

# CITY OF URBANA

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Monday, May 24, 2021

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** \*Held virtually due to Governor's and Mayoral Emergency Orders

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** City Council Members (CM) Chris Evans, Grace Wilken, Chaundra Bishop, Shirese Hursey, Jaya Kolisetty, James Quisenberry

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Maryalice Wu

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Liggett, Carol Mitten, Darcy Sandefur, Chuck Lauss, Rich Surles, Dave Wesner, Kevin Garcia, Lorrie Pearson, Sheila Dodd, Carla Boyd, Andrea Ruedi, Darius White, Scott Tess, Elizabeth Hannan

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Lynn Barnes, Beth Katsinas, and Nick Compton

## **A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

With a quorum virtually present, Mayor Marlin called the virtual meeting of the city council to order at 7:00PM

## **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

CM Shirese Hursey moved to approve the minute of the May 10, 2021 meeting, CM Chris Evans seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected by roll call vote as follows Voting Aye: Hursey, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, and Quisenberry. Mayor Marlin corrected spelling of her name and asked that "e" be added to the end of her name.

## **C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

## **D. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Was done following public input

**Grace Wilkins-** Thanked public for input agreed with the need for accountability and systemic change within our policing forces.

## **E. PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Presentation: Carle Foundation Hospital Campus Overview - CD**

Lynne Barnes gave a presentation on Carle hospital employment and service statistics to provide a scope of growth over the last 5 years. Beth Katsinas VP of Carle philanthropy presented on the Carle auxiliary guest house and the services and amenities provided onsite. Proposed 15 bed expansion of guesthouse on corner of Church Street and Orchard. Discussion ensued.

### **2. Budget Presentation – Finance/Executive**

Elizabeth Hannan presented the finances and budget for the next FY and went into detail about areas of development. Carol Mitten talked about other sources of revenue through additional properties being added to the property tax base. Budget highlights included Equity and Quality of life council working on designated projects to bring services to underserved areas, office of human rights and equity outreach, additional police de-escalation and crisis training. The June 7th meeting will have a presentation for the capital improvement plan and library budget. The June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will have a detailed review of selected topics. At the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting budget ordinance. Discussion ensued.

### **3. Public Input**

Public Input via Zoom: **Danielle Chynoweth:** the Cunningham Township Supervisor wanted to clarify from the previous Monday meeting, wanted to provide update on properties purchased by township. **Albert Lam:** a resident at one of the township purchased properties, expressed concerns about the property purchase by township.

**Tracy Chong:** expressed concerns about the proposed budget and asked for a different approach to addressing inequities. **Frances Rigberg:** spoke in support of council appointment of Carla Ward. **Allan max Axelrod:** provided updates the utility shutoff campaign. **Brandi McCoy:** read a letter being sent to legislatures addressing rent control and asked that the council consider adding their signatures. **Eddie Pratt Jr:** expressed concerns about utilization of funds to create actionable change towards equity.

## **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

*[CM Maryalice Wu entered zoom meeting at 8:16 PM.]*

### **Committee Of The Whole** (Council Member Christopher Evans)

#### **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **2. REGULAR AGENDA**

**a. Ordinance No. 2021-05-018:** An Ordinance Amending the 2005 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Champaign County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update/Plan Case 2419-CP-21) - CD

On behalf of the Committee of the Whole CM Evans moved to approve *Ordinance No. 2021-05-018*. CM Hursey seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Quisenberry, and Wilken. Voting Nay: None.

**DISPOSTION: Ordinance No. 2021-05-018:** *An Ordinance Amending the 2005 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Champaign County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update/Plan Case 2419-CP-21) – CD* was passed by roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## **H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

## **I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Carol Mitten** – congratulating Chief Fire Officer Designees Captain Lee Buxton and Lt Steve Doggett **Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin** gave updates from public health on vaccinations.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Resolution No.2021-05-023R:** Amtrak Corridor Expansion Plan Joint Request for Funding (For enhanced passenger rail service to Champaign-Urbana on multi-frequency Chicago New Orleans, Chicago-Carbondale, and Carbondale-Chicago routes) – MAYOR

CM Shirese Hursey motioned to approve *Resolution No.2021-05-023R*. CM Quisenberry seconded. Voting Aye: Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Bishop, Quisenberry, Wu, and Evans. Voting Nay: None.

### **2. Mayoral Staff/Boards and Commissions Appointments**

#### **a. Human Rights and Equity Officer (HREO)**

Mayor Marlin brought forward appointment of Carla Boyd and explained the responsibilities of the position and the interview process preceding this appointment. Mayor Marlin asked for a motion from the floor for this appointment. CM Hursey motioned to approve the appointment. CM Kolisetty seconded. Voting Aye: Hursey, Kolisetty, Wu, Evans, Quisenberry, Bishop, and Wilken. Voting Nay: None.

#### **b. Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB)**

Mayor Marlin submits for consideration appointment of Colum Wilson to complete unexpired term of Collin price that extends through June 2022  
CM Wilkins motioned to approve. CM Hursey seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Hursey, Quisenberry, and Bishop. Voting Nay: Wilken.

### **3. DISCUSSION – Affordable Housing Issues – WILKEN /KOLISSETTY**

Danielle Chynoweth, CM Wilken, and CM Kolisetty presented on research done on the housing needs within the community and how the council can support.

*At 10:29 PM CM Bishop motions to extend meeting to 11pm to allow discussion to continue, CM Hursey seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, and Quisenberry. Voting Nay: None.*

With no further business to come before this body, Mayor Marlin declared this virtual meeting adjourned at 10:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darcy Sandefur*

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Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 6/14/2021