

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

CITY OF URBANA

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk
Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday May 1, 2017

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, May 1, 2017 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

Alex Bautista; Elizabeth Borman; Rhonda Foster; Elizabeth Hannan; Sylvia Morgan; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Matthew Rejc; James Simon; Elizabeth Tyler

OTHERS PRESENT

Maria Alanis; Elderess Melinda Carr; Danielle Chynoweth; Carolina Grant; Carol McKusick; Abdul Hakeem Salaam; Bishop King James 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 7:06 p.m. *Started late due to prior meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve minutes from April 17, 2017 meeting.
Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Danielle Chynoweth addressed the council to thank the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Council members for their service and to welcome the new elected officials.

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

Elderess Melinda Carr did not wish to speak, but asked that her concerns about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer problems and historic impact be entered into the record.

Carol McKusick addressed the council to express her concerns regarding air quality and the various types of regulatory formats adopted by other communities.

Alderman Smyth addressed the council and public to thank everyone for the continuous support as a council member as he transitions into a new position of City Clerk. He encouraged the incoming mayor and council to continue the tradition of setting Mayor-Council goals as done the last 3 terms as a measure of success. He also mentioned one goal he considered incomplete, being able to see the night sky again. He also reminded everyone about bike to work day that will take place May 2.

Abdul Hakeem Salaam addressed the council to thank them for proclaiming a Day of Gratitude and invited everyone to celebrate the second year anniversary that will take place May 25th at the Civic Center.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. **Resolution No. 2017-04-022R:** Resolution Approving a Letter of Intent Agreement (IDOT U.S. Route 45/Cunningham Avenue to Provide Shared Use Path from Kenyon Road to Napleton Way)

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-022R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Smyth 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. 2017-04-022R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay).

- b. **Resolution No. 2017-04-023R:** A Resolution Approving the Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System Annual Budget (FY 2017-2018)

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-023R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Ammons 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	Mayor Prussing - Aye

Disposition: Resolution No. 2017-04-023R was approved by roll call vote (8-Aye; 0-Nay).

- c. **Resolution No. 2017-04-024R:** A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Urbana Home Consortium FY 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-024R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Roberts seconded. No discussion. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Matthew Rejc Community Development Specialist addressed the council to clarify changes to the title on the resolution. The context will remain the same.

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. 2017-04-024R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay).

- d. **Resolution No. 2017-04-025R:** A Resolution Approving Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana Home Consortium FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016 Annual Action Plans

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-025R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Ammons 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. 2017-04-025R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay).

- e. **Resolution No. 2017-04-026R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Rantoul Regarding Management of Community Development Block Grant Funds

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-026R 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. 2017-04-026R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay).

- f. **Resolution No. 2017-04-027R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Rantoul Regarding a Land Bank Feasibility Study

Alderwoman Marlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-027R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Smyth 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. 2017-04-027R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay).

****Mayor Prussing presented Alderman Madigan with a street sign in appreciation of his service****

****Alderwoman Diane Marlin presented exiting Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and retiring City Clerk Phyllis D. Clark with a floral arrangement in appreciation of their many years of service to the City of Urbana.**

G. OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Phyllis D. Clark administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk-Elect Charles A. Smyth.

City Clerk Charles A. Smyth administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Diane Wolfe Marlin.

Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin administered the Oath of Office to the incoming City Council for the next term:

Maryalice Wu, Alderwoman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Aaron Ammons, Alderman Ward 3
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Dean Hazen, Alderman Ward 6
Jared Miller, Alderman Ward 7

H. ROLL CALL (NEW COUNCIL)

City Clerk Charles A. Smyth called the roll with the following Council Members present:

Maryalice Wu, Alderwoman Ward 1
Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2
Aaron Ammons, Alderman Ward 3
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5
Dean Hazen, Alderman Ward 6
Jared Miller, Alderman Ward 7

I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Elizabeth Tyler Community Development Director provided each council member with an annual report from the building and safety division. Per Mayor Prussing requested Ms.

Tyler also gave an update regarding the status of the Landmark Hotel and its progress. Developers are still working with Hilton on the property improvement plans and staff is still working on the development agreement. More information is forthcoming.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATIONS

a. XENIA

Maria Alanis addressed the council and acknowledged her colleague Carolina Grant. She began her presentation by explaining what Xenia is and the purpose of the group. She said that Xenia is a grass root program that provides a bridge between the immigrant community and the cities that they live in. Their purpose is to help organizations to reach those people that need help the most. Her organization is also going to support cultural diversity by providing English as a Second Language (ESL), French, and Spanish classes.

b. FIRE RECRUITMENT PLAN – HR/FIRE

Fire Chief Brian Nightlinger introduced Firefighter Rhonda Foster and Human Resource Assistant Manager Elizabeth Borman.

Ms. Foster started the presentation by describing the type of recruits the department is looking for. Ms. Foster showcased all of the benefits available as a firefighter including flexible schedule, education, and generous fringe benefits.

Ms. Borman continued the presentation by addressing the qualification requirements and selection process. Ms. Borman announced the following events:

- May 13: Open House 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Urbana Civic Center
- June 11: Deadline to apply: www.urbanailinois.us/jobs
- June 24: Test in Urbana (no charge)

Chief Nightlinger addressed the council reiterating the need to find qualified firefighters during this recruiting process.

2. Resolution No. 2017-04-028R: A Resolution Authorizing the City to Participate in the Illinois Housing Development Authority Abandoned Property Program

Community Development Specialist Matthew Recj presented Resolution No. 2017-04-028R. This resolution is a requirement by The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) in order for the city to participate in the abandoned property program.

After the presentation Alderman Jakobsson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04-028R. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye
Bill Brown – Aye
Dean Hazen – Aye
Eric Jakobsson – Aye

Jared Miller - Aye
Dennis Roberts - Aye
Maryalice Wu - Aye

Disposition: Resolution No. 2017-04-028R was approved by roll call vote (7-Aye; 0-Nay).

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley
Recording Secretary

Charles A. Smyth
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: May 15, 2017