
DATE: Monday, September 13, 2021
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *Remotely Via Zoom, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session remotely via zoom Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:00pm following a Cunningham Township meeting.

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, Sheila Dodd, Carol Mitten, Ben Ghert, Michelle Brooks, Elizabeth Hannan, Lorrie Pearson

OTHERS PRESENT:

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 7:30 PM.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

None

3. Additions to the Agenda

Motion by CM Wu to move item 2b from regular agenda to first item on new business. Seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None.

Motion by CM Wilken to to add discussion at end for council priorities. Seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

4. Public Input and Presentations

Public Input

Allan Max Axelrod hoped to distribute CTSO lit on eviction prevention. *Tracy Chong* expressed concerns about police contract and timing. *Melinda Carr* read sections of her letter previously sent to council about the UPD use of force policy, *Chris Hanson* expressed concerns about the fop contract legality. *Julie Watkins* expressed concerns about Fop contract. *Sarah Nixon* spoke against FOP contract. *Sherry Langendorf as read by CM Wilken* said that the council is not there to run the city.

5. Council Input and Communications (following public comment)

CM Kolisetty thoughts are with family of the victim who passed in an auto accident in ward 4. Thanked staff for their work on bike to work day. Wanted to note she's hearing the public comments on FOP contract. Is still committed to a review of public safety. Has concerns about the felony conviction barrier to serving on the CPRB. *CM Wilken* also wanted to thank public for their input. Agrees with the call for accountability and transparency and is continuing to work to uphold those values. *CM Quisenberry* wanted to add that when the council holds closed sessions that they are having good discussions and have been learning every step of the way. *CM Bishop* acknowledged many of the council ran on platforms of change and wanted to ask the public for grace as the council works through what does and doesn't work. Change doesn't happen overnight or in 4 months and that they have the next 4 years to

continue to work towards change.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee Of The Whole (*Council Member Maryalice Wu*)

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

a. **Resolution No. 2021-09-038R: A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Family Service of Champaign County Project No. 2021-CSSP-01) – CD**

b. **Resolution No. 2021-09-039R: A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (Champaign County Health Care Consumers COVID-19 Assistance) – CD**

Presented by CM Maryalice Wu.

Motion to approve consent agenda by CM Wu. Seconded by CM Kolidetty.

Vote as follows:

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

NAY: None

2. **REGULAR AGENDA**

a. **Resolution No. 2021-09-040R: A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #70 (Term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023) – HR/Finance**
Presented by Ben Gehrt, Dave Wesner, Michelle Brooks, and Carol Mitten.

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

CM Wilken asked questions about timeline and why there wasn't more involvement with council and public. CM Wilken asking about enacting this retroactively. CM Wilken asked about voting present. CM Hursey asked about false claims being filed with CPRB and consequences. CM Wu asked about interest arbitration. CM Evans spoke in opposition to passing this FOP contract. CM Quisenberry asked about tie. CM Wilken asked about CPRB side letter. CM Kolidetty noted the positive changes included in this contract and also expressed frustration with the process. Expressed a desire for change.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Quisenberry, Hursey, Kolisetty

NAY: Evans, Bishop

PRESENT: Wilken

8. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

9. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Marlin thanked Community Development Director Lorrie Pearson for her service to the City of Urbana and wished her the best in her new role with the Champaign County Forrest Preserve.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Ordinance No. 2021-08-038: An Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 2 (Administration), Sections 2-42 (Appointment), 2-43 (Term), 2-70 (Appointment), 2-99 (Civil Service System); Chapter 5 (Building, Fire, and Flood Safety Codes), Section 5-12 (Appointment); and Chapter 25 (Vegetation), Section 25-48 (Appointment) – HR/Finance**
Presented by Elizabeth Hannan.

Motion to approve by CM Quisenberry. Seconded by CM Wu.

CM Wilken asked about positions being retained as appointments versus changing, specifically the zoning administrator. Asked for clarity for section 3 regarding liabilities and courts. Asked about procedural given later agenda item specifically the zoning administrator item.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: Wilken

- b. **Ordinance No. 2021-09-039:** An Ordinance amending the Urbana Zoning Ordinance with changes to Article XI (Administration, Enforcement, Amendments and Fees) and other relevant sections to change how the Zoning Administrator is appointed (Plan Case 2426-T-21) – CD

Presented by Lorrie Pearson.

Motion to approve by CM Wu. Seconded by CM Quisenberry.

CM Wu asked about the community development director acting as zoning administrator and who would be providing direction to board. Asked about where all zoning amendments go before council.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: Wilken

- c. **Mayoral Appointments**

- i. a. **Housing Authority of Champaign County – term ending June 30, 2024**
Leslie (Peter) McFarland

Motion by CM Hursey to approve. Seconded by CM Wilken.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

- ii. b. **Interim Director of Community Development Services pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5(d) – term ending February 28, 2022**
Sheila Dodd

Motion by CM Wu to approve. Seconded by CM Hursey.

CM Wu asked about grants development receiving staff support with Sheila assuming the director of community development appointment. CM Wilken asked about Sheila Dodd becoming zoning administrator. Asked about pay for doing two jobs. Asked for clarity on plan to replace.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

11. DISCUSSION

- a. **ARPA & Council Priorities**

City Administrator Carol Mitten provided an update on the ARPA funding concept plan and IGA with RPC. First quarterly report was made to US treasury department.

CM Bishop asked for Mitten to repeat last bit. CM Quisenberry asked for clarity on what opportunities for council and public input there will be in the allocation of ARPA funding.

CM Wilken asked for clarity on who will be the main role in deciding priorities of spending. Asked if the quarterly report is shareable. CM Evans asked how much the City is paying RPC for this IGA. CM Bishop asked about the comprehensive plan comments being viewable to

start moving forward with ARPA funding priorities. CM Hursey reminded that this is an opportunity to make an infrastructure improvement as this isn't a continual revenue source and is a onetime grant. Asked if council is thinking in the context of the growth of Urbana. CM Quisenberry asked for access to the public input to assess who's been able to voice their input, and also for a timeline from RPC. Hopes to have a study session with RPC after completion of public input. Asked when the deadline for spending and allocating is. CM Evans connected CM Hursey and CM Bishops ideas and also thanked the council for their diligence. CM Kolisetty urged the council to set the council priorities prior to allocation of ARPA funds. CM Wilken urged council to brainstorm council priorities and receive public input on them and then move towards ARPA allocation process. CM Wilken asked other council about future discussion for council priorities.

***Motion to extend meeting to 10:30 PM by CM Hursey seconded by CM WU**
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop
NAY: Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

12. **ADOURNMENT**

With no further business before the committee, Chair Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 10/11/2021