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**DATE:** Monday, February 27, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, February 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Shirese Hursey\*, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

\*Denotes present after roll

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** CM Christopher Evans,

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bourema Ouedraogo, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, William Kolschowsky, Stephany McMahon, Tim Cowan, Bridget Broihahn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ja’Nelle Davenport Pleasure, Urbana Poet Laureate; Ronnie and Leslie Owens, Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL);

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

## 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

### a. 01-09-2022 Special Meeting Minutes

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

Voice vote:

**AYE:** Wu, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

**NAY:** None

## 3. Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Marlin asked that the introduction to the Urbana Poet Laureate be added to presentations and public input.

## 4. Presentations and Public Input

### a. Urbana Poet Laureate 2023 Introduction

Ja’Nelle Davenport Pleasure has been named the 2023 Urbana Poet Laureate. Stephanie McMahon from the Community Development Department provided an introduction and explained the process for becoming the Poet Laureate. Mayor Marlin read a biography about Mrs. Pleasure.

**b. Public Input**

*Pastor Angel Johnson* clarified that Angel's Youth Center is not a faith based organization and expressed frustration. *Herbert Burnette* expressed concern about how ARPA money is being distributed. *Marlin Mitcham* the executive director of First Followers, provided feedback on the ARPA application process.

**5. Council Input and Communications**

None.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None.

**8. Reports of Standing Committees**

None.

**9. Committee of the Whole (Council Member Shirese Hursey, Ward 3)**

**A. Consent Agenda**

**1. Ordinance No. 2023-02-005: An Ordinance Vacating an Alley (Alley North of Main Street, East of Lynn Street) - PW**

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

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

**NAY:** None

**B. Regular Agenda**

**1. Resolution No. 2023-02-013R: A Resolution Adopting the City of Urbana American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Concept Plan Project List - Exec**

Presented by CM Hursey. Motion to approve by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Bishop.

Discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

**NAY:** None

**10. Reports of Special Committees**

None.

## 11. Reports of Officers

Mayor Marlin shared the information about the open house at the new school district program across from the middle school.

## 12. New Business

None.

## 13. Discussion

### **a. Considering an Ordinance on Crisis Pregnancy Centers - CMs Wilken and Bishop, Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL)**

Presented by CM Wilken and CM Bishop. CM Bishop provided an introduction for Ronnie and Leslie Owens from the party for socialism and liberation. Ronnie shared a PowerPoint presentation on Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Ronnie explained that Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPC) are a public safety threat because of their spread of misinformation and their efforts to prevent women from obtaining healthcare services. Ronnie reviewed a study that detailed advertised CPC services. Leslie Owens presented a CPC disclosure proposal to protect residents from misinformation and predatory practices. Questions and discussion ensued.

## 14. Closed Session: Property Acquisition, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)

Motion to enter closed session by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, Hursey, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry, Mayor Marlin

**NAY:** None

Time entered closed session 7:59 pm.

Motion to return from closed session by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry, Mayor Marlin

**NAY:** None

Time returned to open session 8:18 pm

## 15. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

**Minutes approved: 04-10-2023**