
DATE: Monday, October 20, 2025
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, October 20, 2025, at 8:08p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Chaundra Bishop, CM James Quisenberry

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Vivian Krishnan, Kevin Garcia, Tal Prendergast, Olivia Jovine, Darius White, Larry Boone, Seok Hyun Cho, Matt Roeschley, John Zeman, Femi Fletcher

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chair: *Shirese Hursey, Ward 3*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Hursey called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 8:08 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. 09-29-2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Imagine Urbana Implementation Update – CD

Presented by Kevin Garcia, Principal Planner with Olivia Jovine, Director of Community Development Services present for questions. Stated this update is a part of a series of quarterly updates regarding Imagine Urbana to ensure progress is tracked and Council is kept aware of it. Shared a spreadsheet for internal staff use that tracks Big Moves, Little Moves, and the Point Persons leading initiatives on Little Moves. Spoke on the projects that are currently completed and the projects that are in progress. Questions and discussion followed.

b. Public Input

None.

5. Closed Session per ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – To Consider the Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Specific Employees of the City

Motion to enter closed session by CM Wu, seconded by CM Wilken.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

Entered closed session at 8:27p.m.

Motion to return to open session by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

Returned to open session at 9:59p.m.

6. Staff Report

None.

7. New Business

- a. Resolution No. 2025-10-080R:** A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Implement Certain Provisions of the SECURE 2.0 Act to the City of Urbana Deferred Compensation Plan with MissionSquare Retirement – HR/F

Presented by Femi Fletcher, Human Resources Manager. The Resolution authorizes the Mayor to implement changes to the City’s deferred compensation plan with MissionSquare Retirement to apply required and certain optional provisions of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement 2.0 Act (SECURE 2.0 Act). Femi Fletcher stated the Resolution allows staff to amend the deferred compensation plan with MissionSquare Retirement to implement required and optional provisions from the SECURE 2.0 Act. Stated the six provisions are the following: a mandated requirement to allow for employees to make age-based “catch-up” contributions to their existing 457(b) plans on a Roth basis; allow for \$1,000 emergency withdrawals for certain emergencies such as medical expenses, imminent foreclosure or eviction, and funeral expenses; allow for distributions of up to \$22,000 in the event of qualified federally declared disaster relief; allow for penalty-free withdrawals for individuals in case of domestic abuse; allow for employees to certify for deemed financial hardship and unforeseen emergency withdrawal when conditions are met; and increase age-based catch-up contribution limits for those ages 60-63.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

- b. Resolution No. 2025-10-081R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Revised Intergovernmental Agreement for Geographic Information System Services – PW

Presented by John Zeman, City Engineer. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a revised Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Champaign County Geographical Information System Consortium (CCGIS) and Champaign County for Geographical Information System (GIS) services. John Zeman stated the Resolution updates an existing IGA with CCGIS that will update the services they provide for Urbana as the City continues its transition toward hosting its GIS data on City of Urbana owned servers. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the regular agenda by CM Kolisetty, seconded by CM Wu.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

Motion to extend the meeting time to 10:45p.m. by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

- c. Resolution No. 2025-10-082R:** A Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code (State Motor Fuel Tax for Windsor Road from Philo to High Cross) – PW

Presented by John Zeman, City Engineer. The Resolution appropriates \$13,000 of State Motor Fuel Tax (State MFT) funds for Phase I Preliminary Engineering for Windsor Road (Philo to High Cross), Section 00-00361-00-ES. John Zeman stated the Resolution appropriates \$13,000 of State MFT funds to balance the accounting for a project completed in 2007 to comply with an Illinois Department of Transportation audit on the City's State MFT documentation. Stated \$57,000 was originally allocated for a preliminary engineering study for a project on Windsor Road from Philo to High Cross, but the actual cost went over the allocated amount and the City had not passed a supplemental Resolution to cover the additional cost. Stated the Resolution allows for the State MFT funds to remain where they are instead of using other fund balances to cover the cost.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

- d. Resolution No. 2025-10-083R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement with Icon Hospitality, LLC (Two Signs adjacent to Hotel Royer) – PW

Presented by John Zeman, City Engineer. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a license agreement with Icon Hospitality, LLC, allowing them to construct, maintain, operate, and repair two above-ground Hotel Royer signs within the public rights-of-way and property adjacent to Hotel Royer in Urbana. John Zeman stated Hotel Royer seeks to place signs in the public right-of-way at the southeast corner of Race Street and West Elm Street as well as on the northeast corner of South Race Street and West Green Street. Shared conceptual renderings of the signs. Stated the license fees are under \$13 a year due to their small size. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

- e. Resolution No. 2025-10-084R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) Grant for Urbana Arts and Culture Operating Support (FY 2026 Urbana Arts and Culture Program) – CD

Presented by Vivian Krishnan, Arts & Culture Program Specialist. The Resolution authorizes the acceptance of an IACA grant to support general operations of the Urbana Arts and Culture Program in the amount of \$10,000. Vivian Krishnan provided background on IACA grant and stated the grant period ends August 31, 2026 so all funds must be expended before then. Stated the City of Urbana has previously received this grant for over ten years excluding Fiscal Year 2025. Shared the City previously received the grant in Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$9,600. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Kolisetty, seconded by CM Wu.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

- f. Resolution No. 2025-10-085R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement (Champaign County Economic Development Corporation, Fiscal Year 2025-2026) – CD

Presented by Olivia Jovine, Director of Community Development Services. The Resolution approves and authorizes an Economic Development Agreement with the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) which includes a contribution of \$33,644 for Fiscal Year 2026. Olivia Jovine shared the Resolution approves an annual Economic Development Agreement with the EDC with a contribution of \$33,644 following the established agreement structure from previous years. Questions ensued.

Motion to approve to the regular agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

- g. Resolution No. 2025-10-086R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Community Partnership Agreement (Experience CU, Fiscal Year 2025-2026) – CD

Presented by Olivia Jovine, Director of Community Development Services. The Resolution approves and authorizes a Community Partnership Agreement with Experience Champaign Urbana (ECU) that includes a contribution from the City of Urbana of \$15,000 for Fiscal Year 2026. Olivia Jovine stated the Resolution approves an annual Community Partnership Agreement with ECU with a contribution of \$15,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 utilizing funds from TIF 4 before its closure. Noted the funding amount has not changed in recent years and the agreement retains the current Gold Membership status and seat on the board. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

- h. Resolution No. 2025-10-087R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of an Economic Mobility Leadership Institute Grant from the African American Mayors Association – Exec

Presented by Darius White, City Administrator. The Resolution authorizes the acceptance of an Economic Mobility Leadership Grant from the African American Mayors Association providing \$5,000 in funding toward convening a financial literacy program. Darius White stated the grant is going toward supporting the Mayor Williams Financial Literacy Program with over a hundred participants and celebrating the completion of the program. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None.

8. Council Input and Communications

CM Kolisetty wished everyone a happy Diwali and thanked the City for supporting the holiday.

9. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Hursey adjourned the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 11/10/25**