

Cunningham Township – Urbana City Council Joint Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2018

The Cunningham Township Board and the Urbana City Council met for a special meeting to present consolidated social service funding, on Monday, May 7, 2018, in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Mayor: Diane Wolfe Marlin

Council Members/Trustees:

Aaron Ammons (arrived at 6:35); Bill Brown; Eric Jakobsson; Jared Miller;
Dennis Roberts; Maryalice Wu

Township/City Clerk: Absent

Township Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Dean Hazen; Charles A. Smyth

STAFF PRESENT: Kay Meharry; Kelly Mierkowski; Matt Rejc; John Schneider

OTHERS PRESENT: Gloria Yen

I. ROLL CALL

Supervisor Chynoweth served as chair and called the meeting of the joint Township/City Council to order at 6:06 pm.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Gloria Yen, from The New American Welcome Center at the University YMCA, spoke about the services the welcome center provides to immigrants in the community. The welcome center helps immigrants integrate into American society and helps prepare receiving communities in Champaign County to be more welcoming and inclusive. This is a program of the YMCA and has about 52 community advocates. The New American Welcome Center is asking for \$20,000 in social service funding.

III. CONSOLIDATED SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING DISCUSSION

Grants Manager Kelly Mierkowski said the reviewing committee consisting of Kelly Mierkowski, Matt Rejc and Danielle Chynoweth, had met over several days and reviewed 30 applications submitted by over 21 agencies. Over half of the agencies were contacted for additional information. Mayor Marlin explained that the committee hoped to have final recommendations by May 21, with the Committee of the Whole considering the recommendations at the June 11 meeting and recommendation for final approval at the June 18 council meeting.

Big Brother Big Sisters was not on the list of agencies currently being considered for funding. There was concern voiced about agencies that consistently applied for funding, but not on the current list, had missed being notified. It was suggested that the committee contact agencies that had not yet responded to be sure they received the necessary information to submit their applications before the deadline. CM/Trustee Brown and CM/Trustee Jakobsson said they would notify agencies if committee members were unable to do so.

There was further discussion and clarification by Grants Manager Kelly Mierkowski, Community Development Coordinator Matt Rejc and Township Supervisor Danielle Chynoweth.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Urbana City Council and Cunningham Township Board, CM/Trustee Jakobsson motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Motion seconded by CM/Trustee Wu and carried by voice vote. Chair Chynoweth declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Kay Meharry
Recording Secretary

Meeting materials and video can be found at: <https://www.urbanaininois.us/node/7223>

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: June 4, 2018