
DATE: Monday, August 3, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: *Held virtually due to Governor and Mayoral Emergency Declarations

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session August 3, 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 Maryalice Wu; Shirese Hursey; Bill Brown; Bill Colbrook; Jared Miller

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kay Meharry; Carol Mitten; James Simon

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Laut; *Public Input via Zoom:* Ameena Payne; Sarah Nixon; Jesann Gonzalez Cruz; Meghan McDonald

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the special meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00pm.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Public input comments included: statistics for youth arrests in Urbana for 2019, disparity in the arrests, and the relationship between youth involvement in justice system and academic achievement; disappointed in the choice for Ward 2 Council seat; support for Christopher Hansen for Ward 2 seat; instead of helping to prevent crime police are reactive; consider community intervention strategy instead of police for some cases; drop charges against Aleyah Lewis and 27 protesters; save public input for the next meeting of the night.

A. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

Mayor Marlin explained the process of City Council appointments and said this appointment was the third in this term. There were four applicants and two did not live in the ward. All references for the two remaining candidates were called and each candidate had about a one and a half hour interview with the mayor. Council members received the applications to review and the candidates each gave a three minute statement to council on July 27. She said appointee will finish the term of Council Member Eric Jakobsson, which ends May 3, 2021, and will also replace his position on the Traffic Commission. CM Wu moved to accept the appointment of Julie Laut for Ward 2. Motion seconded by CM Hursey.

Comments by council members included: both candidates were strong contenders; welcome to Julie Laut; would have taken a gamble and appointed Christopher Hansen; Julie Laut has been very involved in the community and community organizations.

Aye: Wu, Hursey, Brown, Colbrook, Miller

Pass: Roberts

Nay: None

Mayor Marlin said Julie Laut would be sworn in, in person on August 4 at the City Clerk's office and will be seated on Council for the next meeting.

B. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Kay Meharry
Assistant City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: August 24, 2020