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**DATE:** Monday, May 2, 2022  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; CM James Quisenberry

**STAFF PRESENT:** Darcy Sandefur, Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Sheila Dodd, Dave Wesner, Kyle Hensch, Demond Dade, Alyana Robinson, Kat Trotter, Kevin Garcia, Nick Hanson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

With a quorum present, Chair Mayor Marlin called the special meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**3. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT**

**1. Public Input**

*Allan Max Axelrod* came to speak in support of the Council taking action to orghinize with other municipalities to protest the IL American Water price increase, shared information about the company's profits and utility shut offs during the pandemic. Urged Council to do something to protect low income residents collectively with other Councils.

**4. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution No. 2022-05-038R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Illinois American Water Company Rate Increase Case – Exec**

Presented by Mayor Marlin. This is an opportunity for the City of Urbana to join in on a case with other municipalities to protest the proposed IL American Water rate increase in front of the Illinois Utilities Commission appeals board. This item will grant permission to work with

legal representation who specializes in these types of law and to share cost among other municipalities impacted to create a larger protesting unit. IL American Water has proposed over a thirty percent increase in rate. Previous attempts by municipalities to protest rate increases resulted in a decrease of rate raise by twelve percent. Question and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by CM Wu and seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken

**NAY:** None

## **b. Mayoral Staff Appointments**

Presented by Mayor Marlin. Due to the upcoming retirement of current Fire Chief Chuck Lauss, Marlin is presenting the appointment of his replacement by promoting the current Deputy Fire Chief Demond Dade to be the new Fire Chief and the current Battalion Fire Chief Kyle Hensch to be the new Deputy Fire Chief. Marlin read a brief biography of both men and detailed their experience.

### **i. Fire Chief – Deputy Chief Demond Dade**

Motion to approve by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken

**NAY:** None

### **ii. Deputy Fire Chief – Battalion Fire Chief Kyle Hensch**

Motion to approve by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Wu.

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken

**NAY:** None

*Newly appointed Fire Chief Dade and Deputy Chief Hensch shared gratitude for this opportunity and an eagerness to continue to serve the community.*

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Chair Marlin adjourned this meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: 05-23-2022

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable on-demand [HERE](#).