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**DATE:** Monday, January 9, 2022  
**TIME:** 6:30 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, January 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

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

\*Denotes present after roll

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Phyllis Clark, City Clerk;

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Sheila Dodd, Elizabeth Hannan, Shaennon Clark, Breaden Belcher, Will Kolschowsky

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jamie Wilkey, Auditor with Lauterbach & Amen LLP;

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called this meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

##### a. 11-28-2022, 12-12-2022, and 12-05-2023 Public Hearing

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

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None

#### 3. Additions to the Agenda

CM Wilken asked to remove Ordinance No. 2022-12-053 from the consent agenda.

#### 4. Presentations and Public Input

##### a. Public Input

*Sarah Nixon* urged Council to reject the FOP contract when it comes before them. Expressed concerns about the transparency of the collective bargaining process and disciplinary clauses for law enforcement.

**b. Audit Presentation FY 2022 – HRF**

Presented by Shaennon Clark the Finance Director and Jamie Wilkey the auditor from Lauterbach & Amen LLC. The complete report can be found at this [link](#). Wilkey shared a PowerPoint Presentation and shared that the City obtained an Unmodified Opinion, or the highest-level opinion the City is eligible to receive. The City was also awarded recognition for the FY 2021 audit report. Wilkey reported there were no significant findings or issues with financial procedures. Questions and discussion ensued.

**c. Housing and Homeless Initiatives Grant Update – CD**

Presented by Grants Coordinator Breaden Belcher. Belcher shared that this process in partnership with the City of Champaign has yielded \$5.3 million in grants available to address housing gaps and homeless services. Projects from six categories were eligible including: supportive services, housing navigation, TBRA, affordable housing, housing gaps, and non-congregate shelter. Belcher shared a process timeline and reviewed steps taken. Agreements will be separated and executed by the impacted City and funding source. Belcher shared the programs that the City of Urbana will be funding at this time. Questions and discussion ensued.

**5. Council Input and Communications**

*Carol Mitten* announced the Fire House design open house on Thursday, January 12, in council chambers from 5:30-7:30.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None.

**8. Reports of Standing Committees**

None.

**9. Committee of the Whole (Council Member James Quisenberry, Ward 7)**

**A. Consent Agenda**

**1. Ordinance No. 2022-12-054: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing the Number of Class R&T-1 Liquor Licenses for Best of Africa Food Store LLC, 208 West Griggs Street, Urbana, IL) – Exec**

Presented by CM Quisenberry. Item amends City Code to allow for Best of Africa Food Store to have a liquor license. Motion to approve consent agenda by CM Quisenberry and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

## **B. Regular Agenda**

### **1. Ordinance No. 2022-12-053: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Zoning Map (1603 East Washington Street / Plan Case No. 2464-M-22) - CD**

Presented by CM Quisenberry. Item amends the zoning for the property at 1603 East Washington Street from business to medium high density/multifamily residential.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** Wilken

### **2. Resolution No. 2022-12-092R: A Resolution Approving an Amended and Restated Right-of-Way License Agreement with MCDJ, LLC (208 West Griggs Street) – PW**

Presented by CM Quisenberry. Item amends the license agreement to add additional areas along Griggs and along the back of Best of Africa to create patio and parking for the business.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

### **3. Ordinance No. 2023-01-001: An Ordinance Authorizing an Office Lease (Cohen Building -136 West Main Street) - Exec**

Presented by CM Quisenberry. Item authorizes the City to Sign a lease for Human Resources Office space at the Cohen Building.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

## **10. Reports of Special Committees**

None.

## **11. Reports of Officers**

None.

## **12. New Business**

None.

### 13. Discussion

#### a. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Continuing Discussion

Will Kolschowsky the management analyst reviewed the Council's unofficial poll results in support of funding ARPA applications and asked the Council to provide staff direction. Council has been asked to decide if they supported full funding, partial funding, maybe funding, or not funding at all for each application. Council suggested dropping applications who have received 6 and above no funding poll responses. Council suggested reviewing applications that received at least 4 poll responses for fully funding or 5 poll responses for partial funding. 19 Projects totaling \$12.3 million meet the above criteria for yes full funding and yes partial funding. Council suggested information being provided in a layout showing all responses for each application being reviewed at the next meeting. Staff suggested Council bring tentative funding allocations to the next meeting to inform the discussion.

### 14. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur  
Recording Secretary

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

**Minutes approved: 02-27-2023**