



URBANA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 15, 2018

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson, Jared Miller; Dennis Roberts; Maryalice Wu; Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Aaron Ammons

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Dean Hazen; Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Boys; William Gray; Kay Meharry; Carol Mitten; Todd Rent; John Schneider; James Simon

OTHERS PRESENT: Elderess Melinda Carr; Jackie Curry; Kallie-Jo Ho; Shirese Hursey; Carol Jo Morgan; Terry Townsend; Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood; Members of the Media

A. [CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL](#)

Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:04pm, following a public hearing.

B. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING](#)

Council Member (CM) Jared Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 1, 2018, and the October 8, 2018 special meeting. Motion seconded by CM Bill Brown and carried by voice vote.

C. [ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA](#)

There were none.

D. [PUBLIC INPUT](#)

1. Public Input – cards submitted

Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood did not wish to speak, but asked that her position be entered into the record concerning the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues.

Shirese Hursey spoke to council about the lack of a grocery store in Ward 3, and the need to try to bring one to that area, and urged council members to make that a priority.

Mayor Marlin acknowledged the presence of Kallie-Jo Ho and eight of her students from the Urbana Adult Education English as a Second Language citizenship class.

Terry Townsend spoke to council members and urged them to defeat the property development in Ward 3, because of an affordable housing crisis in Champaign County. He said development needs to slow down so that issue of lack of affordable housing can be addressed.

Mayor Marlin presented a proclamation to Carol Jo Morgan from the IDEA Store, which will open October 24, 2018 at Lincoln Square Mall. Mayor Marlin announced that she and Champaign Mayor Debra Frank Feinen proclaimed October 20, 2018 as National Reuse Day in the Cities of Urbana and Champaign and urged everyone to support local reuse organizations and businesses.

Mayor Marlin recognized and congratulated Jason Liggett with UPTV as one of the 40 Under 40 in Champaign County.

Jackie Curry spoke against the proposed development north of Bradley Avenue and asked council members to vote against it.

Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood spoke against the proposed development north of Bradley Avenue and said there seemed to be a rush to get it done. She asked that the council not pass the ordinances for annexation and development of the area.

Elderess Melinda Carr asked that her concerns about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer problems, equity and historic impact be entered into the record. She also spoke out against the development north of Bradley Avenue in Ward 3 and asked council not to pass the ordinances for it. She said money that should be used for the people of Urbana is being used for things like bike trails.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2018-09-059:** An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Zoning Map (Rezoning a Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 91-21-06-451-005 from R-3 to R-4 / Plan Case No. 2348-M-18)

CM Aaron Ammons joined the meeting by phone for this item and exited after the vote.

CM Dennis Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-09-059. CM Bill Brown seconded the motion. Council members addressed some of the the concerns of residents of the area, saying that construction and development means someone is investing in a neighborhood and the density will not really change, going from R-3 to R-4. Mayor Marlin added that Urbana has always been supportive of low income housing and committed to providing it. She said because Urbana is the County Seat for Champaign County, home to the University of Illinois and home to major institutions, that nearly 30% of land area in Urbana is exempt from property tax. Every person added to the population of Urbana adds an additional share of state income tax to Urbana.

After discussion, this ordinance was carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ammons – nay; Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – nay; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye

Ordinance No. 2018-09-059 carried by roll call vote: 4-aye; 2-nay.

2. **Ordinance No. 2018-09-058:** An Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement (A Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 30-21-06-326-015 / Judy Heimburger Trust and Trinitas Development LLC)

Because of the absence of two council members, CM Roberts moved that Ordinance No. 2018-09-058 be deferred to the next council meeting. Motion seconded by CM Brown.

Ordinance No. 2018-09-58 was deferred and seconded without debate to the City Council meeting on November 5, 2018.

3. **Ordinance No. 2018-09-060:** An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (A Real Estate Parcel with Permanent Index Number 30-21-06-326-015 / Judy Heimburger Trust)

Because of the absence of two council members, CM Roberts moved that Ordinance No. 2018-09-060 be deferred to the next council meeting. Motion seconded by CM Brown.

Ordinance No. 2018-09-60 was deferred and seconded without debate to the City Council meeting on November 5, 2018.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole** (*Council Member Dean Hazen*)

In the absence of CM Dean Hazen, CM Jared Miller presented the following items on behalf of the Committee of the Whole:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2018-10-065:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #5 – Omnibus)
CM Miller presented this ordinance for approval. CM Maryalice Wu seconded and Ordinance No. 2018-10-065 was carried by roll call vote as follows:
Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – aye; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye; Marlin – aye
Ordinance No. 2018-10-065 was carried by roll call vote (6-aye; 0-nay)
- b. **Ordinance No. 2018-10-066:** An Ordinance Approving an Assignment and Assumption of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Urbana, Illinois and Central Illinois Soccer Enterprises, LLC in Connection with the Cunningham Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Project Area
CM Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10-066. Motion seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by roll call vote as follows:
Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – aye; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye
Ordinance No. 2018-10-066 was carried by roll call vote (5-aye; 0-nay)
- c. **Resolution No. 2018-10-047R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) Grant for Public Arts Program Operating Support (FY2019 Urbana Public Arts Program)
CM Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-10-047R. Motion seconded by CM Roberts and carried by roll call vote as follows:
Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – aye; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye
Resolution No. 2018-10-047R was carried by roll call vote (5-aye; 0-nay)
- d. **Resolution No. 2018-10-048R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment and Restatement of an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the City of Urbana, Illinois and the Housing Authority of Champaign County, Illinois Concerning the Urbana Townhomes Property
CM Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-10-048R. Motion seconded by CM Jakobsson and carried by roll call vote as follows:
Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – aye; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye
Resolution No. 2018-10-048R was carried by roll call vote (5-aye; 0-nay)
- e. **Ordinance No. 2018-10-067:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1301 East Washington Street / 2018)
CM Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10-067. Motion seconded by CM Roberts and carried by voice vote as follows:
Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – aye; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye; Marlin - aye
Ordinance No. 2018-10-067 was carried by roll call vote (6-Aye; 0-Nay)

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were none.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2018-10-068:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #6 – Executive Search Firm Fee)

Human Resources Director Todd Rent presented this ordinance. He said the funds will be used to retain the services of Polihire, a minority owned and operated firm that specializes in sourcing highly diverse and qualified candidates. Polihire will handle the recruitment process for the next Public Works Director. The full search will be done at a cost of no more than \$10,000. The original plan had been to conduct the search internally, but with the retention of an outside firm, it was necessary to amend the budget in the amount of \$10,000 for the search.

CM Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10-068. CM Jakobsson seconded the motion, which was carried by roll call vote as follows:

Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – aye; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye; Marlin - aye
Ordinance No. 2018-10-068 was carried by roll call vote (6-aye; 0-nay).

2. **Ordinance No. 2018-10-069:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (1407 West Beslin Street)

Community Development Director John Schneider presented this ordinance. He said this would authorize the purchase of 1407 West Beslin Street, which is a dilapidated abandoned structure. Purchase would be in the amount of approximately \$11,000 and would be paid using Community Development Block Grant funding. Abandoned Property Grant funding will be used to demolish the structure and prepare the site for development for affordable housing by a nonprofit developer, at a cost of approximately \$19,000.

CM Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10-069. Motion seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Brown – aye; Jakobsson – aye; Miller – aye; Roberts – aye; Wu – aye
Ordinance No. 2018-10-069 was carried by roll call vote (5-aye; 0-nay).

Kay Meharry
Assistant City Clerk

Meeting materials and video can be found at: <https://www.urbanaininois.us/node/7323>

This meeting was taped and broadcast on cable television

Minutes Approved: November 5, 2018