

# CITY OF URBANA

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Monday, July 12, 2021

**TIME:** 7:00 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 regular session Monday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. following a Cunningham Township Board meeting.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; City Council Members (CM) Chris Evans, Grace Wilken, Chaundra Bishop, Shirese Hursey, Jaya Kolisetty, James Quisenberry

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Liggett, Carol Mitten, Darcy Sandefur, Lorrie Pearson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Allan Max Axelrod, Robert Wease, Tracy Chong, Sarah Nixon, Lance Pittman, Martel Miller, Angela

## **A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

With a quorum virtually present, Mayor Marlin called the virtual meeting of the city council to order at 7:15 PM

## **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

CM Quisenberry moved to approve the minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, CM Hursey seconded.

The minutes were approved by voice = vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

Nay: None

## **C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

## **D. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT**

### **Public Input**

*Allan Max Axelrod* spoke in support of the utility shut off campaign, SWFT campaign, and discouraged the use of disparaging remarks in public input. *Robert Wease* resident of Urbana asked for help from the city with the lack of parking at his residence, *Tracy Chong* spoke in support of remote public input from zoom and hybrid meeting models, expressed concerns about the vacancies on boards and commissions. *Sarah Nixon* spoke in support of hybrid meeting models with remote public input, expressed concerns about homelessness and social service agencies. *Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood* via written input and read by CM Hursey "I, Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood and Bishop King James Underwood, support the SWFT program which provides short-term (one year or less) training in more than 20 career options that leads to

employment in in-demand fields with life-supporting wages. Besides tuition and fee waivers to take classes, one may receive assistance in the form of a stipend. I believe this can help families tremendously!!! Please fully fund this program for Urbana residents or enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Champaign and Champaign County Board.” *Lance Pittman* spoke in support of hybrid meeting model. *Martel Miller* spoke in support of the SWFT program, expressed confidence in the local social service agencies. *Angela* thanked CM Hursey for her efforts in getting answers for the California street properties. Also thanked Mayor Marlin and City Administrator Carol Mitton for coming to the property to listen to the tenants.

**E. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*CM Wilken* spoke in support of a hybrid/remote meeting model for increased accessibility and safety. Hopes to see a partnership between Township and the City for transitional housing. *Chris Evans* spoke in support of a hybrid/remote meeting model for increased public input. *CM Kolisetty* spoke in support of checking all possible options for hybrid meeting models. *CM Quisenberry* asked the County to share the States Attorney opinion on hybrid meetings and OMA. Suggested that the City makes a request to the Attorney General to speak on remote public input and the OMA to provide clarity. *Mayor Marlin* supports the approach of seeking clarity on legal grounds for remote public input. Provided an update on the SWFT program. The Mayor met with the president of Parkland College and the director of the program. The College is asking for support in increasing enrollment numbers but is not yet asking for funds.

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Committee Of The Whole** (*Council Member Chaundra Bishop*)

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Resolution No. 2021-06-028R:** A Resolution Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement (CCRPC Energy Efficiency Upgrade Homestead Apartments) – CD
  - b. **Resolution No. 2021-06-029R:** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Area-Wide Records Management System (ARMS) Support Services – IT/Exec
- CM Bishop motioned to approve both items on the consent agenda, seconded by CM Quisenberry. Roll call vote as follows:  
Aye: Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry  
Nay: None

**2. REGULAR AGENDA**

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

**I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

None

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None

With no further business to come before this body, Mayor Marlin declared this virtual meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darcy Sandefur*

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Recording Secretary

Approved: 08/23/2021

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