
DATE: Monday, April 10, 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, April 10, 2023, at 7 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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Lily Wilcock, Andrea Ruedi, Sheila Dodd, Breaden Belcher, Kevin Garcia, Marcus Ricci, Carol Mitten, Dave Wesner,

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called this meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

02-13-2023; 02-27-2023; 03-13-2023 Minutes

Motion to approve by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

3. Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Marlin added a correction from Imagine Urbana to Examine Urbana for the presentation.

CM Wilken motioned to add a discussion item under new business to check in on Housing discrimination and crisis pregnancy centers. CM Bishop seconded.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Mayoral Proclamation: National Community Development Week

Presented by Mayor Marlin in recognition of National Community Development Week. Mayor Marlin declared the week of April 10th as National Community Development Week within the City of Urbana in recognition of the work of Urbana's Community Development Staff.

b. Presentation: *Examine Urbana* Introduction - Andrea Ruedi

Presented by Andrea Ruedi and Lily Wilcock. Ruedi explained the purpose of Examine Urbana and the importance of public engagement with the Comprehensive Plan. Wilcock explained what data is represented in the project and present it in a way that is accessible Wilcock presented the introductory chapter on the website and explained how to interact with Examine Urbana. Questions and discussion ensued.

c. Public Input

James Miller spoke in support of the Schaffer rezoning item and explained why his family business wants to expand. *Jonah Wieskoff* spoke in support of the liquor license on the agenda and looks forward to take part in Urbana's Art and Music scene.

5. Council Input and Communications

None.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

9. Committee of the Whole (Council Member Grace Wilken, Ward 6)

A. Consent Agenda

None.

B. Regular Agenda

1. Ordinance No. 2023-04-007: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance - Budget Amendment #7 - HRF

Presented by CM Wilken. Item amends the annual budget and was forwarded from Committee of the Whole on April 3rd. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by CM Wilken and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

2. Ordinance No. 2023-04-009: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Zoning Map (R-3/B-1 to B-2 at 714 East University Avenue / Plan Case No. 2470-M-23) - CD

Presented by CM Wilken. Item authorizes a zoning change for a business to continue and expand operations. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by CM Wilken and seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

3. Ordinance No. 2023-04-011: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Maintaining the number of Class A liquor licenses for Synesthesia LLC d/b/a Gallery, 119 W Main St, Urbana, IL) – Exec

Presented by CM Wilken. Item increases the number of Liquor Licenses for new business Synesthesia. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by CM Wilken and seconded by CM Wu.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

4. Ordinance No. 2023-04-010: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing the number of Class H liquor licenses for VIDHI 3 LLC, 1001 W Killarney St, Urbana, IL) - Exec

Presented by CM Wilken. Item increases the number of Liquor Licenses.

Motion to approve by CM Wilken and seconded by CM Wu.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

10. Reports of Special Committees

None.

11. Reports of Officers

Mayor Marlin announced that the City of Urbana has been awarded \$2.5 million in grants from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mayor Marlin and City Administrator Mitten will be traveling to Washington D.C. with Champaign County First to lobby for infrastructure projects that benefit the County.

12. New Business

Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Affordable Housing Check-In Discussion

CM Wilken asked to have a discussion to follow up on previous conversations on Crisis Pregnancy Centers and the Housing Discrimination. Mayor Marlin summarized staff efforts and stressed to the public that the City intends to continue to enforce the Human Rights Ordinance. Council continued to ask clarifying questions around Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Housing Discrimination. Council asked City Staff for a written follow-up on their questions and to present options for actionable steps.

13. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 05-22-2023