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**DATE:** Monday, January 5, 2026  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

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The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:05 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** DeShawn Williams, Mayor; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Shirese Hursey, CM Chaundra Bishop

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Elizabeth Hannan, Seok Hyun Cho, Michael Cervantes

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**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 7:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

None.

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**4. Presentations and Public Input**

*Written Public Input in support of Council's development and consideration of Ordinance No. 2024-12-042 was received from the following individual and was read by CM Kolisetty: Lilah Leopold.*

**5. Staff Report**

None.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Resolution No. 2026-01-001R:** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Class P Designation for Champaign Pit Stop Inc., 1812 North Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, Ill. – Exec

Presented by Mayor Williams. The Resolution increases the number of Class P (Package) liquor licenses in the City of Urbana. Mayor Williams stated the new liquor license is required due to a change in ownership of the business.

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

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

- b. **Resolution No. 2026-01-002R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Recipient Agreement Between the City of Urbana and Cunningham Township Supervisor’s Office for Daytime Staffing for Cunningham Township Overnight Shelter – HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan, HR & Finance Director / CFO with Mayor Williams available for questions. The Resolution approves and authorizes an agreement to provide \$37,000 in funding for daytime staffing for the Cunningham Township overnight shelter. Elizabeth Hannan stated Cunningham Township has requested assistance in funding daytime staffing for their overnight shelter. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the regular agenda by CM Wilken, seconded by CM Evans.

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2026-01-001:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #5 – Daytime Staffing for Cunningham Township Overnight Shelter) – HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan, HR & Finance Director / CFO. The Ordinance revises the annual budget to provide \$37,000 in funding for daytime staffing for the Cunningham Township overnight shelter per Resolution No. 2026-01-002R. Elizabeth Hannan stated this Ordinance pairs with the previous Resolution and makes the budget changes necessary to provide the \$37,000 in funding. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the regular agenda by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Wilken.

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

## 7. Discussion

- a. **Police Surveillance Technology Continuing Discussion (Ordinance No. 2024-12-042)**

CM Wilken stated there are no updates on the Ordinance at the moment, but discussions with the City have been proceeding and productive. Noted a presentation from City staff was

expected soon.

City Administrator White shared he will be presenting on the City's use of Placer.ai and City staff require further clarification on if the Ordinance will apply City-wide or only to the Police Department. Deputy City Clerk Cho shared the results of the recent Council email polling on if the Ordinance should apply to all departments or only the Police Department, stating three out of the four respondents were in favor of the Ordinance applying to all departments.

CM Wilken stated if the City can provide as much information they can on technologies used to track people across all departments, it would be helpful to the development of the Ordinance. Noted the presentation on Placer.ai would likely cover a large bulk of the request.

City Administrator White stated the presentation on Placer.ai is scheduled for the meeting on January 20th and a presentation from the Police Department is scheduled for the meeting on January 26th. Requested clarification on if Council would prefer a presentation on the list of surveillance items or staff feedback on the current version of the Ordinance.

CM Wilken voiced a preference for the feedback to be prioritized while also being able to later clarify less understood items on the list of surveillance technologies. Council stated requests for clarification on specific surveillance technologies are to be emailed to City Administrator White for a future presentation. City Administrator White requested Council to email those requests and questions by January 12th.

Chair Wu reiterated the requests for Council to send their preference on the coverage of the Ordinance to City Clerk Sandefur and to send requests for clarification on surveillance items to City Administrator White by January 12th.

CM Wilken highlighted the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) and the Human Rights Commission (HRC) will be discussing their potential involvement in the review process. Stated the discussions with the City have been productive and expect to see further language proposed by City Attorney Roeschley in collaboration with Carla Boyd, Human Rights and Equity Officer.

## 8. Council Input and Communications

**CM Kolisetty** announced that her family is moving outside of Ward 4 and will have to resign as she will no longer be a resident of Ward 4. Stated she has discussed the resignation with Mayor Williams, and she is confident there will be a fair and competitive process for finding and appointing a new Councilmember for Ward 4. Expressed it has been an honor to work alongside her fellow Councilmembers and with the new administration. Noted she will be staying in the City of Urbana in Ward 7 and will continue to participate in the community and being involved with Urbana. Additionally noted her last meeting will be the first meeting of February. **CM Quisenberry** thanked CM Kolisetty for her work as a fellow Councilmember and hoped for her to be engaged in the Ward 7 community. **Mayor Williams** stated it was an honor to serve alongside CM Kolisetty and was grateful for her deciding to run for another term. Thanked CM Kolisetty for her work and believing in the vision that he has put forward as Mayor. Additionally requested Council stay a moment after the meeting for an update from City Administrator White. *Chair Wu passed the Chair to CM Evans.* **CM Wu** expressed it has been a pleasure to work alongside CM Kolisetty at City Council for her level-headed approach emphasizing representation and finding compromise. Thanked CM Kolisetty for her service and stated she will be missed on City Council. *Chair Evans returned the Chair to CM Wu.*

## 9. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 1/20/2026**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT 1-5-2026**

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**From** Lilah Leopold [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 1/5/2026 12:12 PM  
**To** City Council <CityCouncil@UrbanalL.gov>; Jaya Kolisetty <Jaya.Kolisetty@UrbanalL.gov>; Jaya Kolisetty <Jaya.Kolisetty@UrbanalL.gov>

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

Happy New Year!

I would be grateful if you could read the below public comment on my behalf at tonight's meeting.

My name is Lilah Leopold and I am a resident of Urbana (Ward 4) and would like to direct my comment today toward continued support for discussion of the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance.

I applaud the Council on their work on the proposed Ordinance and deeply thank you for your discussion and consideration of our collective civil rights and liberties in this discussion. In brief, this is such a great opportunity to address a gap in policy to the benefit of all those involved and I hope all avenues for collaboration will be explored.

With big data comes big responsibility and I hope the City of Urbana will continue to evaluate all tools at its disposal against their pluses and minuses. This has much to do with the nature of what these tools are and misunderstandings about their limits and promises. There is so much being put out there and marketed to cities before policy is in place to govern these things. Without governance, we become unfettered testing grounds with little-to-no protection of our basic liberties in the process.

Ultimately this community will be safe and prosper because of how we care for our neighbors--part of this care can be the careful evaluation of what we put into the community and what we take from it, where this all goes, and who is most at risk when we do so. I appreciate that we have councils and committees and departments to help think through these difficult times. Surveillance tech is something worth your careful consideration and I thank you for taking the time to do so and for hopefully helping to carve out space in policy for these conversations to continue!

Thank you so much for your consideration,  
Lilah Leopold