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**DATE:** Monday, June 17, 2024  
**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 public hearing Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dave Wesner, Carol Mitten, Seok Hyun Cho, Larry Boone, Richard Surles, Kyle Kapper, Marcus Ricci, Demond Dade, Elizabeth Hannan

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Chair:** *Chaundra Bishop, Ward 5*

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

With a quorum present, Chair Bishop called the Public Hearing of the Committee of the Whole to order at 9:21p.m.

**2. Presentations and Public Input**

**a. Public Input**

**Derek Briles** urged City Council to not pass the UPD budget as proposed, citing weeks of community input indicating that there are community services badly in need of resources and that crime is declining. Expressed that policing is a corrupt system which perpetuates cruelty within the United States. Further stated incarceration perpetuates slave labor within prisons and police departments exist to protect the interests of the wealthy. **Ben Joselyn** stated the community does their best effort to communicate with City Council. Voiced that no city has policed themselves into improving public safety and the City's history of safety comes from the community assisting each other. Stated crime trends are tied most to economic conditions and that the largest form of theft is wage theft with no visible persecution of that. **Steven MacGuire** addressed a statement regarding crime statistics increasing, reading published crime statistics that showed a trend of decreases. Asked if the public would be able to see the data discussed by a City Councilmember. Expressed a right to be angry with the budget increases due to the current administration exiting and that Chief Boone was promised affirmative votes for increases during the hiring process. **Chris Zelle** expressed frustration with City Councilmembers refusing to listen to public input when they are expressing their emotions. Stated Chief Boone misled the public by drawing over a graph and presented a budget proposal without figures on costs. Expressed dislike with the current budget process and lack of impactful community involvement. Voiced that

an increase in police officers will result in increases in criminals prosecuted, and engages in a cycle of breaking families. ***Reverend Evelyn Underwood*** stated the budget is imbalanced. Echoed statements of a budget being a moral document and questioned the disparity between the estimated revenues and expenditures. Questioned how the City of Urbana can cut funding to services without cause in their current terms and conditions of their agreements. ***Camille Cobb*** expressed a desire to speak with Councilmember Hursey further regarding the BerryDunn report and further extended the invitation to City Council.

### 3. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Bishop adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

**Minutes approved: 7/8/24**