



DATE: Monday, November 23, 2020

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 23, 2020, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: City Council Members (CM) Bill Brown, Bill Colbrook, Shirese Hursey (arrived at 7:26pm), Jared Miller, Dennis Roberts, Maryalice Wu

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Liggett, Kay Meharry; Carol Mitten; Lorrie Pearson; Bryant Seraphin

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Ricardo Diaz, Scott Dossett; *Public Input via Zoom:* Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Allan Axelrod; Brian Dunn; Tracy Chong; James Corbin; Christopher Hansen; Grace Wilken; Beau Barber

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum virtually present, Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:25pm, following a special meeting of the Cunningham Township Board.

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Due to technical difficulties, CM Hursey left the meeting at 7:28pm

CM Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 special meeting. Motion seconded by CM Brown and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Miller, Roberts, Wu

Nay: None

C. Additions to the Agenda

There were none.

D. Presentations and Public Input

Public Input via Zoom

Comments via Zoom included: City Council should look at information from Durl Kruse for traffic stop disparity; Urbana should prioritize human rights over their image; police mishandling of rifle in April 10 arrest of Aleyah Lewis and were in violation of taser use policy in a case in 2019; many calls received for housing and clothing and Urbana should match services offered by City of Champaign; there was silencing of public input during police listening sessions; support for tree grant resolution; should be further discussion about One Door and time made for public input about it; need accountability in City.

Mayor Marlin clarified that no city staff had undermined any efforts regarding the prevention of utility shut-offs with the City of Bloomington. She said the City has supported and worked with Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, Cunningham Township, Regional Planning Commission regarding the prevention of utility shut-offs.

E. Unfinished Business

There was none.

F. Reports of Standing Committees

Committee of the Whole – *Council Member Dennis Roberts*

1. Consent Agenda

2. Regular Agenda

- a. **Resolution No. 2020-11-059R**: A Resolution Estimating the Tax Levy (Fiscal Year 2020-2021)
CM Roberts moved to pass Resolution No. 2020-11-059R. Motion seconded by CM Miller and carried by roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Miller, Roberts, Wu
Nay: None
- b. **Resolution No. 2020-11-060R**: A Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Lumpkin Family Foundation to Study Street Trees and Plant Street Trees
CM Roberts moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-11-060R. Motion seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Miller, Roberts, Wu
Nay: None
- c. **Resolution No. 2020-11-066**: An Ordinance Approving a Right-of-Way License Agreement with the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District
CM Roberts moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-11-066. Motion seconded by CM Colbrook and carried by roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Miller, Roberts, Wu
Nay: None
- d. **Ordinance No. 2020-11-067**: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class R&T-1 liquor licenses for Baldarotta's Porketta & Sicilian Sausage, 300 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana, IL)
CM Roberts moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-11-067. Motion seconded by CM Miller and carried by roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Miller, Roberts, Wu
Nay: None
CM Hursey rejoined the meeting at 8:11pm.

G. Reports of Special Committees

There were none.

H. Reports of Officers

City Administrator Carol Mitten announced the Landscape Recycling Center have changed to help manage some issues with Covid-19. Operating hours will be from 8:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Friday and closed on Saturday, until spring when hours will be re-evaluated.

Mitten also announced the City has been approved by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the \$500,000 grant the City requested to help fund a series of smaller grants called the CURES ES (Economic Support). It would reimburse up to \$20,000 per business for changes made to their properties to make them safe due to COVID.

Mayor Marlin said Ameren announced last week they were suspending utility disconnections. The Regional Planning Commission will work the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, social service providers and Townships to reach out to coordinate outreach to disconnected households. Mayor Marlin said anyone unable to pay their utility bills should call their utility companies to let them know

they are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID: Ameren phone number is 1-800-755-5000; Illinois American Water phone number is 1-800-422-2782.

Mayor Marlin announced a man was arrested in 2018 and recently plead guilty to sex trafficking young women in central Illinois from 2016 to May, 2018. He is awaiting sentencing and faces 30 years to life in prison. She said several Urbana Police officers, including Detective Adam Marcotte, Sergeant Betsy Alfonso, Sergeant Mike Cervantes and Sergeant Tim McNaught, were involved in the effort to bring the offender to justice. They were given an award by Homeland Security.

Police Chief Seraphin announced the City entered into a billing adjustment with the Urbana School District. For the current quarter the school district will pay \$22,600 less than the amount usually charged for this period. The upcoming quarter will also be adjusted by the same amount.

Chief Seraphin also announced there are staffing problems at the front police desk due to COVID. The normal hours for the front desk are 7:00am to 11:00pm, but for the foreseeable future will be from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

I. New Business

J. Adjournment

With no further business before the council, Mayor Marlin declared this virtual meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Kay Meharry
Assistant City Clerk

This meeting was recorded and is viewable on-demand.

Minutes Approved: December 14, 2020