

**DATE:** Monday, December 21, 2020  
**TIME:** 7:00pm  
**PLACE:** \*Held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois held a special meeting Monday, December 21, 2020, at 7:00pm 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:**

**STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Jason Liggett, Kay Meharry

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Erik Sacks; *Public Input via Zoom:* Brian Dunn, Julie Watkins, Tracy Chong, Meghan McDonald, Allan Axelrod, Deborah Liu, Sarah Nixon, Wayne Williams

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

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

II. **PUBLIC INPUT**

*Public input comments via Zoom:* Debt should be paid for racial disparity in traffic stops because of economic impact; One Door will be run by Urbana Police Department which is a problem; do not approve of Erik Sacks for Ward 2 Alderman; residents worried about the emissions from the Emulsicoat Plant and the proposed move in 18 months of Emulsicoat to north Urbana is not soon enough; gender inclusive language is important; must have police accountability for traffic stops; thanks for those who signed letter asking for cessation of utility shutoffs; asking for moratorium on evictions through the end of pandemic; language of the pilot traffic stop program needs to be more specific about the presence of vulnerable people; in favor of Christopher Hansen for Ward 2; look forward to working with the Ward 2 alderman.

III. **MAYORAL COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT FOR WARD 2**

Mayor Marlin presented the appointment of Erik Sacks for Ward 2 Alderman, and gave a background of his experience.

Remarks by council members included: many appointments to council this term and hope all who are on council will remain there until election; there are no renters currently on council; appreciate all those who applied for Ward 2 seat.

CM Brown moved to accept the appointment of Erik Sacks as Ward 2 Alderman. Motion seconded by CM Colbrook and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

IV. **OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office for Ward 2 Alderman was administered to Erik Sacks by Mayor Marlin.

V. **APPROVAL OF 2021 CITY COUNCIL, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR**

City Clerk Phyllis D. Clark presented the annual calendar of meetings for City Council, Committee of the Whole and Board and Commissions.

Motion to approve the 2021 Council, Committee of the Whole, and Board and Commissions calendars was made by CM Miller and seconded by CM Roberts. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before this special meeting of the City Council, Mayor Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Kay Meharry

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: January 4, 2021