
DATE: Monday, June 15, 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 held a special meeting on June 15, 2020, at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: City Council Members Bill Brown; Bill Colbrook; Shirese Hursey; Eric Jakobsson; Jared Miller; Dennis Roberts; Maryalice Wu; Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor, Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Wendy Hundley; Charles Lauss; Kay Meharry; Carol Mitten; Lorrie Pearson; Marcus Ricci; James Simon; Scott Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the special meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:32pm following a Cunningham Township meeting .

Mayor Marlin had several announcements:

- Community Engagement Coordinator position has been posted and can be viewed by going to www.urbanaininois.us and clicking on the Employment button.
- A special meeting of the Civilian Police Review Board will be held on June 24 during which staff will make recommendations for procedural changes.
- The 10 Shared Principles workshop will take place on September 17, 2020 and is a joint project of the NAACP and the Chiefs Association. It is a structured workshop and attendance will be by invitation only.
- The scope of the proposal for independent review of the Aleyah Lewis arrest is in the process of being finalized . The contract will be reviewed and should be signed by the end of the week.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Marlin read public input emails into the record. Public input via email for this meeting came from the following: Bend the Arc: CU; Marci Adelston-Schafer; David Dorman; Lilah Leopold; Bronwyn Cain; Allan Axelrod; Andrea Black; Julie Watkins; Kai Shinbrough; Andrea Black; Allison Casar; Sarah Roper; Theodore Johnson; Rachel Kaufman; Amy Graef; Alana Ackerman; Rohn Koester; Amy Williams; Jamie Keener; Aiden Watson-Morris; Sarah Nixon;

Public input was provided via Zoom by the following: Tracy Chong; Christopher Hansen; Danielle Chynoweth; Maya Gouliard; Meghan McDonald; Austin Hoffman; Lena Walker; Amy Graef; Alana Ackerman.

Public input comments made included: people are gathered outside in protest of killing and brutalization of black and brown residents; there was racial profiling in the Aleyah Lewis case; drop Lewis charges; demanding accountability for actions of police; Open

Meetings Act violations when not all public input is read or taken from callers; city is corrupt for lack of information for Freedom of Information Act responses and for charging money for information; defund the police and use funds for social programs to help residents; do not reappoint Bryant Seraphin as police chief; Civilian Police Review Board is ineffective; what is cost of hiring firm for independent review of Lewis arrest.

III. Resolution No. 2020-06-026R: A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Text Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance (CCZBA-973-AT-20 / Adult-Use Cannabis Regulations)

Planner Marcus Ricci presented this resolution. He said this is very similar to the text amendment passed by Urbana last year and the Urbana Plan Commission voted six to zero to forward a recommendation to City Council to defeat this resolution of protest against the proposed text amendment.

Discussion ensued. John Hall, Champaign County Zoning Administrator was present and responded to questions and concerns from council members. Community Development Director Lorrie Pearson also responded to questions concerning this resolution.

After discussion, CM Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-06-026R. Motion seconded by CM Jakobsson and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Roberts, Wu

Nay: Hursey, Jakobsson, Miller

IV. Resolution No. 2020-06-027R: A Resolution Approving a Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. (Municipal Electrical Aggregation)

Scott Tess, Sustainability and Resilience Officer, presented this resolution and Resolution No. 2020-06-028R. He said the current contract for residences and small businesses expires at the end of the year. This consulting agreement is necessary for the consultant to broker on behalf of the city for a new price on bid day, which is Thursday, June 18. A small fee will be paid to the consultant for every kilowatt hour purchased through the program.

Mr. Tess responded to questions and concerns from council members.

After discussion, CM Jakobsson moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-06-027R. Motion seconded by CM Roberts and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

V. Resolution No. 2020-06-028R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program (Municipal Electrical Aggregation/2020)

CM Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-06-028R. Motion seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- a. To consider the purchase or lease of real property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- b. To consider Collective Bargaining Issues, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Mayor Marlin announced the closed session would be for only for item b, to consider

Collective Bargaining Issues pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

CM Miller made a motion to go into closed session. Motion seconded by CM Jakobsson and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Council members, mayor and staff went into closed session via Zoom at 9:17pm.

Council members, mayor and staff went back into the open Zoom session at 9:51pm.

CM Miller moved to come back into open session. CM Wu seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 9:53pm.

Kay Meharry
Assistant City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: July 13, 2020