



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday July 10, 2017**

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session at a rescheduled meeting from July 3, 2017 on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Maryalice Wu, Alderwoman Ward 1  
Aaron Ammons, Alderman Ward 3  
Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Dean Hazen, Alderman Ward 6  
Jared Miller, Alderman Ward 7  
Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor  
Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brandon Boys; William Gray; Elizabeth Hannan; Wendy Hundley; Mike Monson; Brian Nightlinger; Mat Rejc; Joel Sanders; John Schneider; Craig Shonkwiler; James Simon

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Members of the Media

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***PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE WAS RECITED***

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

There being a quorum, Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:19 p.m. following the Township Board meeting.

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

Alderman Ammons made a motion to approve minutes from the following meetings:

- June 12, 2017 (Special); June 19, 2017; June 19, 2017 (Joint with Cunningham Township); June 29, 2017 (Special) Alderman Hazen seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. **Committee Of The Whole**

- a. **Resolution No. 2017-06-040R:** Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding(Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in the ICJIA Partnerships and Strategies to Reduce Violent Crime Program Jag-Grant Number 414503)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06-040R as forwarded from committee. Alderwoman Wu seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Aaron Ammons - Aye | Jared Miller - Aye   |
| Bill Brown – Aye   | Dennis Roberts - Aye |
| Dean Hazen – Aye   | Maryalice Wu - Aye   |

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2017-06-040R was approved by roll call vote (6-Aye; 0-Nay).

- b. **Resolution No. 2017-06-041R:** A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (2017)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06-040R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Miller seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Aaron Ammons - Aye | Jared Miller - Aye   |
| Bill Brown – Aye   | Dennis Roberts - Aye |
| Dean Hazen – Aye   | Maryalice Wu - Aye   |

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2017-06-041R was approved by roll call vote (6-Aye; 0-Nay).

- c. **Resolution No. 2017-06-042R:** A Resolution Appointing the Human Resources Director as the Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (2017)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06-042R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Aaron Ammons - Aye | Jared Miller - Aye   |
| Bill Brown – Aye   | Dennis Roberts - Aye |
| Dean Hazen – Aye   | Maryalice Wu - Aye   |

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2017-06-042R was approved by roll call vote (6-Aye; 0-Nay).

- d. **Ordinance No. 2017-06-032:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Addition of Section XIII-8 to Create the Southeast Urbana Overlay District and Special Procedures/Plan Commission Case No. 2302-T-17) – [CC 06/19/17; 07/10/17]

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-06-032 as forwarded from committee. Alderman Hazen seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Aaron Ammons - Aye | Jared Miller - Aye   |
| Bill Brown – Aye   | Dennis Roberts - Aye |
| Dean Hazen – Aye   | Maryalice Wu - Aye   |

**Disposition:** Ordinance No. 2017-06-032 was approved by roll call vote (6-Aye; 0-Nay).

- e. **Resolution No. 2017-06-043R:** A Resolution to Amend the Urbana City Council Rules of Procedure (Rule to Set Time for Meeting Adjournment from 11:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06-043R as forwarded from committee. Alderman Miller seconded. Alderwoman Wu asked if this resolution applies to all the rules that they had talked about. City Clerk Charles Smyth clarified that is resolution is only for the time rule changes. After clarification, the motion carried, by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Aaron Ammons - Aye | Jared Miller - Aye   |
| Bill Brown – Aye   | Dennis Roberts - Aye |
| Dean Hazen – Aye   | Maryalice Wu - Aye   |

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 2017-06-043R was approved by roll call vote (6-Aye; 0-Nay).

## **G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

## **H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Finance Director Elizabeth Hannan gave an update about the recently approved state budget and how this will affect the city's finances. Regarding income tax revenues, it looks like there will be a 10% tax diversion of income tax revenues from local governments for FY 2018. This deviation means a loss of about \$400,000 for the city. As a means of compensating for that reduction in revenue, there is a proposed acceleration payment of income tax to municipalities. That acceleration is about two months' worth of income, and should make things about even, but that will only happen if the cash flow allows it. Since we know that the state has a 15 billion backlog of bills, at this point cash flow will not allow this action. The state imposed a two percent fee upon municipalities for collecting sales tax. This increase will cost the city about \$186,000. There was no action on the property tax freeze bill, but it is still pending. The last version of the property tax freeze was a potential four-year freeze that could cost the city about \$900,000 annually by the fourth year. That would reduce pension funding contributions, and would be a large hit to the general fund. The good news is that the state approved the 911 fee increases that will go to METCAD directly. This will reduce the city's bill, but details will be forthcoming. We have received our sales tax revenue for July 2017 and for the first time in a year there was a slight increase over the same period last year. Nevertheless, all of those increases will go back to the state for the newly imposed sales tax fee. Ms. Hannan also addressed questions and concerns from city council members.

Public Works Director William Gray gave a few updates about some projects that were put on hold due to state budget constraints. The following projects will be back to work: the MCORE project on Green Street; Lincoln Ave; Airport Rd. by Cunningham Ave. There were various contracts awarded for stripping, patchwork, and resurfacing.

Alderman Brown asked about the status of the resurfacing for Vine St. and Beardsley Ave. Mr. Gray said that that project has not been put out for bids at this time.

Alderman Ammons asked about the process of how contract bids are awarded. He also asked for a list of the process and the awardees. Mr. Gray will send the information to all council members.

Community Developments Manager John Schneider acknowledged accomplishments earned by his department staff. Libby Horwitz, Christopher Marx, and Matt Rejc have passed their exam to qualify for membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Housing Inspector Danis Pelmore passed the exam for certification as an International Property Maintenance Code Inspector. Housing Inspector Nick Hanson passed his certification for International Residential Code 1 & 2 Family Inspector.

Mr. Schneider also announced that the City will be hosting Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Coordinated Grantee Meeting at the Civic Center on July 17 and 18. HUD Grantees from the region will be sending representatives to participate in Working Group Meetings on CDBG, HOME, and ESG Grants, HUD will also be

presenting the Regional Model for an Assessment of Fair Housing. In addition, the Urbana/Habitat for Humanity Blight reduction program will be highlighted.

Economic Development Manager Brandon Boys presented the June Business & Development report, which highlighted business activities and project updates. Some of the items mentioned are as follows:

- **New Business Activity**
  - Spark Museum and Play Cafe – Children’s Entertainment had their ribbon cutting ceremony July 7, 2017, attracting many families to Lincoln Square Mall since its opening Saturday, June 24, 2017. In addition, a U of I graduate, Chicago based artist Justus Roe is creating a mural in the high court area of Lincoln Square mall. There is also crowd-funding campaign for community members who would like to support the expansion of that project.
  - Black Bird - Night-Club opened at 119 W. Main – Created by the owners Crane Alley and the Canopy Club with a great outdoor seating.
  - HatPineapple – Music Production – 206 W. Main
  - Red Bicycle Ice Cream – Ice Cream Parlor - out at the Pines
- Rachel Storm will start with the City as the new Public Arts Coordinator on August 7. Rachel has worked at the Women’s Resources Center in the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations at the University of Illinois for the last eight years, currently serving as Assistant Director. Rachel has also managed her own local arts program for the last six years including Outta the Mouths of Babes and Girl Radio, Inc.

Alderman Roberts added that the First Friday event was successful and full of exciting outdoor activities.

Mayor Marlin announced the first UC-Initiative for Labor Diversity that will take place at the Urbana Free Library Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 9:30-11:30a.m., sponsored by the AFL-CIO. The goal is to increase the workforce diversity and unionize building trade.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

#### **a. UC2B**

1. Alandria Najarro – term to expire June 30, 2020

#### **b. Mayor’s Neighborhood Safety Task Force**

1. James Winston

Mayor Marlin presented the appointment of Alandria Najarro to the UC2B board with a term expiring June 30, 2020. The Mayoral appointment of James Winston to the Neighborhood Safety Task Force will be removed. Mr. Winston asked to be removed as he is looking at other commissions to serve.

There being no objections or discussions Alderman Miller made a motion to approve the appointment of Alandria Najarro to the UC2B commission as presented. Alderman Roberts seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

## 2. **Mayoral Reappointments to Boards and Commissions**

### a. **Civilian Police Review Board**

1. Megan McGinty – term to expire June 30, 2020
2. Ricardo Diaz – term to expire June 30, 2020

### b. **Plan Commission**

1. David Trail – term to expire June 30, 2020

Mayor Marlin presented reappointments to Civilian Police Review Board Megan McGinty and Ricardo Diaz with an expiration date of June 30, 2020 and a reappointment to the Plan Commission Board David Trail with term expiring June 30, 2020.

There being no objections or discussions Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve the reappointments of Megan McGinty and Ricardo Diaz to the Civilian Police Review Board with a term expiring June 30, 2020 and David Trail to the Plan Commission with a term expiring June 30, 2020. Alderwoman Wu seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

## 3. **Closed Session to Discuss Sale of Property:** A closed session for setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body 5ILCS120/2(c)(6)

A motion to go into closed session to consider setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) was made by Alderman Roberts and seconded by Alderman Hazen. Motion carried by roll call vote. Votes were as follows:

Aaron Ammons - Aye  
Bill Brown – Aye  
Dean Hazen – Aye

Jared Miller - Aye  
Dennis Roberts - Aye  
Maryalice Wu - Aye

Council moved into Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

The body went back into open session at 8:16 via voice vote. Alderman Miller made the motion and Alderman Ammons seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley  
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Recording Secretary

Charles A. Smyth  
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City Clerk  
\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

\*\*\* Website link for this meeting: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/node/6538>

**Minutes Approved: July 17, 2017**