
DATE: Monday, August 7, 2023
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7:00pm.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin; Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Grace Wilken, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Dave Wesner, Darcy Sandefur, Matthew Bain, Larry Boone, John Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Chair: *Chaundra Bishop, Ward 5*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Bishop called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

05-15-2023 Minutes

Motion to approve by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Wu

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Public Input and Presentations

a. Public Input

None.

5. Staff Report

Mayor Marlin thanked and acknowledged the efforts of the Urbana Police Department and the leadership for their work during the search for a new chief. Recognized Dr. Lashaunda Cunningham for being awarded the “Backbone of the Black Home Award” from State Representative Carol Ammons.

6. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 2023-08-024: An Ordinance Vacating an Alley (between 714 and 802 Wabash Avenue) – PW

Presented by John Zeman, City Engineer. Item vacates a 12-foot alley currently being solely used as a driveway for the resident at 714 Wabash Avenue and exclusively borders the property. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

b. Ordinance No. 2023-08-025: An Ordinance Vacating an Alley (within Victory Park) – PW

Presented by John Zeman, City Engineer. Item vacates two alleys within Victory Park to the Urbana Park District. Both drives are currently just used by visitors to the park or the Park District Staff. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

c. Ordinance No. 2023-08-026: An Ordinance Amending Schedule M of Section 23-190 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Tow Away Zones (Green Street from Wright Street to Lincoln Avenue) – PW

Presented by John Zeman, City Engineer. Item makes it a no parking tow away zone from Wright to Lincoln along Green Street. This item was previously suggested by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey. Further discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

d. Ordinance No. 2023-08-027: An Ordinance Amending Urban City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-42 (Modifying the number of Class R&T-1 liquor licenses for Encanto Restaurant & Bar, LLC d/b/ Encanto Restaurant & Bar, 115 West Main Street, Urbana, IL)

Presented by Mayor Marlin. Item authorizes a liquor license for a new restaurant called Encanto who will be opening within the previous Crane Alley location. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

7. Council Input and Communications

CM Evans reminded residents about the Community meeting at the Phillips Recreation Center to discuss the CU at Home homeless shelter Thursday August 17, 2023 6-8 pm. *CM Wilken* shared that she is looking forward to the use of force review presentations and an update on the Police Policies that were revised. *CM Bishop* shared that the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist went live today on the housing authority website.

8. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Bishop adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 09-18-2023