



DATE: Monday, January 04, 2021

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: *Held virtually due to Governor's and Mayoral Emergency Declarations

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session for a rescheduled meeting Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: City Council Members (CM) Bill Brown, Bill Colbrook, Jared Miller, Dennis Roberts, Erik Sacks, Maryalice Wu

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Shirese Hursey, Ward 3

STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Wendy Hundley, Jason Liggett, Carol Mitten, Andrea Ruedi

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Allan Axelrod, Beau Barber, Tracy Chong, Christopher Hansen, Jaya Kolisetty, Meghan McDonald, Sarah Nixon, David Wesner, Grace Wilken

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum virtually present, Mayor Marlin called the rescheduled meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00pm.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

CM Roberts made a motion to approve minutes from the December 14, 2020 and December 21, 2020 (Special Meeting). Seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Miller, Roberts, Sacks, Wu

Nay: None

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There was none

D. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Public input via zoom from the following people: Allan Max Axelrod, Beau Barber, Tracy Chong, Christopher Hansen, Jaya Kolisetty, Meghan McDonald, Sarah Nixon, Grace Wilken, some of the comments included: thanks to public officials and City Council who signed the eviction letter urging Champaign County to suspend evictions, mental health and self harm awareness, continuous concerns with One Door program, concerns with board appointments vetting process, does City Council have anything to say the City recently lost of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit, has the city council reviewed the Taser incident that clearly shows police misconduct, when will City acknowledge the Aleyah Lewis incident, City's hiring practices need to comply with the Human Rights with regards to discriminatory hiring practices, in support of gender inclusive language, best practices concerning animal control Ward 5, American Water shutoff continues, has the City Council considered sponsoring air testing quality kit for Emulsicoat in Ward 5, Council members should be visible during Zoom meetings, hold police accountable, and listen to the public.

No Public Input via email

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – *(Council Member Jared Miller)*

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Resolution No. 2020-12-069R](#): A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a New Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC

CM Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-12-069R as forwarded from committee. Seconded by CM Colbrook, additional clarification was provided by UPTV Station Manager Jason Liggett about the negotiated PEG fee rate and the process that was considered during the negotiations. After discussion, the motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Brown, Colbrook, Miller, Roberts, Sacks, Wu

Nays: none

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Marlin provided a statement in about recent allegations about Open Meetings Act violation and lawsuit against the City of Urbana Mayor Marlin and City Council, she said that the 11 complaints have been filed with the Attorney General's Office from March 2020 – November 2020 by three different individuals.

Mayor Marlin gave some background information and correction to an issue that was erroneously quoted at a previous meeting during public input about jaywalking statistics, noting that 90% of tickets were issued to African Americans according to a study reported by [The Atlantic](#) from 2007-2011. Only one ticket has been issued in the past three years for violation of Pedestrian in the Street (jaywalking).

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Mayoral Appointment to Boards and Commissions](#)

- a. Civilian Police Review Board – term ending June 30, 2022

1. Anthony (Tony) Rice

Mayor Marlin presented the appointment of Anthony Rice and provided background information. She said that his ethnicity, work experience, and interaction with a diverse workforce makes him a good fit for the CPRB board.

CM Roberts made a motion to approve the appoint of Anthony Rice as presented, seconded by CM Brown. Some questions were asked about qualification and current vacancies for the board. After clarifications from Mayor the motion carried by roll call as follows:

Ayes: Brown, Colbrook, Roberts, Sacks, Wu

Nays: Miller

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, Mayor Marlin adjourned the virtual rescheduled meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley
Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: January 11, 2021