

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 7, 2016

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 7, 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, 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

Phyllis D. Clark

STAFF PRESENT

Brandon Boys; Patrick Connolly; Jeff Engstrom; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Wendy Hundley; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Lorrie Pearson; James Simon; Scott Tess; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT

J. B. Curry; Laura Huth; Durl Kruse; Bishop King James Underwood; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Members of the Media

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE WAS RECITED

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:18 p.m. *Started late due to Town Board Meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting held on February 15, 2016. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Ammons made a motion to add under new business a discussion item regarding cannabis fines. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Durl Kruse addressed the council with various concerns regarding the IDOT Task Force. Discussion ensued with council members.

J.B Curry addressed the council in support of Ordinance No. 2016-03-016 and to answer any question regarding the TWG Development, LLC Project.

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.

Laura Huth addressed the council in support of Ordinance No. 2016-03-016.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. **Ordinance No. 2016-02-011:** An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance NO. 2015-06-055 and Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 22, Section 22-45.1 (Municipal gas use tax / 2016)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-02-011 as forwarded from committee. No discussion. Alderwoman Marlin seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2016-02-011 was approved by roll call vote (6-Ayes; 1-Nay)

- b. **Ordinance No. 2016-02-012:** An Ordinance Revising the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Annual Budget (PSEBA Benefits, bond proceeds, Parking Fund rebudgets, gas masks)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-02-012 as forwarded from committee. No discussion. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2016-02-012 was approved by roll call vote (8-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- c. **Ordinance No. 2016-02-013:** An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Central Illinois Soccer Enterprises, LLC (2400 North Willow Road - Soccer Planet Expansion)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-02-013 as forwarded from committee. No discussion. Alderman Madigan seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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. 2016-02-013 was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- d. **Resolution No. 2016-02-007R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Promotional and Marketing Agreement for the Annual Urbana Sweetcorn Festival (Urbana Business Association, Calendar Year 2016)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-02-007R as forwarded from committee. Discussion ensued. After discussion Alderman Smyth seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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. 2016-02-007R was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- e. **Resolution No. 2016-02-008R:** A Resolution Declaring an Intent to Reimburse Certain Redevelopment Project Costs (Urbana Central TIF District)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-02-008R as forwarded from committee. Discussion ensued. After discussion Alderman Jakobsson seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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. 2016-02-008R was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- f. **Resolution No. 2016-02-009R:** A Resolution in Support of Sustainable 911 Funding

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-02-009R as forwarded from committee. No discussion. Alderman Smyth seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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. 2016-02-009R was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

- g. **Resolution No. 2016-02-010R:** A Resolution in Support of Increasing the Gasoline Tax

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-02-009R as forwarded from committee. Discussion ensued. **Mayor Prussing relinquished the chair to Alderman Smyth to join discussion. After discussion Alderman Smyth seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Disposition: Resolution No. 2016-02-010R was approved by roll call vote (4-Ayes; 3-Nays)

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Community Developments Director Elizabeth Tyler announced that due to bad weather the workshop for research your old house has been reschedule to Thursday, March 10th from 7-8pm at the Urbana Free Library presenters are Brian Adams and Alice Novak. Ms. Tyler also announced that Mr. Engstrom will be presenting his last item this evening as he has accepted a position with the city of Austin, Texas. She also encouraged council members to attend Mr. Engstrom's farewell gathering on Friday, March 11, 2016 from 4-6pm at Pizza M.

1. Annual Report

Economic Development Specialist Elizabeth Horwitz presented a power point presentation regarding the 2015 Business and Development accomplishments. The power point was divided in three different sections to highlight New Businesses, New developments and City Incentives. Discussion ensued.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-015:** An Ordinance Approving and Causing Publication of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case No. 2273-M-16)

Planning Manager Lorrie Pearson presented Ordinance No. 2016-03-015 to council with recommendation for approval. No discussion. Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-03-015 as presented. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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. 2016-03-015 was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

2. **Ordinance No. 2016-03-016:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (To rezone 5 parcels from R-5, Medium High Density Multiple Family Residential and R-6, High Density Multiple Family Residential to B-4, Central Business Zoning District - Plan Case No. 2268-M-16 / 305 & 307 East Elm Street, 205 South Urbana Avenue, and 306 & 308 East Green Street)

Community Developments Planner II Jeffrey Engstrom presented Ordinance No. 2016-03-016 with recommendation for approval. Discussion ensued. After discussion Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-03-016 as presented. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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. 2016-03-016 was approved by roll call vote (7-Ayes; 0-Nays)

3. **Cannabis Fines** - Aaron Ammons

Alderman Ammons started the conversation with a proposal to lower Marijuana possession fines as this is one of the disparities that continues to impact the African American community. Mayor Prussing said that she will have staff gather information as to what other cities are doing and present that report at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Discussion ensued.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley _____
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Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

MINUTES APPROVED: March 21, 2016