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**DATE:** Monday, July 18, 2022  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

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The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, July 18, 2022, at 7:00pm.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop,

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Mitten, Bourema Ouedraogo, Elizabeth Hannan, Michelle Brooks, Darcy Sandefur

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**Chair:** *Maryalice Wu, Ward 1*

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

With a quorum present, Chair Wu called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:12 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

June 21, 2022

Motion to approve by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey

Voice Vote:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

**NAY:** None

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

\***Mayor Marlin** advised that item 8 (Ordinance No. 2022-07-030) has been returned to the zoning board for an appeal process.

CM Hursey motion to remove item 8 from the agenda. CM Kolisetty seconded.

Voice vote:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

**NAY:** None

**4. Public Input and Presentations**

**a. Public Input**

*Dannie Otto submitted written public input, see attached.*

## 5. Staff Report

*Carol Mitten* shared that DCEO office is going to have two new grants they will be issuing soon. Information available is still limited. One of the grants being offered is a new business grant available to business created after January 1, 2020. The other grant available called REVAMP, and that is to reactivate vacant and main street businesses. More information is to come.

## 6. Closed Session: Collective Bargaining Issues, 5 ILCS 120 / 2 (c) (2)

Motion to enter closed session by CM Kolisetty seconded by CM Bishop

Voice vote:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

**NAY:** None

Entered closed session at 7:17 p.m.

Motion to return from closed session by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey

Voice vote:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

**NAY:** None

Returned from closed session at 7:38 p.m.

## 7. Resolution No. 2022-07-058R: A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #1147 (Term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2028) – HR/Finance

Presented by Michelle Brooks of the Human Resources Department. Item is a 6 year contract with the Fire Union and the City of Urbana. Brooks shared points of interest within the contract.

Motion to approve by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice vote:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

**NAY:** None

## 8. Ordinance No. 2022-07-030: AN Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (Octapharma Plasma Donation Center at 220 North Broadway Avenue / Plan Case 2454-SU-22) – CD

\*Item was removed, see additions to the agenda.

## 9. Council Input and Communications

None.

## 10. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

**Minutes approved: 08/01/2022**

## Sandefur, Darcy

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**From:** Dannie Otto [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 6:06 PM  
**To:** !City Council  
**Subject:** [\*\*\* QUARANTINE \*\*\*] Public Input - July 18, 2022 "Low Hanging Fruit"

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I wish to encourage approval of the special use permit to allow Octapharma Plasma to operate a collection center in downtown Urbana. I would not have thought this is controversial but after the account in the News-Gazetter with a comment by a council member, I decided to respond.

I am a 69 year old retired male. I returned to my home in Urban 2 years ago in the midst of the pandemic after spending three years abroad. Looking to do something useful, I started contributing plasma at a center in Champaign. I didn't and don't consider myself "low hanging fruit" and didn't notice any of the donors at the Talecris center who would be considered as such. No one asked me my motives for donating and far be it from me to opine on the motives of others.

Fifty years ago my parents hosted a young man a bit older than myself in our home for two years. He was the first person I met with hemophilia and I quickly learned about the care that he and we needed to take to reduce the chance that he would suffer a bruise or a cut. We still played one-on-one basketball, but strictly as a non-contact sport. I learned that if started bleeding, even subcutaneous, it involved a visit to the emergency room to receive a clotting factor to stop the bleeding. When I learned about the uses of plasma, I was happy to learn that one of the uses is to obtain the clotting factor necessary to treat hemophilia.

I found the comparison of a plasma donation center to a video gaming parlor to be offensive and to unnecessarily stigmatize those who choose to contribute their plasma. It is patronizing to assume that Urbana's adult citizens are incapable of deciding for themselves if they want to contribute plasma. That they may be paid for their donation does not lessen the value of their contribution. Urbana citizens are not "low hanging fruit". People who are willing to take the time to donate plasma or blood should be honored for their contribution. Those who don't donate, but could, should be encouraged to do their civic duty and help alleviate the shortage of plasma and blood products. No one should be stigmatized for helping in this way.

I am happy to see a new use for the Save-A-Lot building. I think council should approve this permit.

Dannie Otto  
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