
DATE: Monday, August 17, 2026
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, August 17, 2026, at 7:05 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Verdell Jones III, CM Stephanie Cockrell, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Grace Wilken

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Matt Roeschley, Seok Hyun Cho

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chair: *Christopher Evans, Ward 2*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Evans called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. 07-06-2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

None.

5. Staff Report

a. Emergency Purchase for Bulk Rock Salt – PW

Presented by Vince Gustafson, Public Works Director. Vince Gustafson stated the staff report is required by City Code for the emergency purchase for bulk rock salt due to the State of Illinois not receiving any bids for its bulk purchase of rock salt on behalf of numerous government agencies and municipalities.

a. Emergency Purchase for Bulk Rock Salt – PW (Continued)

Stated Urbana was provided two options: independently purchase its rock salt supply or continue with the State's bulk purchasing program. Concluded, after conversations with City leadership and regional peers, the best option for Urbana is to independently purchase its supply of rock salt through an emergency purchase and request for quotes.

Shared seven vendors for bulk rock salt were contacted by the City and the three primary vendors to the City stated they were not soliciting quotes to sell bulk rock salt to this region at the time. Reported two of the seven provided pricing and the last two have not yet responded. Stated the Public Works Department has contracted Midwest Salt for 1,408 tons of salt, at the cost of \$144.91 per ton (Total: \$204,033.28), to be delivered to the City before the winter season. Stated the cost exceeds the \$127,000 of funding budgeted for salt and was supported through budget transfers from the funding pools for commodities, signs, street materials, and sewers within Public Works. Noted a budget amendment will be presented to Council in September to address those transfers.

Stated the pricing for bulk rock salt has been volatile in the past eight years with Fiscal Year 2021 costing \$46 per ton and Fiscal Year 2023 costing \$109.52 per ton. Emphasized the need for a quick procurement process due to there being between 250 to 300 governmental agencies in need of bulk rock salt due to the lack of bids received by the State of Illinois for a bulk purchase. Questions and discussion followed.

6. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 2026-08-022: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Article XI – Regulations for Bicycles – PW

Presented by Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer and Justin Swinford, Interim City Engineer. The Ordinance amends the City Code to require the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (CUMTD) to be represented on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) as a voting member, increasing the number of representatives from organizations to five from four and retaining the total member count of 11. Carmen Franks stated the current organizations represented on BPAC are Urbana School District No. 116 (USD #116), Urbana Park District, University of Illinois, and the City of Urbana Public Works Department. Reported that BPAC wishes to include CUMTD as a represented organization due to their expertise and interest in bicycle and pedestrian issues. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to keep in Committee of the Whole, to return after BPAC revisits the item, by CM Hursey, seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

- b. Resolution No. 2026-08-046R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Right-of-Way Dedication (North Race Street and Griggs Street along the Frontage of the Former USD #116 Adult Education Center Site at 131, 205, and 211 North Race Street) – PW

Presented by Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer and Justin Swinford, Interim City Engineer. The Resolution executes a Right-of-Way Dedication, allowing the City to dedicate additional street right-of-way from the City's property at 131, 205, and 211 North Race Street to the public for sidewalk and street usage. Justin Swinford displayed an image of the area that will be dedicated for public use along North Race Street and Griggs Street. Stated the former Adult Education Center has been demolished, and the Right-of-Way Dedication will establish right-of-way consistency on North Race Street and Griggs Street.

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

8. Council Input and Communications

CM Wu announced the Ward 1 Listening Session is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6 p.m. in The Urbana Free Library. **CM Jones** expressed condolences for the family of the recently deceased four-year-old who was killed in an accidental shooting in the previous week.

9. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 9/8/26**