
DATE: Monday, February 17, 2025
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, February 17, 2025, at 7:00p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey^{*}, CM Chaundra Bishop[^], CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

***CM PRESENT REMOTELY**

^CM PRESENT AFTER ROLL

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Jaya Kolisetty

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Kevin Garcia, Will Kolschowsky, Dave Smysor, Andrew Rapolevich, Larry Boone, Carol Mitten, Matt Roeschley, Seok Hyun Cho,

OTHERS PRESENT: Catherine Emanuel, Steering Committee Chair for Advocates for Aging Care; Sarah Laufenberg, Communications Team Member of Advocates for Aging Care; Laurie Reynolds, Steering Committee Member of Advocates for Aging Care; Anne Lukeman, Owner of CU Adventures in Time & Space; Chris Lukeman, Owner of CU Adventures in Time & Space; Michael Hosier, Manager at MCDJ, LLC; Nathan Heinrich, President of RSCC Group

Chair: *Maryalice Wu, Ward 1*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Wu called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. 01-13-2025 City Council Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Chair Wu shared a request to move the Staff Report item to follow New Business.

Motion to move Staff Report to follow New Business by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Wilken.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Input

Jeddie Rug stated the shortage of skilled nursing home beds in Champaign County is well known and have been faced by many in the community. Stated the Advocates for Aging Care (AAC) will be presenting their efforts in improving the nursing home bed availability and have a membership of around 400 members. Shared examples of individuals needing skilled nursing home beds after surviving serious medical conditions who have had to move away from Champaign County to receive care and how it has impacted their lives and the ability for loved ones to be nearby. Thanked the AAC for spearheading the efforts in addressing the lack of skilled nursing home beds in Champaign County. *Janice Sherbert* thanked the City of Urbana for their daily work. Shared she joined the AAC because of her bad experiences with accessing skilled nursing care for her husband and his sister. Stated the commute to the closest available facility for her husband was an hour drive and she currently has friends who are traveling to the Cities of Peoria and Indianapolis to visit loved ones receiving care who have had to find care outside of Champaign County. Stated the time and money required to receive care is a barrier for many in the community and there are not enough skilled nursing caregivers in the community for those who need it. *Leigh Estabrook* spoke on behalf of an Urbana resident, Pauline Cochrane who had to wait two months in Carle Hospital before she could be transferred to a skilled nursing facility in the Village of Arthur after breaking her foot. Stated Pauline had missed the company of her family and friends in the last year of her life that was spent at the nursing facility. Shared the account of Mary Booker who also had to stay in Carle Hospital for two months after being hit by a car before being transferred to a nursing home. Stated her social worker called 175 nursing homes across Illinois before finding a nursing home in the Village of Dolton that accepted Medicaid, moving her far from her friends in the local community. Voiced support for increasing the availability of skilled nursing care in the local area. *Joan Dixon* stated Champaign County is experiencing a severe shortage of skilled nursing home beds. Shared everyone she has spoken to, through the organizations she participates in, has a story with being unable to care for their loved ones locally. Shared an account of people attempting for months to find an available nursing home bed in Champaign County who had found a slot, but the availability closed as they were completing the application, forcing them to search for beds outside of Champaign County. Shared another account of a person who lives in Urbana that had an accident when visiting England and was staying in a rehabilitation facility and hospital for a month before traveling back home but had to go to a facility in the City of Bloomington rather than in the City of Champaign or Urbana. *Nancy Yeagle* shared the difficulties she felt when caring for her mother who lived 30 minutes away and emphasized the challenge of caring for loved ones who cannot be in a nursing home close by. Stated the AAC is seeking to improve access to quality care locally by collaborating with community resources and provide care that can be afforded at all income levels. *Cathy Kirby* shared an account on behalf of another member of the AAC Steering Committee regarding caring for her father in the face of the nursing bed shortage in Champaign County and the assisted living facilities that could not provide adequate care. Recounted the difficulties of locating an available bed in Champaign County and the uncertainty in the waitlist and application process. Stated her father had died in the six months of attempting to find an available bed and many families in the community have experienced the same challenges in finding care for their loved ones. Stated the nursing bed shortage is also a large source of stress for the aging community in Champaign County as they personally witness their friends struggle to find care. Called for all the municipalities in Champaign County to collaborate to solve the nursing bed shortage. *Claudia Lennhoff* spoke in support of AAC. Shared the Champaign County Health Care Consumers' (CCHCC) perspective on the nursing bed shortage, stating they receive numerous phone

calls from patients and loved ones struggling to find access to nursing homes in the local area. Stated skilled nursing beds are required for both rehabilitation purposes after surgical procedures and long-term care. Stated the CCHCC recommends visiting loved ones in skilled nursing facilities daily as the for-profit facilities are understaffed and are unable to provide an adequate level of care. Stated this recommendation is made more challenging if a person must drive significant distances to visit their loved ones. Shared an account from a transit driver who witnessed patients attempting to exit the vehicle when they realize they are being transferred to a nursing home far from Champaign County as they may not be able to afford the trip back or their families may not be able to visit them. **Ben Joselyn** voiced support for increasing skilled nursing care in Champaign County. Opposed the inclusion of an incorrect name, incorrect nationality, and citizenship status in an Urbana Police Department (UPD) report on a recent lethal hit and run as it only serves to grow the racism and fear within the community. Expressed concern regarding the potential for an increased UPD budget despite the years of advocacy on the racial disparity in local jails being mostly Black people even though the population of the City of Urbana is 13-16% Black. Stated opposition toward the consideration of additional surveillance technologies in the current era of high risk for immigrants and queer people. Stated gun violence must be solved through investments in the organizations and people who are already working directly with the communities rather than continuing to invest millions in policing. Voiced support for increasing the funding available for an alternative response program.

Written Public Input in support of addressing the skilled nursing care shortage were received from the following individuals and read by Chair Wu: Peggy Patton & Todd Kinney. Written Public Input in support of Ordinance No. 2024-12-042 was received from the following individual and read by CM Wilken: Matt Turino. Written Public Input in support of Ordinance No. 2024-12-042 were received from the following individuals but were not requested to be read: Rohn Koester and Lilah Leopold.

b. Nursing Home Crisis in CU – Catherine Emanuel of Advocates for Aging Care

Introduction was provided by CM Evans. Presented by Catherine Emanuel, Steering Committee Chair of Advocates for Aging Care; Sarah Laufenberg, Communications Team Member of Advocates for Aging Care; and Laurie Reynolds, Steering Committee Member of Advocates for Aging Care. Sarah Laufenberg stated Champaign County is experiencing a severe shortage in skilled nursing beds and can only meet 60% of the demand for beds, short by 337 beds. Stated the shortage is due to the closure of three nursing homes in the last 3 years with 450 beds being lost over the last 3 years. Shared AAC are collaborating with local health providers, community agencies, and higher education to develop solutions to address the bed shortage. Shared recent assessments and surveys conducted in collaboration with local and national agencies. Laurie Reynolds shared the results from a needs assessment and community survey conducted on Champaign County. Stated from 2000 to 2020, the Needs Assessment found that Champaign County has seen a 14.6% increase in population; an increase in median age from 28.6 to 30.8 years; and an increase of 67% in the number of residents above 60. Stated the community survey had 800 responses which confirmed the issue has been experienced across the community with 70% reporting barriers to finding a nursing home bed. Stated the data shows the entire community must work together to find a solution to the bed shortage. Catherine Emanuel shared findings from the Greystone Market Study which assess the market need and financial sustainability for nursing homes in Champaign County. Stated the study found Champaign County to be the most underserved county in the State of Illinois and to meet the national average for bed availability per thousand seniors aged 85 and older, an additional 274 beds are required. Shared Greystone recommended that if a new facility were to be created, it would be a part of a continuum of

care offering a variety of services. Stated due to the excess of beds across the State of Illinois, a moratorium currently prevents the creation of nursing home beds in Illinois, but it can be waived for continuum of care facilities.

Motion to extend the presentation time by two minutes by CM Evans, seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

Continued to state private investors are more likely to invest in a continuum of care center than a nursing facility and the next steps would be to evaluate potential sources of revenue and equity. Stated the AAC is approaching owners of care centers in other markets to consider developing in Champaign County and have heard from owners that the development of care centers is difficult in the State of Illinois due to various financial and regulatory barriers that would need to be addressed before the facility can be financially viable. Stated other models and scales of nursing care facilities are being considered and they are also speaking with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) on addressing the shortage. Stated the AAC are seeking to establish a non-profit organization, working in conjunction with UIUC to address the shortage with an innovative, contemporary answer. Questions and discussion followed.

5. Staff Report

a. ~~Cellebrite Technology~~ PD

Moved to follow New Business.

6. New Business

a. **Resolution No. 2025-02-016R:** A Resolution Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with MCDJ, LLC (CU Adventures in Time and Space Expansion, 302 North Broadway Avenue) – CD

Presented by Will Kolschowsky, Senior Management Analyst & Assistant to the City Administrator with Anne Lukeman, Owner of CU Adventures in Time & Space; Chris Lukeman, Owner of CU Adventures in Time & Space; and Michael Hosier, Manager at MCDJ, LLC. The Resolution approves a Redevelopment Agreement with MCDJ, LLC to provide Tax Increment Finance funds for capital improvements to the building at 302 North Broadway Avenue to accommodate a business expansion of CU Adventures in Time and Space. Will Kolschowsky spoke on the principles behind writing redevelopment agreements. Stated the redevelopment agreement aligns with the Central Redevelopment Project Plan, Mayor/Council Goals to improve economic health, and the Public Realm Study that found a desire to have more of an active downtown area. Shared images displaying the location of CU Adventures in Time and Space within the Central TIF District. Stated the developer is investing \$1,900,000 to expand CU Adventures in Time and Space to renovate empty space into an immersive minigolf experience with a special events space as part of the agreement and the City is providing a \$210,000 TIF incentive with an initial payment of \$42,000 once the certificate of occupancy is secured and four annual payments of \$42,000 based on the annual performance of the business. Read a statement from the business describing the fantasy themed minigolf experience complete with an animatronic dragon, interactive art, a full-service bar, private rooms to rent, and other attractions. Stated the City is contributing

approximately 11% of the total costs with \$1 from the City leveraging \$8.93 of private investment. Stated after the five-year period, the tax revenue from the business will cover the costs of the incentive and the direct effect in the short-term will improve downtown business and tourism. Shared a chart projecting the business's expected performance, noting the TIF payments are expected to be recovered by the fifth year. Stated the outcome of the performance-based redevelopment agreement is a unique business and attraction for the downtown area with various indirect positive economic impacts. Recommended City Council approve the Resolution. Chris Lukeman spoke on Parcadia indoor minigolf immersive experience as well as the attractions included in the expansion. Shared background on CU Adventures in Time and Space and the awards they have won. Anne Lukeman elaborated on the specifications of Parcadia which will open with two minigolf courses, a fantasy townscape area, and private rooms for special events. Stated the business hopes to work with local artists for installations, sculptures, and artwork across the facility. Shared excitement to create another all-ages indoor activity for the area. Chris Lukeman shared concept art for Parcadia and expressed this is an opportunity to create a tourist attraction to draw visitors from around the world for this unique experience. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Evans, seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

- b. Resolution No. 2025-02-017R:** A Resolution Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Race Street Ventures, LLC (Ferne's High Horse, 118-120 South Race Street) – CD

Presented by Will Kolschowsky, Senior Management Analyst & Assistant to the City Administrator. The Resolution approves a Redevelopment Agreement with Race Street Ventures, LLC to provide Tax Increment Finance funds for capital improvements for a full rehabilitation of two buildings located in the Central Tax Increment Financing District to create a performance and entertainment venue. Will Kolschowsky spoke on the principles behind writing redevelopment agreements. Stated the redevelopment agreement aligns with the Central Redevelopment Project Plan, Mayor/Council Goals to improve economic health, and the Public Realm Study that found a desire to have more of an active downtown area. Shared images displaying the location of Ferne's High Horse in the Central TIF District. Stated the agreement is for the City to provide \$258,000 in TIF Incentives with the first payment being \$100,000 upon completion of the space with four payments of \$39,500 over four years contingent on the performance of the business for the developer to rehabilitate the 118-120 S Race Street space into a 250-person live performance space with a café and full-service bar. Shared the developer intends to also have the space be convertible into a 100-person cinema with a patio space, outdoor food trailer, and additional spaces for food trucks. Further shared the space will also feature four two-bedroom apartments on the second floor, with one being a green room for entertainers. Stated the members of the team behind the project have been previously involved in the Pygmalion Festival and are experienced in attracting talent to the area. Stated the business is expected to generate revenue for the City after 7 years of business while also increasing tourism. Recommended City Council approve the Resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wilken, seconded by CM Bishop.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Evans

- c. **Ordinance No. 2025-02-005:** An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (809 W. Green St. / Plan Case No. 2496-SU-24 – Dutch Bros Coffee) – CD

Presented by Kevin Garcia, Principal Planner & Zoning Administrator with Nathan Heinrich, President of RSCC Group. The Ordinance approves a special use permit for a drive-through as an accessory use to a fast-food restaurant. Kevin Garcia stated Plan Commission reviewed the special use permit on January 16, and unanimously recommended for City Council to deny the proposal and the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved a conditional use permit to use the site as a fast-food restaurant on January 15. Stated the site was previously a gas station and convenience store for the previous 30 years until its closure in 2021. Shared an image displaying the site plan over its location on the southeast corner of Green Street and Lincoln Avenue. Shared a map displaying the zoning of parcels in the surrounding area as well as photos from the site. Shared the site plan and layout for the restaurant and drive-through system. Stated Dutch Bros Coffee sites are typically designed for drive-throughs and City Staff requested they present a more pedestrian oriented layout. Shared the current site plan reflects those requests by having the restaurant close to the sidewalk so pedestrians can access the building with parking placed on the east of the site. Shared an image displaying the recommendations from the Lincoln Avenue Study and stated how the site will align with the intent behind the study through closing the automobile accessway on Lincoln Avenue to the site. Spoke on the drive-through model used by Dutch Bros Coffee where two drive-through lanes are utilized, and employees take orders with tablets at a customer's car and then the customers are notified to drive up to the window when their order is ready. Stated the two-lane model was found to be efficient by Dutch Bros Coffee over a single lane while also mitigating overflowing queues that may have normally blocked traffic. Stated the Plan Commission had concerns regarding the site plan and the potential for increased traffic on Green Street from the business. Highlighted how the proposed use of the site moves it more toward aligning with Campus/Mixed Use rather than B-1 as it is a commercial site adjacent to residential sites while also converting an almost exclusively auto-oriented business to a more pedestrian and cyclist friendly business. Stated City Staff found the criteria for the special use permit to be considered met despite the constraints of the site. Stated due to the price point and covenants placed on the site by the parcel owner, a low-intensity and low-density use would not likely be economically feasible. Stated the lease for Dutch Bros Coffee on the site is set for 15 years, with the restrictive covenants ending after that period. Stated City Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance. Nathan Heinrich stated this site has the potential to be the first Dutch Bros location opened in the State of Illinois and shared background on the Rockford Structures and RSCC Group. Stated Rockford Structures and the RSCC Group have a core value of being good stewards to the communities they conduct business in. Shared how Dutch Bros Coffee engage with their communities and noted the warmth of their customer service. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda, with cooperation on making the development pedestrian friendly, by CM Wilken, seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

7. Staff Report

a. Cellebrite Technology – PD

Presented by Dave Smysor, Deputy Chief of Police and Andrew Rapolevich, Digital Forensics Examiner. Dave Smysor stated the UPD put forward this presentation to address misconceptions regarding the use of the Cellebrite Forensic Suite. Andrew Rapolevich outlined the contents of the presentation and that it will cover the background of Cellebrite, the equipment involved, the Cellebrite Universal Forensic Extraction Device (UFED), and the Cellebrite Physical Analyzer (PA) and Reader. Shared Cellebrite was founded in 1999 and currently has over 6,900 Federal, State, and private customers worldwide with the original intent to provide a service to carry over information from a device onto a new device for communication carrier companies. Stated the company moved more toward digital forensics and eventually developed the technology to copy information from phones to other data storage drives. Stated Cellebrite is used by the UPD to create exact copies of information from phones within custody for utilization in investigations. Stated locally the police departments of the City of Champaign, UIUC, City of Peoria, City of Springfield, City of Decatur, Village of Rantoul, and the City of Chicago use Cellebrite. Reported the Cellebrite 2024 Industry Trend Survey provided to Local, State, Federal, Department of Defense, and District Attorney offices identified that smartphones have become the most common source of evidence for examiners. Attested to that finding, stating the City of Urbana commonly utilizes mobile devices as sources of evidence. Stated Cellebrite provides the following equipment upon licensing their services: Cellebrite Cable Bag, Cellebrite Inseyets Turbo Link Adapter (“Inseyets” pronounced “Insights”), and a Cellebrite Inseyets License USB Dongle. Stated the copying of information from a mobile device onto a hard drive requires the physical presence of all components, including the mobile device. Dave Smysor further emphasized the mobile device has to be physically connected to the Cellebrite equipment in order for data to be copied and cannot be done wirelessly. Andrew Rapolevich stated the process of copying data for a phone takes about two hours for a modern phone with a lower storage capacity. Shared images of the Inseyets software used to access information on mobile devices. Stated the process of copying information begins with a legal process or with consent from the owner of the mobile device. Stated the mobile device is returned to the owner or returned to evidence once the copying has been completed. Stated information from mobile devices has been used to progress cases and exonerate individuals. Displayed the Physical Analyzer software and elaborated on how it is used to view data within a phone, noted the Reader aspect of the software is used to generate reports to share data with external offices. Dave Smysor pointed to a banker’s box containing the majority of the UPD’s physical surveillance equipment.
https://youtu.be/jtUkixT_8-w?t=9183

8. Old Business

a. **Ordinance No. 2024-12-042:** An Ordinance Establishing Approval, Policy, and Reporting Requirements for Policing Surveillance Technology and Databases – CM’s Wilken and Kolisetty

Presented by CM Wilken. The Ordinance requires and clarifies the process for procurement and use of policing technology and databases that can be used to monitor, track, and identify specific individuals or groups. The Ordinance codifies the public approval process for specific surveillance technologies or databases; it does not dictate the use of any given technology (that would be voted on by Council). CM Wilken stated since the previous Committee of the Whole meeting, she has collaborated with City Attorney Matt Roeschley

on reviewing the updated Ordinance which included changes to wording and a new section for exigent circumstances under Section 6. Highlighted Section 6.c and Section 7 of the Ordinance as areas that have not yet been discussed during Committee of the Whole. Stated Section 6.c was designed to address the introduction of surveillance capabilities to a technology through a required update or upgrade and prevent the use of the surveillance features until approved by Council. Noted Section 7 states that any noncompliant data that was collected will not be voluntarily used and it will be deleted as soon as possible. Stated discussion should additionally focus on the updated definitions and list of applicable City technologies. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to keep in Committee of the Whole by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Bishop.

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

9. Council Input and Communications

CM Quisenberry expressed joy for having a Committee of the Whole meeting containing three items displaying the potential for economic growth in the City of Urbana.

10. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

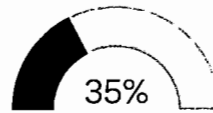
This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 4/7/25**

Champaign County Older Adults' Needs Assessment (continued)



881 respondents participated in the **Consumer Survey**

58 respondents took part in the **Provider Survey**



Mobility Issues



Vision or Hearing Impairments



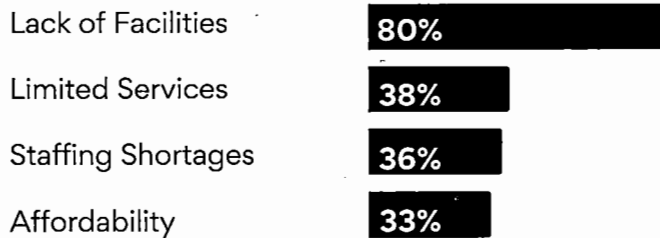
Memory-Related Conditions

Health concerns among older adults

(Based on Consumer Survey Results)

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14% of older adults were placed in a long-term care, rehab, or SNFs
70% of whom reported experiencing difficulties in securing placements

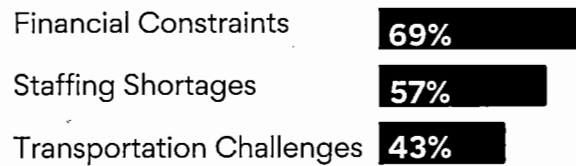


Barriers to Placement

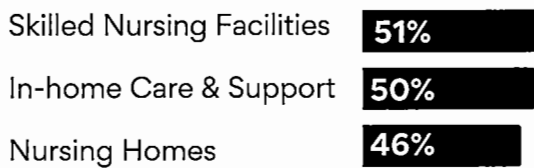
(Based on Provider Survey Results)



Providers serving older adults in the community identified significant barriers to placing or admitting patients in long-term care, rehabilitation, or SNFs

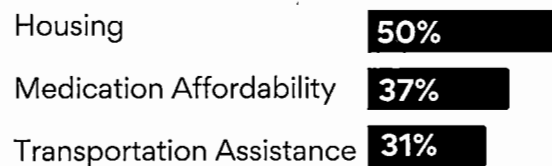


Barriers to Placing or Admitting Patients



Lacking Long-term Care Services & Supports for Older Adults in Champaign County

(Based on Consumer and Provider Survey Results)

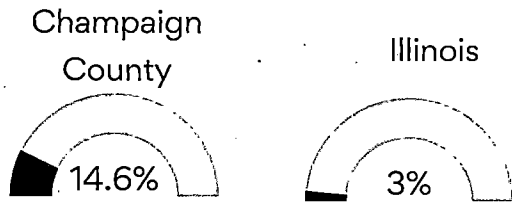


Critical Future Needs of Older Adults in Champaign County

(Based on Consumer and Provider Survey Results)



Champaign County Older Adults' Needs Assessment



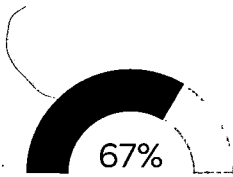
Champaign County is growing at a faster rate than Illinois

Champaign County witnessed a population surge of **14.6%** from 2000 to 2020, surpassing Illinois' overall growth rate of 3%



Champaign County's median age has increased from 2000 to 2020

Median age in Champaign County increased from **28.6** in 2000 to **30.8** in 2020



Champaign County's older adult population is growing

The 60 and above age group experienced a **67%** population increase between 2000 and 2020

Male 60 and above: +76%
Female 60 and above: +60%



99%

About **99%** of Champaign County's older adults have health insurance coverage

Medicare/ Medicare Advantage: **94%**

Medicaid: **6.4%**

Veterans Affairs (VA) Healthcare: **5.6%**



411 Current nursing home beds available in Champaign County

748 Projected need for beds by 2026

SHORTAGE



337

A notable shortage of **337** nursing home beds

Champaign County is home to:



17 Licensed Assisted Living &

4 Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)

List of SNFs

Name of Facility	Location	Licensed Beds
Accolade Health Care of Savoy	Savoy, IL	213
Clark-Lindsey Village	Urbana, IL	49
Country Health	Gifford, IL	89
Illini Heritage Rehab & HC	Champaign, IL	60
TOTALS		411

Source: 2023 Inventory of Health Care Facilities & Services & Need Determinations



From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Skilled Nursing Home Care Lacking in CU - read aloud please
Date: Friday, February 14, 2025 2:55:20 PM

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Dear Members of the Urbana City Council,

We are unable to attend Monday's meeting where I understand Advocates for Aging Care (AAC) will be making a presentation on the critical shortage of skilled nursing care in the area.

We joined the work of AAC after our recent experience looking for skilled nursing care. We moved our mother from Ohio to Illinois in June 2022 hoping to have her in Champaign-Urbana to be close to us. In the Spring of 2022 we spent weeks visiting numerous nursing home facilities in CU and the outlying area. Much to our dismay we found no facility that offered satisfactory care either because staffing was inadequate and/or the physical facility was lacking. (We needed skilled nursing care and a facility that accepted Medicaid.)

We were especially disappointed by the response we received from University Rehab Center of C-U. We had visited it often years ago when it was the Champaign County Nursing Home and were pleased with the care provided. We tried on three different occasions to make an appointment to visit University Rehab Center of C-U, leaving a message each time about the reason for our call. We never received a return call. They have since closed the facility claiming there was insufficient demand for nursing home beds in our area. It appeared to us that University Rehab Center of C-U was not interested in filling their beds.

Fortunately we found a wonderful facility in Gifford with compassionate and competent staff as well as a comfortable and attractive facility. Securing quality nursing home care for our mother is well worth the 30 minute drive to Gifford but we are saddened and appalled that such care is not offered in Champaign-Urbana.

Please work with AAC to help address the critical shortage of skilled nursing home care in our community.

Thank you for your service.

Peggy Patten and Todd Kinney

[REDACTED], Urbana

Rafael Cho

From: Rohn Koester <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 5:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT February 17, 2025

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To the Mayor and City Council:

I write in support of the ordinance that establishes the council's governing authority over new police surveillance technology and databases. We must be proactive in protecting the public's right to know and participate in decisions that affect public safety.

As we witness daily the president willfully ignoring the authority of congress, I urge us all to respond to a higher standard: by ensuring that the city council and the citizens of Urbana have a say in the surveillance tools used to police the city.

Respectfully,
Rohn Koester

[REDACTED]
Urbana

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Public input for 2/17/25 please read into the record.
Date: Monday, February 17, 2025 7:08:22 PM

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Good Evening,

My name is Matt Turino and I live in Ward 5, I am writing to ask that you vote to approve Ordinance No. 2024-12-042: An Ordinance Establishing Approval, Policy, and Reporting Requirements for Policing Surveillance Technology and Databases

In this time of increased lawlessness at the federal level, we now more than ever need more oversight not less at the local level. This is a very reasonable ordinance asking for transparency and accountability around what technologies are available to the police. With the accelerated advancement of surveillance technologies it makes sense for the council and the public to have input into what is being used in our community.

Please vote to approve this ordinance!

Sincerely,

Matt

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT February 17, 2025
Date: Monday, February 17, 2025 8:17:59 PM

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Dear Mayor Marlin and **Council** Members Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry,

I submit the below as Public Comment for tonight's **council** meeting.

My name is Lilah Leopold and I am a resident of **Urbana** (Ward 4). I write to renew my support of the Police Surveillance Technology Oversight Ordinance authored by Alderperson Grace Wilken of Ward 6. This seems in keeping with the kind of transparency that both **Council** and the Police have repeatedly said is incredibly important to maintaining trust in our community.

There also seems to be a mischaracterization of this Ordinance as going against best practices in public safety; therefore it seems worth stating that an Ordinance such as this one offers **Council** oversight of surveillance technology used by our police force--- oversight should not be equated with outright denial. Oversight of police surveillance technology would not prevent the approval of technologies used. **Council** are beholden to members of our community are are responsible for taking care of the daily infrastructural components that effect us all--asking that links between **Council** and Police remain strong and transparent as more and more technologies are introduced into our community is a best practice.

A call for an ordinance it should not be taken personally as a comment on how any member of our public safety forces does their job. It seems like an incredibly reasonable ask especially given so many current technologies involve such a degree of non-human decision-making that will only increase. I hope all members of our **Council** and Police Force will see the Police Surveillance Technology Oversight Ordinance as a call for creating a safety net that preserves human decision-making between branches of our community leadership at an important historical moment, as we all learn more about the tools that enter our community, together.

Please, move forward with serious discussion of the Police Surveillance Technology Oversight Ordinance.

Thank you,

Lilah Leopold