

DATE: Monday, March 28, 2022

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: *Virtually Via Zoom, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor;

ELECTED OFFICIALS VIRTUALLY PRESENT: CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM James Quisenberry*

*Denotes absent as of roll

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Grace Wilken; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk;

STAFF PRESENT: Darcy Sandefur, Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Sheila Dodd, Dave Wesner, Stepheny McMahon, Bryant Seraphin, Tim Cowan, Matt Bain, Rich Surles

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum virtually present, Chair Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 14, 2022

Motion to approve by CM Wu and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

NAY: None

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

1. City of Urbana ARPA Response & Recovery Allocation Public Input

Mayor Marlin announced upcoming opportunities for the public to provide ARPA input.

Motion to amend public input guidelines to prioritize the first thirty minutes of public input for ARPA by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

NAY: None

Tim Dittman a board member of Champaign County Crime stoppers, provided an explanation of CC Crime Stoppers purpose and asked for City support. **Steve Fay** hopes to see ARPA funds allocated to support the five outline goals to best serve the community. Spoke in favor of the Urbana Park District Wellness Center. **Brandi McCoy** advocated for investing in workforce training programs and community mental health services.

3. Public Input

Christopher Hansen expressed concerns about the police change to the review process for Taser incidents. Asked Council to look into this. Expressed concerns about the police complaint forms being unlawful.

5. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CM Hursey read a press release regarding the shooting on Lincoln Avenue in Urbana. **CM** Quisenberry apologized to colleagues and public for not being on camera this evening because he is taking the meeting from a work trip. **CM** Evans reminded council and public that one of the strategic goals is economic recovery and development. One facet of that is to conduct a survey of needs with minority businesses.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole (Council Member Christopher Evans – Ward 2)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Resolution No. 2022-03-024R: A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation – Assist Programs, Series 2022) – CD

Presented by CM Evans.

Motion to approve by CM Evans and seconded by CM Wu.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Quisenberry

NAY: Kolisetty, Bishop

b. Resolution No. 2022-03-027R: A Resolution Amending the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan for Florida Avenue Federal RAISE Grant – PW

Presented by CM Evans.

Motion to approve by CM Evans and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. Economic Development Report - CD

Stepheny McMahon the Economic Development Supervisor of the Community Development Department presented. McMahon shared a PowerPoint presentation providing updates including resolution on lot one for use by the Rose Bowl. Shared data on parking lot one's visitation during the last two years to examine the financial impact on the downtown area. In 2021 visitors to parking lot one visited more frequently and for longer than in the previous year. Shared information on new construction within Urbana in 2021. Questions and discussion ensued.

Carol Mitten shared that as of April 1st, the city will be closing submissions for the EQL project public input. The first report to BPAC will be at the April meeting.

Mayor Marlin shared that the EQL grant is generating national attention. Reminder about return to in person meetings as of April 4, 2022 and the return of in-person meeting rules. Shared that the ARPA listening session will be on Tuesday April 5, 2022. Questions ensued.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Mayoral Interim Staff Appointments

Presented by Mayor Marlin who read job descriptions and a brief background of the appointees. Chief of Police Bryant Seraphin shared a few words regarding this transition following his retirement. Discussion ensued.

i. Interim Chief of Police (effective April 2nd, 2022 through April 1st, 2024 or until filled, whichever is sooner) – Richard Surles

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

ii. Interim Deputy Chief of Police (effective April 2nd, 2022 through April 1st, 2024 or until filled, whichever is sooner) – Matthew Bain

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None.

b. Mayoral Board and Commission Appointments

- i. Urbana Arts & Culture Commission (term ending June 30th, 2025) Marc-Anthony Macon
- ii. Historic Preservation Commission (term ending June 30th, 2025) Andrew Weiss
- iii. Community Development Commission (term ending June 30th, 2025) Shawn Green

Motion to approve all three Commission appointments by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Chair Marlin adjourned this meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable on-demand HERE.

Minutes approved: 4-11-2022