
DATE: Monday, November 13, 2023
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, November 13, 2023, at 7 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; CM Shirese Hursey

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Kim Smith, Brearden Belcher,

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Trotter, CUPHD;

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

CM Wu shared that the Council & Mayor goals discussion is to be moved to the meeting on November 27th.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Health's Harm Reduction Programs - Joe Trotter CUPHD, CM's Evans and Wilken

CM Evans provided an introduction to Joe Trotter from Champaign Urbana Public Health Department. Trotter explained their harm reduction services such as needle exchange, Narcan distribution, community trainings, and counseling. Questions and discussion ensued.

b. Public Input

Brian encouraged the City to consider creating a skateboarding space. *Nick Dale* shared information about the IL Safety Act and the IL Police Training Act. *Marion Harrington* submitted a petition against the HOPE Village Development to preserve the Carver Park Subdivision with 285 signatures. *Elderess Melinda Carr* read the letter from the submitted petition. *Andrew Valentine* spoke in support of Urbana getting a skate park. *Robert Louis* expressed concerns about the HOPE Village development. *James* spoke in support of a skatepark in Urbana. *CM Wu read on behalf of Julie Watkins (attached)*. *Coleman* spoke in support of a skate park in Urbana.

5. Council Input and Communications

CM Quisenberry shared thanks to the community for their input. Expressed reassurance that he would ensure the HOPE Village plan is going to be reviewed for consistency. **CM Bishop** announced the upcoming ward 5 crime statistics meeting at ILEAS with Chief of Police Larry Boone. **CM Kolisetty** announced a listening session on Community Safety on November 15th at Four Square Church. **CM Wu** thanked residents for attending the community listening session, encouraged the residents from Carver Park to also visit the City of Champaign City Council.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. Committee of the Whole (Council Member Shirese Hursey – Ward 3)

Consent Agenda

- a. Resolution No. 2023-11-090R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Illinois Department of Human Services Grant Agreement – Supporting Municipalities for Asylum Seeker Services Agreement – New American Welcome Center - CD
- b. Resolution No. 2023-11-091R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Illinois Department of Human Services Grant Agreement – Supporting Municipalities for Asylum Seeker Services Agreement – The Refugee Center - CD
- c. Resolution No. 2023-11-089R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Illinois Department of Human Services Grant Agreement – Supporting Municipalities for Asylum Seeker Services Agreement – Cunningham Township Supervisor’s Office - CD
- d. Resolution No. 2023-11-088R: A Resolution Estimating the Tax Levy (Fiscal Year 2023-2024) - HRF
- e. Ordinance No. 2023-11-041: An Ordinance Vacating a Street (Boyden Street, east of Cunningham Avenue, between Oakland Avenue and Kerr Avenue) - PW
- f. Ordinance No. 2023-11-040: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Maintaining the number of Class R&T-1 liquor licenses for Davis Candlin LLC d/b/a Boomerangs, 1309 East Washington Street, Urbana, Ill.) - Exec

Presented by CM Wu.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Regular Agenda

None.

9. Reports of Special Committees

None.

10. Reports of Officers

None.

11. New Business

None.

12. Discussion

1. Facilitated Discussion - Mayor & Council Strategic Goals Update

Moved to the November 27th meeting.

13. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 02-05-2024

Sandefur, Darcy

From: Julie Watkins [REDACTED]
To: !City Council
Subject: Public Input for November 13, 2023, please read at meeting

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To Urbana City Council:

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my observations.

The Council is now in the process of updating the Mayor and City Council strategic goals for 2024-2025. Last week, before the beginning of the Goals discussion, the only department that made a presentation was the Police Department. This seems lopsided. Especially as in the staff report that Chief Boone led, he said he's understaffed for what he wants to do. He also mentioned an "all hands approach" in his report as something new which was also suggested and discussed during the Goals discussions according to the reports back from the small group discussions.

I realize he's new to his position and has ideas and apparently wants to plan for growth. I also understand the budget has already been passed, but I try to watch every city council meeting and budget amendments come up frequently. The strategic goals for the city will have budget effects. The council will be setting goals for the next two years. At the listening session that I attended a few days after last week's meeting there were a couple, maybe more, about "why more officers?"

I wanted to comment upon the problematical timing of a request that would mean a budget increase coinciding with your updating of Strategic goals for the city.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Julie Watkins
Urbana resident, ward 5.