016)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-017R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Roberts seconded. No discussion. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2016-03-017R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

- d. **Resolution No. 2016-03-018R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Habitat CHDO Developer FY 2015-2016)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-018R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. No discussion. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2016-03-018R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

- e. **Resolution No. 2016-03-019R:** A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana Home Consortium (Habitat February 2016)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-019R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Ammons seconded. No discussion. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

\*\*Alderman Smyth acknowledged an amendment that was forwarded by staff to be included in the agreement with Habitat that reads as follows:

This agreement does not constitute a commitment of funds or site approval, and the commitment of funds or approval may occur only upon satisfactory completion of environmental review and receipt by the Urbana HOME Consortium of an approval of the request for release of funds and certification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under 24CFR Part 58. The provision of any funds to the project is conditioned on the Urbana HOME Consortium's determination to proceed with, modify or cancel the project based on the results of the environmental review.

Aaron Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2016-03-019R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

- f. **Resolution No. 2016-03-020R:** A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation - Assist Programs, Series 2016)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-020R as forwarded from committee. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye	Diane Marlin - Aye
Bill Brown - Aye	Dennis Roberts - Aye
Eric Jakobsson - Aye	Charles Smyth - Aye
Michael P. Madigan - Aye	

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2016-03-020R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

- g. **Resolution No. 2016-03-021R:** A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation - EIEDA, Series 2016)

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-021R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Ammons seconded. No discussion. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye  
Bill Brown - Aye  
Eric Jakobsson - Aye  
Michael P. Madigan - Aye

Diane Marlin - Aye  
Dennis Roberts - Aye  
Charles Smyth - Aye

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2016-03-021R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay)

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

There were none.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 2016-04-028:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (Portions of Real Estate Parcels with Permanent Index Numbers 25-15-32-100-002, 25-15-32-100-012, 25-15-32-100-013, and 25-15-29-300-007)  
Public Works Director William Gray presented Ordinance No. 2016-04-028 to council with recommendation form approval. No discussion.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-04-028 as presented. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye  
Bill Brown - Aye  
Eric Jakobsson - Aye  
Michael P. Madigan - Aye

Diane Marlin - Aye  
Dennis Roberts - Aye  
Charles Smyth - Aye  
Mayor Prussing - Aye

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2016-04-028 was approved by roll call vote (8-Aye; 0-Nay)

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley  
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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