
DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2025
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 8:22 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu*, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop*, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

***CM PRESENT REMOTELY**

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Marcus Ricci, Elizabeth Hannan, Andrea Ruedi, Tim Cowan, Dave Smysor, Larry Boone, John Zeman, Seok Hyun Cho

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracy D. Dace, Founder & CEO of Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males (DREAAM)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Williams called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 8:22p.m.

2. Oaths of Office

Mayor Williams stated CM Wu was sworn in earlier in the day by City Clerk Sandefur due to an illness.

3. Roll Call (New Council)

Skipped.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None.

5. Additions to the Agenda

None.

6. Presentations and Public Input

a. Summer Camp for Urbana Youth – UPD with DREAAM

Introduced by Larry Boone, Chief of Police and presented by Tracy D. Dace, Founder & CEO of DREAAM. Tracy Dace shared DREAAM will be returning to Urbana through the Summer Camp and partnerships with many community organizations. Provided an overview on the goals of the program to provide safe and positive spaces for male youth while also teaching conflict resolution skills. Stated the pilot program is seeking 10-20 boys entering 6th grade to participate in the program beginning in June 2025. Added the Summer Camp services will transition to an afterschool program beginning in August. Shared the various activities and

education planned for the program. Spoke on the planned methods of teaching conflict resolution skills to youth while also keeping them engaged with the material. Outlined the program staff including staff from DREAAM, Urbana Police Officers involved in community service, social workers, service providers, and volunteers. Shared the community partners includes organizations such as: the Urbana Police Department, Urbana Park District, Bradley Learning Center, CU Church, and H.O.Y.C.E. (Helping Our Youth Change Everyday). Spoke on the roles within the program that will be covered by both DREAAM and the Urbana Police Department. Questions and discussion followed.

b. Mayoral Proclamation – National Preservation Month

Mayor Williams proclaimed May as National Preservation Month and presented the proclamation to Marcus Ricci, Planner II, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the members of PACA (Preservation and Conservation Association), Phyllis Winters-Williams, Susan Appel, Joseph Pryor, Dr. Kate Holliday, and Adeline Evans.

c. Public Input

None.

7. Council Input and Communications

None.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Ordinance No. 2025-04-012:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 14, Section 14-7, Regarding the Schedule of Fees – HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan, Interim City Administrator / Human Resources & Finance Director / CFO. The Ordinance amends Urbana City Code Chapter 14, Section 14-7, regarding the schedule of fees to increase license, permit, and services fees by an average of 4.82% to account for inflationary increases.

Motion to approve by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Bishop.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

9. Reports of Officers

None.

10. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:48p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 6/2/25