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**DATE:** Monday, March 2, 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, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Chaundra Bishop\*, CM James Quisenberry

**\*CM PRESENT REMOTELY**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** CM Grace Wilken

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Matt Roeschley, Vince Gustafson, Troy Richmond, Carmen Franks, Justin Swinford, Elizabeth Hannan, Larry Boone

**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 7:00 p.m.

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

**a. 02-09-2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve by CM Evans, seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**4. Presentations and Public Input**

*Charles Warmbrunn* requested clarification on the Traffic Commission procedures that led to the decision to eliminate parking on the east side of Vine Street from George Huff to Holmes Street. Stated additional meetings seem to be required according to the bylaws of the Traffic Commission to ratify the proposed changes to parking. Noted no information based on data or studies has been presented in support of the proposal. Requested Council reject Ordinance No. 2026-03-007 and implement the changes through correcting Schedule J to note there is to be no parking on both sides of this segment in Vine Street.

## 5. Staff Report

### a. Public Works Campus Remodel and Funds – PW

Presented by Vince Gustafson, Public Works Director and Troy Richmond, Public Facilities Supervisor with Elizabeth Hannan, Human Resources and Finance Director / CFO. Vince Gustafson stated the Public Works Renovation Project has been progressing since the completion of the 2019-2020 Facilities Master Plan alongside other projects such as the storage building, lobby renovations, and the new Fire Stations. Spoke on the findings that show the need for adequate space for vehicle maintenance, relocation of the Arbor Division back to the Public Works building, expansion of interior space for employees, and conducting critical maintenance for the Public Works building.

Stated the Farnsworth Group was selected through an RFQ (Request for Quote) process to provide architectural and engineering design services for the project. Noted \$6,500,000 has been allocated toward construction within the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan. Stated staff worked alongside the Farnsworth Group to develop the scope of work and the overall cost was estimated to be around \$11,454,490 if all recommendations were followed.

Stated the project was reconsidered to fit within the budgeted amount while meeting as much of the needs as possible. Shared the current, first phase involves the creation of a new fleet maintenance facility; a new operations vehicle and equipment bay; and addresses critical, deferred maintenance items. Stated future phases involve following through with the remainder of the recommendations made.

Troy Richmond spoke on the plans for the new fleet maintenance and operations equipment bays and shared images of the existing bay currently set to be demolished for the new construction. Stated the changes allow staff to perform more efficient maintenance on City vehicles. Stated the two bays also include other central utility rooms and employee spaces while also providing a storm shelter for Public Works employees.

Stated the asphalt on the campus, the current bay, and roofing need to be replaced due to the damage sustained after years of use without maintenance. Noted the Public Works building is currently using City Hall's previous back-up generator unit from 1998 after the renovations to the City Hall building and seeks to replace the generator as it has reached the end of its life. Stated the department also hopes to fully power the facilities with solar energy.

Vince Gustafson stated five bids were received after issuing an Invitation to Bid (ITB) in February 2026 with the lowest bid at \$6,225,000 and the highest bid at \$7,080,000. Stated the contract is expected to be awarded in the next 30-60 days with construction anticipated to begin in April 2026. Spoke on the budgetary considerations for the project and noted the contingency is 10% of the base bid (\$625,000) with an additional \$500,000 from the Capital Replacement & Improvement Fund (CR&I). Questions and discussion followed.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Ordinance No. 2026-03-006:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at Certain Intersections (Grove Street and Anderson Street at High Street) – PW

Presented by Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer and Justin Swinford, Assistant City Engineer. The Ordinance removes the existing yield signs and replaces them with stop signs for both directions of traffic on Grove Street and Anderson Street at their respective intersections with High Street. Carmen Franks displayed where the stop signs would replace the yield signs on East High Street. Stated the signs have been temporarily replaced with stop signs since December 5, 2025, at the recommendation of the Traffic Commission. Stated the yield signs were found to not comply with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines due to the sight distance in the intersection being inadequate for yield signs. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2026-03-007:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Vine Street from Pell Circle to Florida Avenue) – PW

Presented by Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer and Justin Swinford, Assistant City Engineer. The Ordinance prohibits on-street parking on both sides of Vine Street from Holmes Street to Florida Avenue and on the east side of Vine Street from Pell Circle to Holmes Street. Carmen Franks displayed a map showing where “No Parking” signs already exist on South Vine Street and what is currently covered by existing “No Parking” Ordinances. Shared where the temporary “No Parking” signs will be made permanent on South Vine Street between George Huff Drive and Pell Circle. Shared the recommendation was made because parked vehicles on the east side of the street would block sightlines for northbound drivers. Spoke on the analysis which calculated a need for 23 feet of unobstructed sight for a driver at the limit of 35 miles per hour. Stated the amount of unobstructed sight would be around 14 feet if there were cars parked on the road. Stated the recommendation to prohibit parking between George Huff Drive and Holmes Street is for consistency so there would not be a gap in prohibited parking in the street and due to the narrowing of Vine Street beginning in that area. Stated the previous City Engineer, John Zeman, had contacted the residents and property owners in the impacted area after the December 2, 2025, Traffic Commission meeting had concluded and on January 28, 2026 to request their input. Stated the temporary signs were placed after collaboration with the Urbana Police Department on February 19. Stated the change is to proactively address the risk of crashes for the high volume, local street.

CM Quisenberry, as a resident living on Pell Circle since 2000, noted the existing “No Parking” ordinances had been overwritten due to loss of data and South Vine Street had an addition around 1985 to extend the street. Stated the road is essential during snow removal and raised concern on the potential for parking in the section where the street narrows to hinder snow plowing. Shared he has witnessed six accidents on the curve where drivers have driven into a home, tree, and yard which led to speaking with John Zeman about if there should be “No Parking” signage in that location specifically on the west side of the street where the street narrows. Stated John Zeman developed the current recommendations based on the

analysis conducted by him and the Traffic Commission.

Carmen Franks stated Council can amend the item to remove the addition of the parking prohibition from Pell Circle to Holmes Street on the east side of Vine Street. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve, with the amendment to remove the second line of the table, to the regular agenda by CM Hursey, seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2026-03-008:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at Certain Intersections (Four Intersections in Beringer Commons Subdivision) – PW

Presented by Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer and Justin Swinford, Assistant City Engineer. The Ordinance requires approaching traffic on the terminating legs of four T-intersections in the Beringer Commons Subdivision to stop before entering the intersection: Beacon Hill Circle at Beringer Circle, Clarion Road at Abbey Road, Clarion Road at Beringer Circle, and Haydon Drive at Beacon Hill Circle. Carmen Franks shared a map showing the locations of the four proposed stop signs and four proposed speed signs in the Beringer Commons Subdivision. Stated the proposal was discussed during the December 2, 2025, Traffic Commission meeting. Noted the proposed locations for the stop signs have no existing signage in place and the proposed signs are consistent with the other signs present in the neighborhood.

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

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

- d. **Resolution No. 2026-03-009R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Right-of-Way Dedication (North Lincoln Avenue along the Frontage of 1407 North Lincoln Avenue – Former Fire Station #3) – PW

Presented by Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer and Justin Swinford, Assistant City Engineer. The Resolution allows the City to dedicate additional street right-of-way from the City's property at 1407 North Lincoln Avenue to the public for sidewalk and street usage. Justin Swinford stated the dedication is to create consistency within right-of-way lines in northern Lincoln Avenue. Stated this was likely not done before as there was no need due to the previous fire station, but clarification will be required after the demolition as a grocery store is intended for that lot. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

- e. **Resolution No. 2026-03-010R:** A Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code (State Motor Fuel Tax for Windsor Road from Philo to High Cross) – PW

Presented by Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer and Justin Swinford, Assistant City Engineer. The Resolution appropriates \$8,000 of State Motor Fuel Tax (State MFT) funds for Phase I Preliminary Engineering for Windsor Road (Philo to High Cross), Section 00-00361-00ES to reconcile a newly audited deficit of State MFT appropriations for engineering services received in 2007 for the construction project completed in 2011. Justin Swinford stated the Resolution is for retroactive spending of State MFT funds that were found through auditing. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

## 7. Council Input and Communications

*Mayor Williams* congratulated Officer Chloe Fowkes and the Urbana Police Department for raising over \$4,000 for the 2026 Special Olympics Polar Plunge event and being one of the top organizations in the region. *CM Evans* shared that at the February 21, Teach-In for Reparations and Black Liberation at the Independent Media Center, it was said that reparations must be a system of repair that centers Black voices and provides long-term support that includes an actual sharing of power. Stated Black-led organizations and infrastructures should be funded with the aim of long-term sustainability rather than short-term survival. Stated material repair is required in housing, land, education, wealth, and stability. Stated healing repair is required in mental health access, trauma recovery, wellness, and restoration. Shared that at the February 25, Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence and Teen Dating Violence hosted by Courage Connection, the panel stated teen violence can become adult violence through the pressures placed by domestic violence. Stated funding toward evacuation requires additional funding for sustainability. Stated an increase in policing does not result in a decrease in violence. Called for more investment into community spaces rather than policing. Asked if the City can take vacant properties in the south Philo Road area from landlords from outside of the State of Illinois to rehabilitate them into rapid-rehousing units. *CM Quisenberry* thanked those who attended the Ward 7 Listening Session and encouraged more residents to attend the upcoming listening sessions across Urbana.

## 8. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 3/23/26**

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**PUBLIC IMPUT-Committee of the Whole 3/2/2026**

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I'm writing in opposition to proposed Ordinance No. 2026-03-007. The Traffic Commission on 12/2/2025 approved a motion to remove on street parking on the East side of Vine St. between George Huff and Pell Circle for continuity with existing parking regulations. The request for this traffic concern was submitted by a member of the public, Mr. James Quisenberry, per Traffic Commission By-Laws.

The original request sought to eliminate on street parking on the East side of Vine St. between George Huff and Holmes(for continuity) and both sides on the curve between Holmes and Pell Circle(for line of sight). Mr. Quisenberry's request noted Vine St. narrows 200 feet north of Holmes from 40ft. to 30 ft.-which appears to be standard width for much of Urbana's residential streets.

Eliminating parking on the West side of Vine from Holmes to Pell Circle seems like common sense. Eliminating parking on the East side of Vine Street between G.Huff and Holmes does not!

Examples of Line of sight curves in Ward 4:

- 1)Curve on Mumford/Mills/Zuppke This curve has a Curve sign with additional traffic arrows and a Speed Limit reduction to 25mph. Parking is allowed on both sides of a 30ft. wide street.
- 2) Curve on Scovill/Lynn/Cottage Grove This curve has no signage thus a 30mph speed limit. Parking is allowed on both sides of the 30 ft. wide street.

In an email exchange, with Mr Quisenberry, he mentioned Schedule J of the City Traffic Code. He thought Schedule J was corrupted because Vine St. parking prohibiting both side parking between Florida and G. Huff was missing. In reviewing Schedule J I found on page 9 Ordinance No.7677-95. It prohibits parking on the West side of Vine St. from G.Huff to Holmes! This Ordinance allows parking on the East side of Vine St. and was passed 49 years ago! The proposed Ordinance No.2026-03-007 contains language in Section 2 repealing Ordinance. No.7677-95. Ordinance No.7677-95 is not provided in your meeting packet or referred to in any communication involving this case.

Upon reviewing the Unapproved Minutes from the Traffic Commissions 12/2/2025 meeting and additional information I've formed the following questions/conclusions:

- A) In Traffic Commission By-Laws, Section V., B, Notifications of persons and organizations known to have special interest in matters at the discretion of the Recording Secretary.

Notification of meeting was not provided.

B) Mr. Quisenberry was not present at the 12/2/2025 Traffic Commission meeting.

C) Section II., B., (i) states sufficient technical data and information for the Urbana Traffic Commission to consider the item or matter. Sight Distance Analysis was created on 2/20/26. I'm not sure what technical data was presented at the 12/2/2025 meeting.

Based on the following timeline I'm not sure Ordinance No. 2026-03-007 is legal:

1) 12/2/25 Traffic Commission "moves to approve the installation of "no parking signs" on both sides of Vine St.-East side from G.Huff south to Pell Circle and West side from Holmes St. to Pell Circle". Approved 2-0.

2) 1/26/26 J. Zeman to Z.Mikalik Email "Basically, I proposed that we add no parking on the east of Vine St. from G. Huff to Holmes and BOTH sides of Vine St. from Holmes to Pell Circle." 1/28/2026 Z.Mikalik email he agrees "nothing changes original recommendation".

3) 1/28/2026 We received letter stating No Parking signs will go up. 2/18-Orange No Parking signs installed on East side of Vine and both sides of Vine between Holmes and Pell Circle. 2/19 East side Vine St. orange signs replaced with white No Parking Anytime signs but orange sign on West side of Vine between Holmes and Pell Circle was overlooked and still there! 2/20 I called J.Zeman. The first thing I told him his sign man missed orange sign on West side of Vine between Holmes and Pell Circle. This was a Friday. 2/23 Public works replaced orange sign with a yellow /black arrow sign.

Somewhere, between, 2/20/2026 and 2/27/25(when Meeting of the Whole packet was released) The original motion of the Traffic Commission passed on 12/2/2025 and confirmed in 1/26 and 1/28 emails something CHANGED allowing parking on the West side of Vine St. between Holmes and Pell Circle as reflected in Ordinance No.2026-03-007.

Parking on the East side of Vine St. between G. Huff and Holmes is not a Safety issue. There have been no accidents or parking complaints on this stretch of Vine St. to my knowledge. There are examples of curved 30 ft. streets that have parking on both sides of streets thru the curves in Ward 4. There is an easier way to correct Schedule J concerning parking between Florida and G. Huff. I have serious questions about Commission procedures in developing Ordinance No. 2026-03-007. Please reject it!

Thanks for your time,

Charles Warmbrunn

