
DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2022; Wednesday, December 14, 2022; Thursday, December 15, 2022
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session to hear the American Rescue Plan Act Applicant Presentations Tuesday, December 13, 2022; Wednesday, December 14, 2022; and Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

*Denotes present after roll

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Darcy Sandefur, Will Kolschowsy, Bridget Broihahn,

OTHERS PRESENT: J. D. McLanahan (CCRPC);

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called this special meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Approval of the Public Input Rules

Motion to approve amended public input guidelines by CM Wu and seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

C. Public Input

None.

D. ARPA Presentations

Mayor Marlin provided a welcome and explained that The City of Urbana has approximately 10 million dollars of ARPA funds that must be committed by Dec 31, 2024 and spent by Dec 31, 2026. The City has contracted with Champaign County Regional Planning to assist in the review and application process. Applicants have been invited to deliver a six minute presentation responding to 3 questions to be followed by another 6 minutes to respond to Council questions. There will be no funding or allocation decisions made at this meeting series. Management analyst Will Kolschowsky explained how the time keeping would be conducted and shared housekeeping items.

#1: Carle Foundation Hospital: Hope Village: A tiny homes community with intensive case management for chronically homeless and medically fragile homeless individuals

Presented by Claudia Lenhoff the Executive Director of Champaign County Health Care Consumers and Phil Raul from Carle Health. Project is requesting \$2 million to fund a shelter to house some of the most vulnerable of the homeless population by building 30 Tiny Homes, Hope Village. This project is a partnership between Carle Health, the University of Illinois, and Champaign County Health Care Consumers. They intend to pursue grant funding and other funding avenues to sustain the village after the initial ARPA funds.

#2: City of Champaign Township: Strides Low Barrier Shelter-70 E. Washington St. Champaign, IL 61820

Presented by Andy Quarenstrom the City of Champaign Township Supervisor. Project is requesting \$2.9 million to fund the expansion of the Strides 24/7 low barrier homeless shelter. The shelter can accommodate 50 men and 10 women. Funding would provide operational and staff support from 2024-2026.

#3: C-U at Home: Pathways to Progress

Presented by Melissa Courtwright the Executive Director. Project is requesting \$4.4 million to fund a mid-barrier programming facility to serve the homeless population. The mid-barrier programming facility will have capacity to house 40 individuals who can receive support from case managers to work towards community integration.

#4: Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office: Bridge to Home: Filling Gaps in Local Homeless and Housing Services

Presented by Danielle Chynoweth the Cunningham Township Supervisor. Project is requesting \$1.2 million to fund the Bridge to Home housing services program that supports residents during the transition from being actively homeless to being sheltered in transitional housing.

#5: Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County: First-time home ownership counseling

Presented by Chad Hoffman the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. Project is requesting \$50,000.00 to fund the first-time home ownership counseling program for one year. This funding would continue an existing program.

#6: Housing Authority of Champaign County: Steer Place Renovation Project

Presented by Lily Walton the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Champaign County along with the project architect. Project is requesting \$ 1.5 million to fund the renovations for the Steer Place senior housing property including upgrades to safety and wellness, addition of communal spaces, and elevators to enhance accessibility.

#7: Immigrant Services of Champaign-Urbana: Affordable Housing for Poor Immigrants

Presented by Janice Jayes, David Doorman, and Mr. Jacobson from the board of directors. Project is requesting \$ 756,000.00 to fund a rental assistance program addressing homelessness among immigrant families. Immigrant families may not be eligible for other forms of housing assistance and may also be hesitant to pursue them. Immigrant Services of Champaign-Urbana intends to provide rental assistance for up to three months per household.

Mayor Marlin announced a 10 minute break at 8:25 pm. Returned from break at 8:35 pm.

#8: Northpointe Development II Corporation: Prairie Ridge Apartments

Presented by Lane Manning of Northpointe Development. Project is requesting \$800,000.00 to fund a reduced cost housing development for up to 40 households. Units would be priced based on 30-80% of the median income of the community to incorporate mixed income households.

#9: Housing Authority of Champaign County: Affordable Housing - Single Room Occupancy Project

Presented by Lilly Walton the Director of the Housing Authority of Champaign County and the Deputy Director. Project is requesting \$500,000.00 to fund the renovation of a property following their purchase of a single room occupancy project intended to meet the need for affordable housing by providing 40-60 non-age restrictive long-term safe and affordable housing units. The HACC will then provide subsidies to residents to connect households with the affordable housing units.

#10: Union Development Holdings, LLC, an affiliate of The Annex Group: Union at Bradley

Presented by Margret Plum Senior Director of Development with The Annex Group. Project is requesting \$1.95 million to fund a housing development for up to 220 individuals by providing affordable multifamily apartments. Noted the need for affordable housing in the rent burdened community.

#11: University YMCA (New American Welcome Center): COVID-19 Recovery for Immigrant Communities

Presented by Gloria Yen Director of New American Welcome and Lisa Wilson Director of The Refugee Center. Project is requesting \$622,000.00 to fund rent and utility assistance for immigrant communities. Both agencies would work together to administer funds.

#12: Housing Authority of Champaign County, YouthBuild: YouthBuild: Bridging the Gap

Presented by Lilly Walton the Director of the Housing Authority and Shavone Myhre Director of YouthBuild. Project is requesting \$400,000.00 to fund the YouthBuild program which provides job training and occupational training for at risk youth while constructing housing and resources for homeless and low income residents. There is currently a 90% success rate in program participants obtaining certifications. This allocation would expand the existing program to include 20 additional students.

#13: KidAlytics: Data Science

Presented by Karen Jenkins the Founder and CEO of KidAlytics. Project is requesting \$948,819.00 to fund science training for 125 kids by entering them into a three year cohort that would provide outreach to 1000 more students to further learning in STEM.

#14: Salt and Light: Workplace Readiness Program

Presented by Nathan and Michelle the owners. Project is requesting \$346,200.00 to fund a workplace readiness program and classes for program participants. Program would support workforce development.

CM Quisenberry motioned to recess the meeting to tomorrow at 7 pm in Council chambers and seconded by CM Wu.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

Meeting recessed at 10:03 pm.

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Meeting continued to the next day (Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building at 400 Vine St. Urbana, IL 61801)

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

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ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Darcy Sandefur, Will Kolschowsy,

OTHERS PRESENT: J. D. McLanahan (CCRPC);

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7 pm.

Motion to reconvene by CM Wu and seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

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#15: Champaign County Environmental Stewards: Establish a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Presented by Susan Monty Executive Director of Champaign County Environmental Stewards. Project is requesting \$300,000 to fund a household hazardous waste collection facility. This project will help reduce the burden on residents to dispose of household waste, there are only 5 facilities within the state and the nearest is a two hour drive away. Funds would be used to help cover capital costs.

#16: Champaign County Economic Development Corporation: Solving the Talent Attraction Equation in Champaign County

Presented by Carly McKay from the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation and Teri Reifsteck from Visit Champaign County. Project is requesting \$215,000 to fund the community job application to assist employers in accessing a qualified pool of applicants and connecting applicants with employers who are actively recruiting. Funding is anticipated to be sustained with private sector buy in as the businesses benefit.

#17: Eastern Illinois Foodbank: Electric Cargo Vans & Charging Station

Presented by Amanda Borden Vice President of Development and Randy Stone Vice President of Operations. Project is requesting \$133,000.00 to fund two electric vans and an eclectic charging station. Eastern Illinois Food Bank would be able to make an additional 80 pickup and delivery events a week and the vans don't require a CDL license to operate thus expanding their organizational capacity of serve the community in a sustainable way.

#18: Champaign County Health Care Consumers: Special Populations Outreach and Enrollment for Health, Food, and Housing Security

Presented by Claudia Lenhoff Executive Director of Champaign County Health Care Consumers and Ricardo Diaz the treasurer of the Board. Project is requesting \$819,716.00 to fund 3 staff positions to serve low income and at risk populations in obtaining benefits such as social security, Medicare savings, and SNAP. This project would address the under enrollment in existing programs.

#19: Common Ground Food Co-op: Common Ground Food For All Food Accessibility Program

Presented by Liz Sands. Project is requesting \$45,000.00 to fund their food accessibility programs such as the food for all program which discounts food prices for those with greater needs. This funding would expand community impact of an existing program combating food insecurity.

#20: Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant: Handmade Harvest; Healthy Meals for Families Facing Food Insecurity

Presented by Emily McGowan the Executive Director and Megan. Project is requesting \$24.9k to fund the Handmade Harvest program that provides pre-prepared meals for low-income households during the harvest season with locally grown foods.

#21: Sola Gratia Farm: Community Farm Expansion for Enhanced Sustainable Fresh Food Production, Engagement and Consumption

Presented by Tracy Barclay. Project is requesting \$750,000.00 to fund a onetime project expansion to support the expansion for their new farm location and facilities. Sola Gratia is relocating their operations and will need to construct a new facility to allow for continued and expanded operations.

Break at 8:29 pm returned at 8:39 pm.

#22: Champaign County Economic Development Corporation: COVID-19 Recovery: Urbana Small Business Microloan Fund (Justine PETERSEN)

Presented by Carly McKay and Sherri from Justine Petersen. Project is requesting \$475k to fund small business supportive programming including microloans. This programming is designed to address COVID-19 recovery for small businesses in Urbana impacted by the pandemic.

#23: The HOYCE Center: The Blessing Bank

Presented by Dr. Clinginberd. Project is requesting \$1,865,444.00 to fund continued support of families impacted by community violence. Funding would allow for expansion of services including mental health support for those without insurance.

#24: The Well Experience: Well Family Care Program

Presented by Stephanie Cochrane Executive Director. Project is requesting \$250,000 to fund expanded services to low income families including mental health services and programing. This funding would allow for the expansion of staff to support additional cliental with additional services.

#25: TRAUMA SURVIVORS HEAL 2: Trauma Survivors Heal 2

Presented by Leslie Smith Executive Director. Project is requesting \$300,000.00 to fund an expansion of grief counseling services for teenagers impacted by community violence.

#26: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Clinic: Reducing Gun Violence through Community Trauma Informed Care

Presented by Dr. Christopher and Ruby Mendenhall. Project is requesting \$399,000.00 to fund the hiring of four community health workers to work out of the Carle ER to provide support to survivors of community violence. This program is in partnership with the CU-TRI

#27: Champaign County Crime Stoppers: CS Urbana ARPA

Applicants were not able to attend, management analyst from the City of Urbana, Will Kolschowsky read their prepared statement. Project is requesting \$100k to fund additional reward dollars for tips provided to law enforcement.

Motion to recess the meeting to tomorrow at 7 pm in Council chambers by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

AYE: All

NAY: None

Meeting recessed at 9:49 pm

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Meeting continued to the next day (Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building at 400 Vine St. Urbana, IL 61801)

Elected Present: Mayor Diane Marlin, City Clerk Phyllis Clark, CM Christopher Evans, CM Hursey, CM Kolisetty*, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry,

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Elected Absent: CM Maryalice Wu,

Staff Present: Darcy Sandefur, Will Kolschowsky, Bourema Ouredrago, Carol Mitten

Others Present: J. D. McLanahan (CCRPC);

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Motion to reconvene by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Bishop.

Voice vote:

AYE: Evans, Hursey, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

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#28: FirstFollowers: Urbana Community Peace Hub

Presented by James Kilgore the Director of First Followers and Valerie Nesbit Howard the Cofounder of Hope for Women. Project is requesting \$158,400.00 to fund a Community Peace Hub to fill the gaps in services addressing violence in Urbana and to support women's reentry into the community. This funding would allow for the renting of a space for this new programing.

#29: Application withdrawn

Application was withdrawn, item was left listed for continuity of numbering.

#30: Angel's Youth Center: Angel's Youth Center Program

Presented by Karen Johnson the Secretary, Angelique the Executive Director, and Lynette the Executive Fund Director for Angels Youth Center (AYC). Project is requesting \$2,000,731.00 to fund the expansion of AYC through the purchase of two vans, additional staff, stipends for U of I students to assist in tutoring, increase operational hours to M-F, and purchase supplies to help with literacy.

#31: Bradley Learning Center: Bradley Expansion

Presented by Jasmine Ketchings the Director, and Holly York co-Director. Project is requesting \$1,385,277.00 to fund the remodel of their new facility so that they may better serve the population aged 6 weeks to 7 year olds and increase program capacity by 25 students. Funding would also as create programming space so that older children may have an after school and summer facility. They have purchased the old ASPCA building.

#32: Creative Children's Center: Creative Children's Center

Presented by Darlene Anderson. Project is requesting \$260,000.00 to fund the expansion of the Creative Children's Center in Champaign with the construction of a new facility and the hiring of two additional staff members. This expansion would allow them to serve 10 additional Urbana families, doubling their capacity.

#33: Urbana SD 116: Urbana School District Alternative Education

Presented by Superintendent Jennifer Ivory Tatum and Joey Multa the Executive Director Secondary and Multilingual Learning. Project is requesting \$850,000.00 to fund building renovations to support the alternative and restorative education program to address the root causes of community violence. Property is across from the Urbana Middle School.

#34: Greater Champaign County AMBUCS: AMBUCS Park Wellness Upgrades

Presented by Chris Vowels and Keith Jameson from the board. Project is requesting \$307,881.00 to fund the creation of the AMBUCS Park Bike and Pedestrian Loop Trail and ADA drinking water fountain.

10 minute break. Started at 8:20 pm, resumed at 8:30 pm

#35: Illinois Futbol Club: Illinois FC youth soccer program

Presented by Skip Myer and Paul Hackman who are volunteer members of the Board of Directors for IFC. Project is requesting \$360,000.00 to fund the expansion of their scholarship program so that more residents may participate in their programming. Funding would expand the scholarship program to 60 players annually at \$2,000 a scholarship. They are serving 18 competitive teams with a; membership just over 200.

#36: Soccer Planet: Soccer Planet or Soccer Planet expansion

Presented by Keith Bowman and Mark Sakora the Co-owners of Soccer Planet. Project is requesting \$250,000.00 to fund the expansion of Soccer Planet by building on to their facility to create additional playing space to allow for pickle ball courts.

#37: The Urbana Free Library: Community Connections Youth Programming Specialist

Presented by Celeste Choate the Executive Director and Lauren Chambers the Programming Director. Project is requesting \$370,733.00 to fund the hiring of a bilingual youth programming specialist and to cover program costs. Their efforts will focus on specific neighborhoods in Urbana. The Library plans to sustain this position indefinitely.

#38: Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center: Operation UNCC Boost

Presented by Janice Mitchell the Executive Director. Project is requesting \$100,000 to fund Operation UNCC Boost which would allow for renovations including the purchase of the fire sprinkler system, purchase of school supplies/winter clothing for children, and the purchase of an additional vehicle so that they can accommodate more children in a safe way.

#39: Urbana Park District: Urbana Park District Health & Wellness Center

Presented by Tim Bartmen the Executive Director and Corky Emerson the Superintendent of Recreation. Project is requesting \$3,300,000.00 to fund capital costs to help cover construction of the new Urbana Health and Wellness Center. Center would provide a recreation facility in Urbana.

#40: Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center: ACCESS IMC

Presented by Miriam Larson the Executive Director. Project is requesting \$149,903.00 to fund the creation of an enclosed community meeting space, make accessibility improvements to the building, and making necessary safety upgrades to the property covering including covering the asbestos floor. Funding would allow for additional community utility of existing space.

E. Adjournment

Mayor Marlin shared that no allocations will be made until after the first of the year and that the discussion item on Monday will be for planning next steps. Thanked everyone for their effort.

With no further business before the body, Chair Marlin adjourned the meeting at 9:47 pm.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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Minutes approved: 01-23-2023