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**DATE:** Monday, November 16, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:30pm  
**PLACE:** \*to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois held a special meeting Monday, November 16, 2020, at 6:30pm via Zoom.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** City Council Members (CM) Bill Brown, Bill Colbrook, Shirese Hursey, Jared Miller, Dennis Roberts, Maryalice Wu

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Ward 2, Vacant

**STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Kay Meharry, Jason Liggett, Stepheny McMahon, Carol Mitten, James Simon

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Grace Wilken

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

With a quorum virtually present, Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:30pm

**II. PUBLIC INPUT**

Grace Wilken commented that she hoped the entire community would be supported and not just businesses. She thought the issue of Visit Champaign County using the Buy Black Chambana listings on their website should be looked into, and thought Urbana should support more diversity in businesses and business organizations.

**III. Resolution No. 2020-11-058R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Promotional and Marketing Agreement (Urbana Business Association, FY 2020-21)**

City Administrator Carol Mitten introduced this resolution and began by explaining the transition process for the Urbana Business Association (UBA). She said that this agreement will allow the city to reimburse the UBA \$28,907.50 for eligible expenses incurred for the first six months of FY 2020-2021. She explained the UBA is dependent on events for a balanced budget and the ideas for virtual events during the pandemic were too uncertain to support. Instead, City has decided to provide services directly to struggling businesses at this time.

There were questions about the office space used by the UBA on Main Street, which they have occupied, and was an in kind contribution to them by the City. Mitten said the City will take back that space, which is needed for city employees working on the Comprehensive Plan rather than pay for office space elsewhere.

After discussion, CM Hursey moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-11-058R. Motion seconded by CM Colbrook and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Miller, Roberts, Wu

Nay: None

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Kay Meharry

Assistant City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: November 23, 2020