
DATE: Monday, March 18, 2024
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, March 18, 2024, at 10:20 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, 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: Demond Dade, Seok Hyun Cho, Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, William Kolschowsky, Kimberly Smith, Kevin Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chair: Grace Wilken, *Ward 6*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Wilken called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 10:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Public Input and Presentations

Motion to extend meeting to 11:00 p.m. by CM Wu, seconded by CM Bishop

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

a. Public Input

Itai Sagath spoke in support of the nonprofit, Citizens Utility Board that works to combat rate hikes across Illinois and asked if City Council would be able to direct people to this organization if asked for resources to combat rate hikes. *Josh* expressed wish for further discussion from City Council explaining the motivations behind why they unanimously voted yes for the amended Resolution No. 2024-03-013R in the previous City Council meeting.

5. Staff Report

a. Fourth Quarter 2023 Update on Mayor/Council Strategic Goals

Presented by Carol Mitten, City Administrator with William Kolschowsky, Senior Management Analyst and Assistant to the City Administrator available for questions. Questions and discussion ensued.

6. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 2024-03-015: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Zoning Map - (205 North High Cross Road / Plan Case No. 2483-M-23) - CD

Presented by Kevin Garcia, Principal Planner. Ordinance seeks to amend the zoning map for a parcel owned by OSF Healthcare at 205 North High Cross Road to change the zoning district from B-3 (General Business) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business). This Ordinance is following up on previous City Council actions that rezoned the parcel from B-1 to B-3 through Ordinance No. 2020-04-023 and the Resolution No. 2023-11-094R where City Council reconsidered the appropriate zoning designation for the parcel and directed the Zoning Administrator to file an application to rezone the parcel from B-3 to B-1. Images displaying the plot and illustrating surrounding current land use, current zoning, and future land use were shared. Stated that the Plan Commission reviewed the proposed rezoning and voted to recommend approval for City Council. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the regular agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Quisenberry
Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

b. Resolution No. 2024-02-013R: A Resolution Adopting Mayor/Council Strategic Goals for 2024-2025 - Exec

Presented by William Kolschowsky, Senior Management Analyst and Assistant to the City Administrator. Resolution seeks to approve the adoption of the Mayor/Council Strategic Goals for 2024-2025. The goals were developed over 3 facilitated discussions with Mayor Marlin, City Council, and City staff. It features 4 strategic areas, 12 strategies, and 30 action items. This resolution was forwarded from the 02-19-2024 Committee of the Whole. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to the regular agenda by CM Bishop, seconded by CM Wu

CM Kolisetty proposed a friendly amendment to strategy 1.3 B to read “Continue to fund community partners and projects that promote health, wellness, drug and alcohol treatment, and that support families suffering from domestic violence with continual program monitoring and evaluation.”

CM Wu proposed a friendly amendment to strategy 1.1 A to read “Develop and implement alternative emergency response models (specifically addressing for mental health crisis and domestic disputes).”

CM Wilken proposed a friendly amendment to strategy 3.3 C to read “Create and implement a grant program for community environmental projects.”

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

7. Council Input and Communications

CM Kolisetty addressed the public input question regarding why Resolution No. 2024-03-013R was passed during the previous City Council meeting. Stated that she personally believed it captured the diverse range of opinions heard during public input as best as possible and that she is open to continuing the conversation if people would like to reach out. *CM Wu* expressed that a considerable amount of time was spent thinking on the topic of Resolution No. 2024-03-013R, but her statement made during 03-04-2024's Committee of the Whole meeting during the discussion of the resolution still reflects her stance now.

8. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Wilken adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 04-22-2024**