
DATE: Monday, April 25, 2022
TIME: 7 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7 p.m.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM James Quisenberry

STAFF PRESENT: Darcy Sandefur, Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Sheila Dodd, Dave Wesner, Breaden Belcher, Will Kolschowsky

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 11, 2022

Motion to approve as corrected by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

CM Wilken asked that the words “data center” be added before Solar Array on Page 4, item C.

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Wilken

NAY: None

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

1. Public Input

Allan Max Axelrod provided an update on the no Ameren shutoffs campaign. Urged Council to advocate on behalf of residents to the Governor to extend additional pandemic protections. Issued caution about increasing COVID cases and deaths. Spoke in support of returning to remote meetings. *Julie Watkins* spoke in support of adopting a hybrid meeting model as she does not feel it is prohibited by OMA but rather political process. Inquired about legality of FOP contract sidebar agreement. *Tracy Chong* shared a series of voice clips of previous statements regarding the status of remote public input or a hybrid meeting model. Asked for clear response from City as to why they haven’t adopted a hybrid meeting model. *Brandi McCoy* thanked staff for upcoming presentation on Dr. Ellis subdivision. Acknowledged the importance of residents being informed of background information on items such as Dr. Ellis. Thanked CM Wilken for requesting cost

estimates in regards to Dr. Ellis.

5. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CM Wilken hoping to hear more information about upcoming networking event hosted by City. Spoke in favor of a future discussion regarding logistics of hybrid meetings. *CM Evans* echoed support for hybrid meeting model and increased accessibility of meetings for public. *CM Hursey* spoke in opposition to hybrid meetings because of the blatant racism she experienced in zoom meetings including being called the racial slur nigger. Expressed that individuals were too afraid to use the same language at in person meetings without the security provided from remote anonymity. Offered alternative models available to the public to provide input at this time.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole (Council Member Maryalice Wu – Ward 1)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-04-013: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at all Times on Certain Streets (Cottage Grove Avenue) – PW**
- b. **Resolution No. 2022-04-033R: A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant for Market at the Square (USDA Pandemic Relief and Protection Program – 2022) – CD**
- c. **Resolution No. 2022-04-035R: A Resolution Appointing the Interim Human Resources Manager as the Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (2022) – HRF**
- d. **Resolution No. 2022-04-036R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of Champaign County for Media Production Services – IT/Exec**
- e. **Ordinance No. 2022-04-014: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2020-04-021 Pertaining to Ratification of Emergency Order 20-02 – Exec**

Motion to approve consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Wilken

NAY: None

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. **Resolution No. 2022-04-034R: A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana HOME Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – CD**

Presented by CM Wu. Community Development Director Sheila Dodd and Breaden Belcher were available to answer questions. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Wilken

NAY: None

b. Resolution No. 2022-04-037R: A Resolution Approving the Allocation of the ARPA Standard Allowance – Exe

Presented by CM Wu.

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

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Wilken

NAY: Evans

8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Carol Mitten announced CDAP networking event specifically targeting construction contractors on May 24th at Phillips Recreation Center. Tomorrow (April 26th) from 6-8 pm will be the Urbana Business Network Mixer at Riggs Beer Company on High Cross Rd. This event will provide an opportunity for businesses to get to know City staff and better understand services. *Mayor Marlin* reminded the public of the upcoming Christie Clinic Race this weekend. Urged public to call 217-974-1951 with questions regarding the marathon.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Mayoral Board and Commission Appointment

Plan Commission – term ending June 30, 2025 - William Andresen

Presented by Mayor Marlin. Mr. Andresen is a longtime Urbana resident and works within the Planning and GIS field and is a University of Illinois Graduate from the Urban Planning and Geographical Imaging programs. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Wilken

NAY: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Chair Marlin adjourned this meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 05-09-2022