

# CITY OF URBANA

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Monday, June 28, 2021

**TIME:** 6:00 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, June 28, at 7:26 p.m. via Zoom.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor;

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Liggett, Carol Mitten, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Chuck Lauss, Elizabeth Hannan, Lorrie Pearson, Tim Cowan, Bryant Seraphin, Scott Tess, Shannon Beranek, Theresa Hoffman, Vince Gustafson

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Rev. Dr. Evelyn B. Underwood, Tracy Chong, Allan Max Axelrod, Wayne Williams, Julie Watkins, Arthur Paganini, Eddie Pratt Jr., Ben Theobald, Cristopher Hanson, Bianca Nehan, Sarah Nixon, Theresa Hoffman, Dean Hazen

## **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 7:26 PM

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

CM Wu moved to approve the minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2021 meeting, CM Bishop seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected by roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

Nay: None

Correction to the spelling of the SWFT program.

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

None

## **D. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT**

### **Public Input**

*Rev Dr. Evelyn Underwood* thanked the Mayor for seeing that she wished to speak and was happy to listen to the meeting. *Tracy Chong* spoke in objection to the Hazen's petition previously submitted to council and expressed concerns about Urbana police. *Allan Max Axelrod* spoke in support of the SWFT program and explained how the city could provide funding in a collaborative and wrap around way. *Wayne Williams*

wanted to thank Sanford Hess, Kim Hubbard, Vivian Pettrote, Nick Hanson, and building inspectors for their support in his assessment work. *Julie Watkins* wanted to thank public for inputs and council for listening, spoke in support of changing the appointment process. Objected to previous public input condemning those who spoke against reappointing police leadership. *Arthur Paganini* spoke in support of SWFT program. *Eddie Pratt Jr.* spoke in support of SWFT as a way to address community violence. Shared a story of gun violence from his workplace. *Brian Dunn* spoke in support of the SWFT program and the timing no being ideal to invest in the community. Expressed concerns about returning to in person meetings and encouraged a hybrid model. *Ben Theobald* spoke in support in the SWFT program, also explained that the IL rental assistance program has resumed office operations. *Cristopher Hanson* expressed concerns about Dean Hazen’s letter and petition submitted in support of reappointing the police leadership. Expressed that the petition contained fake names and profanity. *Bianca Neban* spoke in support of additional funding for the SWFT program. *Sarah Nixon* spoke in support of police reform and conversations about problem solving. *Theresa Hoffman* wanted to thank council members for their attention to public comment. *Dean Hazen* apologized for his petition containing profanity and his error in sending the unfiltered version instead of the cleaned up saved version.

#### **E. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*CM Quisenberry* thanked the public for their participation. Thanked the fire department for their responsiveness and hard work. *CM Bishop* wanted to thank the public for participating. Condemned the racist remarks submitted in regards to the police reappointment process. *CM Wilken* also thanked the public for their input. Agreed that we need additional funding for programs to address needs within the community. Is looking forward to working on community safety while upholding the values of the city. Spoke in support of a hybrid meeting model. *CM Evans* thanked public for input and thanked public for emails about appointment process and hopes to see it continue. Hopes to rewrite the appointment process in the future. *CM Kolisetty* thanked public input and thanked the city staff for support in navigating the appointment process and providing information to council. *CM Hursey* thanked public for input. Condemned the racist remarks made previously in relation to police reform. *CM Wu* hopes to move conversation of community safety forward.

#### **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayoral Staff Reappointments

Motion to approve Mayoral Staff Reappointments FY 22 by CM Wu and seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Quisenberry

Nay: Wilken

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

**Committee Of The Whole** (*Council Member Jaya Kolisetty*)

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

a. **Resolution No. 2021-06-025R:** A Resolution Approving a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement for RPC Senior Repair Program – CD

b. **Resolution No. 2021-06-026R:** A Resolution to Approve an Amendment to a Tornado Siren Intergovernmental Agreement – Exec

CM Kolisetty motioned to approve both items on the consent agenda, seconded by CM Quisenberry.

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

**2. REGULAR AGENDA**

a. **Ordinance No. 2021-06-023:** An Ordinance Amending the FY 21 Budget – Finance  
Motioned by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry  
Nay: None

b. **Ordinance No. 2021-06-024:** An Ordinance Adopting the FY 22 Budget – Finance  
Motioned to approve by CM Kolisetty, seconded by CM Hursey.

Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry  
Nay: None

c. **Resolution No. 2021-06-024R:** A Resolution Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan (2021) –  
Exec/PW

Motioned to approve by CM Kolisetty, seconded by CM Wilken  
Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

Nay: None

d. **Ordinance No. 2021-06-025:** An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of City-Owned Real Estate –  
PW

- a. 902 Eads Street
- b. 1108 Eads Street
- c. 909 North Lincoln Avenue
- d. 911 North Lincoln Avenue

Motioned by CM Kolisetty, seconded by CM Wu,  
Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry  
Nay: None

e. **Resolution No. 2021-06-027R:** A Resolution Adopting the Supplemental State Motor Fuel Tax  
Resolution for Lincoln Avenue/Springfield Avenue Resurfacing Project – PW

Motioned by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Hursey.  
Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry  
Nay: None

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

**I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Marlin announced the reopening of the city building July 6th

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**Board and Commission Appointments**

Motion to approve appointments by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Bishop.  
Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry  
Nay: None

Motion to approve reappointments by CM Hursey, seconded by CM Kolisetty.  
Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry  
Nay: None

With no further business to come before this body, Mayor Marlin declared this virtual meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darcy Sandefur*  
Darcy Sandefer  
Recording Secretary

Approved: 07/12/2021

This meeting was broadcast and recorded [HERE](#).