
DATE: Monday, November 8, 2021
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *Virtually Via Zoom, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7:00pm.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS VIRTUALLY PRESENT: CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Liggett, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Bourema Ouedraogo, Sheila Dodd, Carol Mitten, Breaden Belcher, Kevin Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Sacks, CK Gunsalus, Lois Steinberg

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum virtually present, Chair Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:45 PM following a Cunningham Township meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 11th and 25th City Council Minutes and October 28th and 29th Town Hall Minutes

Motion to approve as corrected by CM Wu. Seconded by CM Wilken.

CM Wilken provided corrections via email.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

4. CLOSED SESSION: Property Acquisition Issues, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5)

***Motion to enter closed session by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey.**

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry, Mayor Marlin

NAY: None

Entered closed session at 7:49 PM.

***Motion to return to open session by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.**

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry, Mayor Marlin

NAY: None

Returned from closed session at 8:30 PM

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

a. Youth Programing Social Services Staff Report

Presented by Sheila Dodd and Breaden Belcher of the Community Development department. Explained how social service grants program has been structured in previous years and how it's been restructured. Grant opportunity seeks to meet the needs of low income Urbana families.

b. Voices of West Urbana Petition Presentation

Presentation by community members Erik Sacks, CK Gunsalus, and Lois Steinberg. Voices of West Urbana is a grassroots organization of neighbors to express concerns about West Urbana. Outlined what the petition circulated asked for and what residents were calling upon the City of Urbana to do. Goal is to promote growth while honoring the historic character of the neighborhood. Kevin Garcia from the Community Development department helped answer questions about current zoning. Questions and discussion ensued.

c. Public Input: *Jeff Evasovich* an operator from the landscape recycling center is looking to the city for some sort of recognition or appreciation for their continued service and dedication throughout the pandemic. *Cale Beccue* city of Urbana arborist spoke in support of wage increases for public works employees. *David Osterbur* with the city of Urbana is asking for a fair contract. *Jason Scott* president of AFSCME and Urbana employee spoke in support of fair contract and increased wages. *David Guth* spoke in support of ALPR. *Theresa Michealson* thanked the city for their effort to bring groundbreaking for hotel Royer. Spoke in opposition to council's previous actions to reduce funding to EDC and VCC. *Dennis Roberts* spoke in support of Voices of West Urbana proposals. *Takeela Lucas* works for the city of Urbana and spoke in support of fair wages and a fair agreement. *Allan Max Axelrod* spoke in opposition to ALPR, spoke in support of AFSCME, spoke in support of multiple voices being heard in Ward 3. *Sarah Butler* a city of Urbana employee spoke in support of higher wages and a fair contract. *Nathan Sonnenschein* spoke in support of the petition for voices of West Urbana. *Rev Dr. Evelyn Underwood* spoke on systemic structural racism. *Brandi McCoy* spoke in opposition to ALPR and advocated for fair compensation. *Sarah Nixon* spoke in support of increased transparency and accountability for the city council. *CM Kolisetty* read letter of support for voices of West Urbana neighborhood *Paul Hixson*. *CM Kolisetty* read a letter in opposition to ALPR and gunshot detectors by *Mark Enslen*. *CM Kolisetty* shared that two of her constituents asked her to share that they are in favor of ALPR. *CM Quisenberry* read a letter from *Linda and John Minor* in support of ALPR. *CM Wilken* read a letter from *Julia Gurth* in support of ALPR. *CM Wilken* read a letter of opposition to ALPR by *Rita Connerly*. *CM Wu* read a letter in support of ALPR by *Sharon Foley*. *CM Hursey* read a letter in support of ALPR by *Teri Von Thadden*.

6. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CM Bishop acknowledged comments made by City Workers and appreciates their work. *CM Wilken* thanked and acknowledged city staff for their input. *CM Quisenberry* thanked City staff for their work and public comment. Asked about public input guidelines. Explained what closed session was regarding. *CM Kolisetty* thanked City staff for their work. Provided further clarification about purpose of earlier closed session. Understands the need for prompt action in response to gun violence and underlined the importance of public input as council hears ALPR. *CM Wu* thanked public for input and engagement with process. Thanked City staff for their work. Thanked residents of her neighborhood for their efforts in collection of petition signatures. *CM Evans* acknowledged City employees who provided public input and wanted them to know they're appreciated. Also thanked other public input providers. Announced town hall at Pour Bros on Nov 15th. *CM Hursey* thanked City staff for their work. Thanked Dave for fixing the lights in her subdivision. Read a resolution previously passed by Urbana City Council addressing racism and made comments on rights to privacy.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole (Council Member Chaundra Bishop – Ward 5)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

a. **Ordinance No. 2021-10-046:** An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of City-Owned Real Estate: 1407 Wiley Drive (92-21-16-352-006), 809 South Glover Avenue (92-21-16-181-007), 1811 East Florida Avenue (92-21-16-481-061) – PW

Presented by CM Bishop.

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

Discussion ensued.

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Quisenberry

NAY: Wilken

9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Carol Mitten provided reminder that on December 2nd and 3rd there will be Council goal setting meetings. On Tuesday the communications plan for the Equity and Quality of life project will be presented at the BPAC meeting. Questions followed.

***Motion to extend meeting to 10:45 PM by CM Wu and seconded by CM Kolisetty.**

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Ordinance No. 2021-11-047:** An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Accessory Parking at 1005 Philo Rd. / ZBA Case No. 2021-MAJ-07) – CD
Presented by Kat Trotter from the Community Development Department. Ordinance to allow accessory parking on Philo Rd for petitioner at residence. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

***COW Special Meeting items scheduled to follow CC meeting have been moved to the next COW meeting on 11/15/2021.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Chair Marlin adjourned this meeting at 10:42 P.M.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: 11/22/2021

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