



URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Monday, June 22, 2020

The Urbana City Council held a public hearing Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7 p.m. via zoom to received public input on the proposed annual budget FY 2020-2021.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Bill Brown, Bill Colbrook, Eric Jakobsson, Jared Miller, Dennis Roberts, Maryalice Wu

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Hannan; Wendy Hundley; Charles Lauss; Carol Mitten; James Simon

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Alana Ackerman, Allan Axelrod, Shea Balahe, Beau Barber, Allison Casar, Danielle Chynoweth, Natalie DeClerck, John Drobny, Christopher Hansen, Austin Hoffman, Ben Joselyn, Miriam Larson, Stewart Levy, Emily McKown, John McNally, J. Monson, Becca Obuchowski, Bijal Patel, Lisa Tomlinson, Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood, Taryn K. Vaughn, Lena Walker, Aiden Watson-Morris,

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

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Marlin opened the hearing and stated the purpose of the hearing, which was to receive public input on the proposed annual budget FY 2020-2021.

II. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following residents addressed the council to express their opposition to approve the annual budget for the Urbana Police Department. Alana Ackerman, Beau Barber, Allison Casar, Natalie DeClerck, John Drobny, Christopher Hansen, Austin Hoffman, Ben Joselyn, Emily McKown, Bijal Patel, Lisa Tomlinson, Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood. Some of the comments included: reject budget line for UPD, decrease and redistribute, defund police, defund police by 50%, eliminate canine unit, eliminate license recognition software.

The following residents sent emails in opposition of approving the police budget: Brooke Armstrong, Anna Asplund, Chelsea Birchmier, River Brown, Bronwyn Cain, David Cisneros, Nancy Dietrich, Brian Dunn, C.G. Estabrook, Kacie Gastanaga, Marcey Goldstein, Michael Johnson, Jon Hays, Lara Jobe, Caitlin Kingsley, Rohn Koester, Jamie Keener, Kelsey Langley, Elise Lanker, Arum Lee, Erin Long, Kathleen McGowan, Katherine Majewski, Elizabeth Matsushita, Drake Maxson, Danielle McFarland, Megan Mericle, Logan Middleton, Richard Miske, Marion Morris, Brian Mottashed, Valerie O'Brien, Lesley Owens, Sara Paige, Patricia

Paulausky, Elisabeth Potech, Sarah Sauce, Veronica Severini, Elizabeth Simpson, Nicholas Stine, Miriam Tworek-Hofstetter, Brandi Vail, Aidan Watson-Morris, Lillian Wright. Some of the comments included, defund police, reallocate funds to social services, community development, mental illness, and/or reduce budget.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Marlin declared the virtual public hearing meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley
Deputy City Clerk

Meeting materials and video can be found [HERE](#):

Minutes Approved: July 13, 2020