
DATE: Monday, September 27, 2021
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *Remotely Via Zoom, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session remotely via zoom Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00pm.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS VIRTUALLY PRESENT: CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Liggett, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Sheila Dodd, Carol Mitten, Demond Dade, Chuck Lauss

OTHERS PRESENT: James Corbin, Josh Payne, James, Lisa Benson

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

CM Wu motioned to approve the minutes of the August 9th, 2021 and August 23rd, 2021 meetings.

Seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Evans, Wilken, Bishop, Quisenberry, Kolisetty

NAY: None

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Public Input and Presentations

a. First Followers/CMS Evans and Wilken

James Corbin, Josh Payne, James Kilgore

James Corbin of First Followers presented on the gun violence epidemic. He provided stats from the CDC on gun violence. Provided numbers from the Champaign County Sheriff's department on local gun violence. Showed the previous model of support versus the new all in one center model.

*Motion to extend presentation 10 minutes by CM Quisenberry and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evan, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

Josh Payne of First Followers explained his role within the organization. Spoke to his first hand experiences with gun violence and how the impacts are widely felt.

James Kilgore urged the community come together to form a continuum of care with centralized services.

b. Emergency Rental Assistance – RPC

Lisa Benson from the Regional Planning Commission presented on the emergency rental assistance program. Benson explained the eligibility requirements for services and explained the application process. Provided stats on the program funding and households served.

*Motion to extend presentation by 10 minutes by CM Wu seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry,

NAY: None

Provided local demographics of households served compared to national stats.

Questions and discussion ensued.

c. **Affordable Housing / Year End CAPER Report – CD**

Sheila Dodd of community development presented on the consolidated annual performance evaluation report (CAPER) and local affordable housing. Explained the different funding sources available to address issues identified in plan. Reviewed challenges program faced. Highlighted some of the accomplishments of the plan. Explained the need for affordable housing within the community. Previewed new programs offered. Questions and discussion ensued.

d. **Public Input**

Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood asked what things the City and community are doing to help people. *Linda Turnbull* addressed council about gun violence and urged council to seek immediate and long term solutions. *Frances Rudeberg* expressed dissatisfaction with the FOP contract clause prohibiting those with prior felony convictions from serving on the CPRB. *Tracy Chong* expressed concerns about the CPRB review of a Taser incident. *Allan Max Axelrod* urged council to consider other residents opinions on solutions to gun violence, expressed frustration with Ameren and utility shutoffs. *Reed N* expressed disappointment with City of Urbana's denial of the women's march permit being denied. *Julie Watkins* spoke in support of those with previous felony convictions being allowed to serve on CPRB. *Sarah Nixon* thanked first followers for their presentation, asked council to hear about proposed wraparound family services center. *Serenity Dodge* spoke in support of cameras. *CM Maryaachie Wu* read a letter on behalf of *Audrey Ishi* in support of ALPR. *CM James Quisenberry* read a letter on behalf of *Katie Muir* spoke in support of using ARP funds to address community needs.

5. **Council Input and Communications (following public comment)**

CM Wilken thanked presenters. Stressed importance of preventive as opposed to reactive response to addressing community violence. Wants to see more communication between council, commissions, and the public. Hopes to see safety is ensured for women's march. *CM Quisenberry* thanked presenters. Hopes to see neighborhoods not previously included in planning to be included. *CM Hursey* thanked presenters. Knows how public feels living close to community violence. Spoke in support of ALPR as an investigative tool. *CM Kolisetty* thanked presenters. Hopes to see prioritization of public safety needs as it is a public health crisis. *CM Evans* notified administration that the NAACP hopes to have two town hall meetings about ALPR. *Mayor Marlin* clarified that the city of Urbana supports the womens march but unfortunately that the event was planned the same time as a football game and the city is not able to control traffic to close streets to accommodate.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee Of The Whole (*Council Member Christopher Evans – Ward 2*)

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Ordinance No. 2021-09-040: An Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 19 (Civilian Police Review Board Ordinance – Conformance with FOP Contract) – EXEC

b. Ordinance No. 2021-09-042: An Ordinance Amending Schedule N of Section 23-193 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Limiting Parking Times on Certain Streets or Public Parking Lots (Urbana Avenue between Elm Street and Green Street) – PW

c. Ordinance No. 2021-09-043: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets or Public Parking Lots (Urbana Avenue Between Elm Street and Green Street; Clark Street Between Lincoln Avenue and Busey Avenue) – PW

Presented by CM Chris Evans.

Motion to approve consent agenda by CM Evans Seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote as follows:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Bishop, Kolisetty, Quisenberry, Wilken

NAY: None

2. REGULAR AGENDA

8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Carol Mitten wanted to call to attention the bio for the city engineer candidate who will be up for a vote on October 11th. Mayor Marlin thanked the organizers of PRIDE, neighborhood cleanup, and Pygmalion festival.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution No. 2021-09-042R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant – Fire

Presented by fire chief Chuck Lauss and deputy chief Demond Dade. First time the city of Urbana has been able to receive a SAFER grant. Will be used to cover 100% of wages and benefits for 6 firefighters for the next 3 years.

Motion by CM Wu to approve. Seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Quisenberry, Wilken, Bishop, Kolisetty, Hursey, Evans, Wu

NAY: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the committee, Chair Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 10/25/2021