
DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Shirese Hursey, CM Chaundra Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Elizabeth Hannan, Matt Roeschley

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Wilkey, Partner at Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Williams called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 8:00p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. 12-08-2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

b. 12-15-2025 Committee of the Whole Public Hearing Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Motion to move the “Committee of the Whole” section to occur before “Presentations and Public Input” by CM Evans, seconded by CM Wu. Questions and discussion followed.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

4. **Committee of the Whole** (*Council Member Maryalice Wu, Ward 1*)

1. Consent Agenda

- a. **Resolution No. 2026-01-001R:** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Class P Designation for Champaign Pit Stop Inc., 1812 North Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, Ill. – Exec

The Resolution increases the number of Class P (Package) liquor licenses in the City of Urbana.

Motion to approve by CM Wu, seconded by CM Quisenberry

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

2. Regular Agenda

- a. **Resolution No. 2026-01-002R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Recipient Agreement Between the City of Urbana and Cunningham Township Supervisor’s Office for Daytime Staffing for Cunningham Township Overnight Shelter. – HRF

Presented by Mayor Williams*. The Resolution approves and authorizes an agreement to provide \$37,000 in funding for daytime staffing for the Cunningham Township overnight shelter. Mayor Williams stated the materials of this item and Ordinance No. 2026-01-001 were shared with an incorrect facility name and did not have an address. Shared the errors have been corrected within this meeting’s packet materials and now state the facility is the Public Winter Emergency Shelter located at 109 East Park Street in the City of Champaign at the Armory Building. Noted the business items on the agenda were not updated to allow for clear communication of the errors and recommended the Resolution and Ordinance be amended to reflect the correct information. Questions and discussion followed.

**Additionally presented on by Danielle Chynoweth, Cunningham Township Supervisor during the January 12, 2025 Cunningham Township Board meeting with questions and discussion following the presentation. The recording is available to watch online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAAbxWN41kI> from 50:30.*

- i. Motion to amend to update the title to include details on the address of shelter and note the funds are for daytime and nighttime staffing by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty. Questions and discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

- ii. Motion to amend to increase the funding amount to \$50,000 by CM Wilken, seconded by CM Evans. Questions and discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Evans, Wilken

NAY: Wu, Kolisetty, Quisenberry

Motion failed.

Motion to approve as amended by CM Wu, seconded by CM Wilken.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

- b. Ordinance No. 2026-01-001:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #5 – Daytime Staffing for Cunningham Township Overnight Shelter) – HRF

The Ordinance revises the annual budget to provide \$37,000 in funding for daytime staffing for the Cunningham Township overnight shelter per Resolution No. 2026-01-002R.

~~Motion to approve by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.~~

Motion amended to approve, including the wording from the previous amendments (*See Resolution No. 2026-01-002R*) to the address and title as well as noting the funds are for daytime and nighttime staffing, by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty. Discussion followed

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

5. Presentations and Public Input

- a. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report FY2025 Audit – Lauterbach & Amen, LLP**

Presented by Jamie Wilkey, Partner at Lauterbach & Amen, LLP with an introduction by Elizabeth Hannan, HR and Finance Director / CFO. Elizabeth Hannan shared thanks to Jamie Wilkey, her staff, and City staff for their work on the audit. Mentioned a link is included in the meeting packet to the online copy of the audit and stated Council Members can request a physical copy through her email. Noted finances may appear different as they do now due to the timing of recognizing revenues and expenditures as well as the presentation of funds.

Jamie Wilkey thanked the Finance Department for their work on completing the audit and shared the City of Urbana has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for FY2024. Shared the City has received the opinion that the internal controlling of finances within the City were clean after the independent auditing conducted by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. Spoke on the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) segment which provides a 12-page summary of the audit and shared highlights from the MD&A. Stated the City's outstanding debt increased to \$9,659,164 primarily due to the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$9,000,000. Stated around \$20,600,000 in capital assets were added this fiscal year. Spoke on the required statistical section containing various schedules tracking financial history. Elaborated on the 2025 Communication Letter as well as the recommendations included in the requested Management Letter available online at "<https://www.urbanail.gov/hr-and-finance-department/page/annual-comprehensive-financial-report>". Stated Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will be working with Urbana to implement the two updates from the Government Accounting Standards Board to the City's financial reporting processes that can be found at the end of the Management Letter. Questions and discussion followed.

b. Public Input

Written Public Input in support of the items funding the shelter was received from the following individual and read by Mayor Williams: Derek Briles.

6. Council Input and Communications

CM Kolisetty emphasized the importance of referring to the people in Urbana as residents rather than citizens to prevent excluding members of the community and ensure that all residents are served equally at the top of the organizational chart of the City.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

~~8. Committee of the Whole~~ *(Council Member Maryalice Wu, Ward 4)*

1. Consent Agenda

- a. **~~Resolution No. 2026-01-001R:~~** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Class P Designation for Champaign Pit Stop Inc., 1812 North Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, Ill. — Exec

2. Regular Agenda

- a. **~~Resolution No. 2025-12-094R:~~** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor License in the Class INC Designation for Champaign Urbana Adventures in Time and Space, LLC d/b/a Parcadia, 302 North Broadway Avenue, Suite 100, Urbana, Ill. — Exec
- b. **~~Ordinance No. 2026-01-001:~~** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #5 — Daytime Staffing for Cunningham Township Overnight Shelter) — HRF

Moved to occur before Presentations and Public Input during Additions to the Agenda by vote.

9. Reports of Special Committees

None.

10. Reports of Officers

City Administrator White shared CM Kolisetty's resignation is official on February 2, 2026 and the mayor, by Illinois State Law, can put forward recommendations for Council to consider in 60 days. Stated Council has 30 days after a recommendation has been made to approve or deny the recommendation. Shared the City has published the application process on January 9, 2026 and the information can be found on the City website here: <https://www.urbanail.gov/executive-department/page/ward-4-city-council-appointment-applications-open> with physical applications available at the City Clerk's office and The Urbana Free Library. Stated applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026. Stated the interview process will occur in the two weeks following the due date and recommendations will be brought to Council afterward. Noted the appointee will hold the seat until the next general election in 2027. Questions followed.

Council requested the list of applicants for the position.

11. New Business

None.

12. Mayoral Appointments

a. *Sustainability Advisory Commission*

– Mackenzie Marti (term ending June 30, 2028)

Mayor Williams shared a brief background on the candidate and read Mackenzie Marti's statement of interest for the commission.

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

13. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:44p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 2/9/26

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Please read my comments alone into the public record during the meeting.

Hello Mayor Williams and Urbana alderpersons. My name is Derek Briles and I am a resident of Urbana Ward 4.

I am writing to provide my full support for the ordinances that would provide funding for daytime staffing of the overnight shelter. I unequivocally support the township's goal of establishing housing as human right, and I believe that the most important function any level of government has is to ensure adequate housing, nutrition, and healthcare for all of its citizens.

I think we can all agree that we have a serious housing issue in Champaign County and that it is likely to worsen as the economy struggles and uncertainty grows. I urge all council members to vote in favor of the ordinances and to endeavor to ensure the City of Urbana does everything within its power to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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