
DATE: Monday, August 16, 2021
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, August 16, 2021, at 7:00pm.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk, CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Liggett, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Carol Mitten, Tim Cowan, Lorrie Pearson, Steffany McMan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chair: *James Quisenberry, Ward 7*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Quisenberry called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

CM Wu motioned to approve the minutes for the August 2nd, meeting as corrected. CM Hursey seconded.

Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

Nay: None

*CM Wu asked that future minutes include brief expansion of council discussion on agenda items.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Public Input and Presentations

Public Input

Julie Watkins thanked city for including streaming information on the agenda. *Tracy Chong* expressed concerns about the proposed changes for staff appointments. *Carol Inskoop* supports of Ordinance No. 2021-08-033R. *Allan Mx Axelrod* provided updates on the utility shut off and SWFT campaigns.

Encouraged council to consider an eviction diversion program. *Matthew Murray* spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2021-08-036. *Jeffrey Newton* spoke in support of Cunningham Township's efforts to end homelessness and their special use permit. *Marilyn Hinsobn* wanted the council to be aware of possible safety concerns at 206 & 208 California. *Lilyia Garcia* spoke in support of the Cunningham Township special use permit. *Sarah Nixon* spoke in opposition to the proposed staff appointment process amendment.

5. Staff Report

Mayor Marlin provided an update on census data. There has been a 7% decrease in Urbana's population. Notified the council and public that the revised use of force policy will be available at the next meeting.

- 6. Resolution No. 2021-08-033R:** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Project and Fiscal Management of American Rescue Fund Plan Act (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission) Presented by Carol Mitton the city administrator and representatives from RPC Kathy and Ashley. The IGA will provide staff support for the City's reporting requirements for ARP funds.

Motion to send to the consent agenda with a recommendation for approval by CM Wu. Seconded by CM Hursey. CM inquired about future council and public input on ARP funds spending. Carol Mitton responded and explained there will be multiple opportunities in the future for public and council input and this IGA serves to provide staff support for reporting purposes.

Vote as follows:

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

NAY: None

7. **Ordinance No. 2021-08-036:** An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (206 and 208 East California Avenue / Plan Case 2427-SU-21 – Cunningham Township) – CD
Presented by planners Kat Trotter and Kevin Garcia and the representatives from Cunningham Township, Supervisor Danielle Chenoweth.
Motion to send to regular agenda with no recommendation by CM Wilken. Seconded by CM Kolisetty. Council discussed safety concerns brought up at public comment and the possible need for a future fence along the property. Planner Kat Trotter and Community Development director Lorrie Pearson were able to answer questions and will bring an amended ordinance to council.
Vote as follows:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None
8. **Ordinance No. 2021-08-037:** An Ordinance Revising the FY2022 Annual Budget – HR/Finance
Presented by Liz Hannan the director of Finance and HR. Explained the timing error that this ordinance remedies and corrects the salary line item that should have been allocated for apprentice tuition fees. CM asked questions about the need for a super majority vote and specifics of costs of items listed. Motion to send to the regular agenda with a recommendation for approval by CM Wu. Seconded by CM Hursey. Vote as follows:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None
9. **CM Wu motioned to merge agenda items 9-12 together, seconded by CM Hursey.**
Vote as follows:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
10. **Resolution No. 2021-08-034R:** A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services – CD
Resolution No. 2021-08-035R: A Resolution Approving the ESG Subrecipient Agreement with Cunningham Township – CD
Resolution No. 2021-08-036R: A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grant Under CARES Act (ESG-CV2) agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services – CD
Resolution No. 2021-08-037R: A Resolution Approving the ESG-CV2 Subrecipient Agreement with Cunningham Township – CD
Presented by Braeden from community development. CM Wu asked questions about matching funds. Motion to send to the omnibus collection to consent agenda with a recommendation for approval by CM Kolisetty. Seconded by CM Wilken. Vote as follows:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None
11. **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 Liz Hannan the HR and Finance Director, Liz Borman the director of Human Resources, and Michelle Brooks the Director of Employee Relations. CM asked questions about the recall and disciplinary policies of appointed and civil service employees. Discussion ensued. Motion to keep the ordinance in committee to allow staff time to include council input and revisions by CM Wu. Seconded by CM Kolisetty. Vote as follows:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

12. Council Input and Communications (following public comment)

CM Wilken hoped for an update on hybrid or remote meetings. Asked if the use of force policy will be a presentation? *CM Wu* mentioned neighborhood cleanups and asked for additional information. *Mayor Marlin* explained that the use of force policy will be a presentation. *CM Evans* inquired about prior use of force policy presentations. *Mayor Marlin* explained that this presentation is a revised version following the inclusion of input from the public, police reform legislation, and community partners.

15. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, Chair Quisenberry adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 09/07/2021