
DATE: Monday, April 27, 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, April 27, 2026, at 7:31 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 Chaundra Bishop*, CM James Quisenberry

***CM PRESENT REMOTELY**

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Grace Wilken

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Matt Roeschley, Kevin Sanderson, Vince Gustafson

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Augspurger, Chair of the Tree Commission; Elise Doody-Jones, Member of the Tree Commission; Alex Julius, Member of the Tree Commission

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Williams called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:31p.m. after the Champaign County Tornado Warning was lifted by the National Weather Service.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. 03-16-2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Williams requested the presentation regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and the appointment of Nancy Gebhart to the Urbana Arts & Culture Commission to be postponed as they were originally intended to appear at a later meeting.

Motion to remove the Capital Improvement Plan Presentation and appointment of Nancy Gebhart from the agenda by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Evans.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. 2025 Tree City USA Award – Tree Commission

Presented by Kevin Sanderson, City Arborist; Carol Augspurger, Chair of the Tree Commission; Elise Doody-Jones, Member of the Tree Commission; and Alex Julius, Member of the Tree Commission. Kevin Sanderson spoke on the history of the City of Urbana's participation in the Tree City USA program since its inception in 1976. Shared Urbana has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation this year as a Tree City, marking 50 years of having received this award. Expressed thanks to the City, Mayor Williams, City Council, and past elected officials for maintaining Urbana's status as a Tree City.

Carol Augspurger and the members of the Tree Commission presented the 2026 Tree City USA Award to Mayor Williams.

Mayor Williams called for a 5-minute recess at 7:37 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

With a quorum present, Council returned from recess at 7:42 p.m.

b. Public Input

None.

5. Council Input and Communications

CM Bishop read her letter of resignation effective after the end of this meeting due to ongoing personal health issues that require her attention. Expressed gratitude and honor for being able to represent the community members of her ward and work alongside Council and City staff in service of the residents of Urbana. Thanked everyone for their collaboration, trust, and commitment. **Mayor Williams** thanked CM Bishop for her service to the community. **CM Quisenberry** thanked CM Bishop for her service and expressed it has been a pleasure to work with her. Shared he will pray for her health and strength. Affirmed Council will always be there to support her. **CM Hursey** voiced awe for CM Bishop's contributions to the City throughout her service as a Council Member for Urbana. Prayed for her health to improve. Hoped her experience serving on City Council was as good as how much Council has enjoyed her presence. **CM Evans** echoed the gratitude and thanks shared for CM Bishop's service. Expressed that CM Bishop has left a lasting impact on the Urbana community through the initiatives she helmed during her terms of service on Council. **CM Jones** thanked CM Bishop for her service to the community of Urbana. Stated her character can be seen in her courage and strength. Shared he will be praying and wishing well for her health. **CM Wu** thanked CM Bishop for her time and dedication to the community of Urbana. Shared CM Bishop is one of her mom's favorite Council Members as her mom saw how CM Bishop actively tries to understand and collaborate with the community on addressing their issues.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

7. **Committee of the Whole** *(Council Member Verdell Jones III, Ward 4)*

1. Consent Agenda

None.

2. Regular Agenda

- a. **Resolution No. 2026-04-016R:** A Resolution Approving a Law Enforcement Agencies Data System Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois Board of Trustees Related to Services – PD

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2026-04-010:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #9 – Law Enforcement Agencies Data System Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois Board of Trustees Related to Services) – HRF

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Bishop, Quisenberry, Williams

NAY: None.

8. **Reports of Special Committees**

None.

9. **Reports of Officers**

- a. ~~**Capital Improvement Plan Presentation – PW**~~

Removed from the agenda during Additions to the Agenda.

10. **New Business**

None.

11. **Discussion**

- a. **Surveillance Ordinance**

City Administrator Darius White shared that Council was provided a document containing the edits proposed by City staff for review. Invited the Council Members to schedule times to meet for questions and clarification on any of the proposals.

12. Mayoral Appointments

a. Urbana Arts & Culture Commission

– Ty Lewis (term ending June 30, 2029)

~~– Nancy Gebhart (term ending June 30, 2029)~~

The appointment of Nancy Gebhart was removed during Additions to the Agenda.

Presented by Mayor Williams.

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

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

13. Closed Session per ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining Negotiations

Motion to enter closed session by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

Entered closed session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion to return to open session by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

Returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.

14. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:58p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 6/8/26