

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 15, 2013 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3
Brandon Bowersox-Johnson, Alderman Ward 4 [7:08]
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

James Simon; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Chad Hensch; William Gray;
Michael Brunk; Thomas Carrino; Kelly H. Mierkowsky; Robert Myers;
Brandon Boys; Randy Burgett

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Kilcullen; Jeff Yockey; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Bishop King James Underwood; Christina Beatty; Rick Langlois; Members of the Media

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Prussing asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for the victims of the explosion at the Boston Marathon event earlier today.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 1, 2013 - Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2013. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

Alderman Smyth suggested moving item #F.1.h before #F.1.a. There were no objections.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following people addressed the Council in support of the bike route on Kinch Street: Michael Kilcullen, representing Rikosys, LLC (gave a picture slideshow noting few or no cars parked on street); Jeff Yockey, representing Champaign County Bikes; Christina Beatty; and Rick Langlois, representing bicyclists/complete streets.

The following people did not wish to speak, but wanted their positions entered into record noting they were present regarding concern for the resolution of the sewer problem in the Dr. Ellis Subdivision: Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; and Bishop King James Underwood.

1. **Presentation: Champaign County Economic Development Corporation**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Division Manager) introduced Champaign County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) representatives Mike Kirchhoff (President/CEO) and Erik Kotewa (Deputy Director), and Small Business Development Center (SBDC) representative Greg Gonda (Director). These gentlemen gave a presentation on the organizational fact sheet and performance report of EDC, and results of small business development centers and clients the SBDC has been working with.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2013-03-025: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Kinch Street)**

Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Roberts; Smyth

Nay: Lewis; Marlin; Stevenson

The motion carried by roll call vote (4-aye:3-nay). Ordinance No. 2013-03-025 was approved by Council by roll call vote.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

h. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-030: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class AA Liquor Licenses for Eastland Suites-Urbana, LLC, d/b/a Eastland Suites, 1907 North Cunningham Avenue)**

Council Members Bowersox-Johnson and Smyth recused themselves from debate and action on this item due to conflict of interest and left their seats.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Stevenson

Nay: None

Ordinance No. 2013-04-030 was approved by Council by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

a. **Resolution No. 2013-04-014R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Race Street)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson

Nay: None

The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Resolution No. 2013-04-014R was adopted by Council by roll call vote.

b. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-027: An Ordinance Establishing a Legacy Tree Program**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. Debate ensued.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to amend the last sentence in Section 4 of the ordinance to delete "but not required", changing it to read: "*The Property Owner of the property for which redevelopment or demolition assistance is being received or for which such assistance has been sought shall be encouraged to cooperate with the City's efforts to preserve and protect those Trees located on the said property which would otherwise qualify for Legacy Tree status.*" Alderman Smyth seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson, Lewis, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth

Nay: Jakobsson, Stevenson

The motion carried by roll call vote (5-aye:2-nay)

Alderman Roberts moved to amend Section 5 of the ordinance to add a sentence reading: "*Such property owners will be encouraged to include the preservation of Legacy Tree*

candidates in their development plans." Alderman Smyth seconded. A roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson, Jakobsson, Lewis, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson

Nay: None

The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

The vote on the main motion to approve was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson, Jakobsson, Lewis, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth

Nay: Stevenson

The motion to approve carried, as amended, by roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay). Ordinance No. 2013-04-027 was approved by Council.

c. **King Park Public Art Project:**

1. **Resolution No. 2013-04-015R: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Mutual Release with Awaka, LLC**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson

Nay: None

Resolution No. 2013-04-015R was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

2. **Resolution No. 2013-04-016R: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a New Agreement with Preston Jackson for Public Art Design Services for the King Park Public Art Project**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson

Nay: None

Resolution No. 2013-04-016R was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

3. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-028: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (King Park Public Arts Project)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson; Mayor Prussing

Nay: None

Ordinance No. 2013-04-028 was approved by Council by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). [**Required Mayor vote.*]

d. **Resolution No. 2013-04-017R: A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Smyth seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson

Nay: None

Resolution No. 2013-04-017R was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

e. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-029: An Ordinance Approving Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan (Down Payment Program)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson

Nay: None

Ordinance No. 2013-04-029 was approved by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

f. **Resolution No. 2013-04-018R: A Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Program Operational Guidelines as Originally Authorized by Resolution No. 2010-04-010R**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Jakobsson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson

Nay: None

Resolution No. 2013-04-018R was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

- g. **Resolution No. 2013-04-019R: Resolution Evidencing the Intention of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, to Transfer Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, Multi-Family Revenue Bonds; and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation - EIEDA, Series 2013)**

Alderman Roberts moved to adopt the resolution. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson

Nay: None

Resolution No. 2013-04-019R was adopted by Council by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

With nothing further to report, the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Carrino presented a poster for the upcoming market season for Market at the Square to be held on Saturdays beginning May 4th through November 2, 2013.

Kelly H. Mierkowsky distributed a CD and spreadsheets regarding applications received for consolidated social service funding. The Council will hold a Study Session on April 29th to review.

Mayor Prussing informed Council Members of a display of art by a distinguished artist from China, Liu Jungang. Mr. Jungang's art is currently displayed in the City Building's "Artist of the Corridor" and a reception and dinner will be held in his honor on Saturday, April 20th. The dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Silver Creek Restaurant.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mayoral Appointments:**

Agenda items listed as #I.1.a, #I.1.b, and #I.1.c were acted on in omnibus fashion.

Alderman Stevenson made a motion to approve the Mayoral appointments. Alderman Smyth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The appointments of Ashlee McLaughlin to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Lisabeth Searing to the Community Development Commission, and Diane Marlin to the Market Advisory Board were approved by Council by voice vote.

a. **Zoning Board of Appeals - Ashlee McLaughlin**

Approved.

b. **Community Development Commission - Lisabeth Searing**

Approved.

c. **Market Advisory Board - Diane Marlin**

Approved.

2. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-031: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (State Motor Fuel Tax - Race Street from Washington Street to Michigan Avenue)**

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

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson; Mayor Prussing

Nay: None

Ordinance No. 2013-04-031 was approved by Council by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). [**Required Mayor vote.*]

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

Alderman Smyth made a motion that the Council 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 Jakobsson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson; Mayor Prussing

Nay: None

The motion carried by roll call vote (8-aye:0-nay). The Council went into closed session at 8:23 p.m.

The Council resumed its regular session in the Council Chambers at 8:39 p.m. by motion from Alderman Roberts and second by Alderman Lewis, with the motion carrying by voice vote. Elected officials physically present by roll call were: Bowersox-Johnson,

Jakobsson, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson, and Mayor Prussing. Alderwoman Marlin was present via teleconference. *[The record also acknowledges City Clerk Phyllis Clark, an elected official, physically present.]*

4. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-032: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (908 East Oregon Street)**

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

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson; Mayor Prussing

Nay: None

Ordinance No. 2013-04-032 was approved by Council by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). *[*Requires Mayor vote.]*

5. **Ordinance No. 2013-04-033: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (810 Park Street)**

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve. Alderman Lewis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Bowersox-Johnson; Jakobsson; Lewis; Marlin; Roberts; Smyth; Stevenson; Mayor Prussing

Nay: None

Ordinance No. 2013-04-033 was approved by Council by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). *[*Requires Mayor vote.]*

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

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This meeting was broadcast on cable television.