
DATE: Monday, September 19, 2022
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:00pm.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis D. 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: Carol Mitten, Bourema Ouedraogo, Dave Wesner, Elizabeth Hannan, Tim Cowan, Sheila Dodd, Bridget Broihahn, Mike Phillips, Kat Trotter

OTHERS PRESENT: J.D. McLanahan and Ashlee McLaughlin, CCRPC; Dennis Roberts, Urbana Sister Cities Committees;

Chair: *Jaya Kolisetty, Ward 4*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Kolisetty called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

08-01-2022 Public Hearing Minutes
08-15-2022 Minutes (Chair CM Wilken)
09-06-2022 Minutes

Motion to approve as corrected (Chair on 8/15 minutes) by CM Wu and seconded by CM Bishop.
Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

3. Additions to the Agenda

Chair Kolisetty announced that item F1 under unfinished business will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

4. Public Input and Presentations

a. Visitors from Thionville, France—the Illinois Sister Cities Association's 2022 "Champion of Youth" Awardees - CMs Bishop & Wu

CM Bishop introduced former alderman and current chair of the Urbana Sister Cities Committee Dennis Roberts along with the visitors from France. Roberts announced the City of Urbana has been recognized with the "Champion of Youth" award for their school program. Roberts presented a copy of the award to the representatives from Thionville, France Marian and her family. Roberts then presented

an award to Mayor Marlin. Linda Lopez the teacher from Uni High shared how this experience has been for her and her students.

Marian shared a PowerPoint Presentation made by her students sharing what they learned and worked on in the last year.

b. Public Input

Julie Watkins encouraged the City to consider allocating ARPA funds for Dr. Ellis Subdivision infrastructure improvements. Shared that parking being included in rent can reduce neighborhood congestion. *Scott Dossett* thanked the City and CM Evans for all the work they do. Provided a reminder about Champaign Urbana Folk and Roots Music Festival coming up on October 20.

5. Staff Report

Florida Avenue Corridor Study Findings and Final Recommendations - PW & CCRPC

Presented by Tim Cowan the Public Works Director with Ashlee McLaughlin and J.D. McLanhan from Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. Cowan talked about the origins of the Florida Avenue Corridor Study project and the goals. McLaughlin and McLanahan shared recommendations to improve transportation and safety for motorists and pedestrians on Florida Avenue. Full recommendations and information can be found here (https://ccrpc.gitlab.io/florida-ave/implementation/implementation_plan/) Key points included the construction of a shared-use path on the south side of Florida Avenue, street lighting upgrade, improving sidewalks and crosswalks, adding a parking lane on the north side of Florida, and also adding a bus stop cutout. Questions and discussion ensued.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Ordinance No. 2022-09-036:** An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Parking at 1009 Stoughton Street / Case No. ZBA-2022-MAJ-04) - CD

**Item has been pulled from this agenda and will reappear at a future committee meeting, see additions to agenda.*

7. New Business

- a. Ordinance No. 2022-09-037:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #2 - Omnibus) - HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan the Human Resources and Finance Director and Tim Cowan the Public Works Director. Item amends the budget to allocate additional funds for a public works street lighting project and also a reallocation of left over state motor fuel funds to another project.

Motion to approve to regular agenda by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Quisenberry.
Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

- b. Ordinance No. 2022-09-038:** An Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 5, Building, Fire, and Flood Safety Codes - Fire

Presented by Mike Phillips of the Fire Department. Item authorizes the utilization of third party vendor Brycer LLC to conduct annual inspections and create inspection reports for fire safety equipment.

Motion to approve to regular agenda with addition of sunset language to align with contract term added to the contract by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Quisenberry. Further discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

- c. Ordinance No. 2022-09-039:** An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (1414 West Anthony Drive / Champaign Asphalt Company, LLC) - CD

Presented by Kat Trotter from the Planning Division. Item would authorize annexation of Champaign Asphalt. Applicant is petitioning to annex so that they may be able to construct an office with an additional USD sewer connection. \$5,432 will be added in property taxes for the City of Urbana revenue. Questions and discussion ensued. Applicant Andrew Harrington attorney representing Champaign Asphalt shared support for this item.

Motion to approve to consent by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

- d. Resolution No. 2022-09-071R:** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois Concerning Certified Housing Inspections (Term of 2022 to 2023) - CD

Presented by Sheila Dodd the Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item requests approval of a contract with University of Illinois for a one year agreement to complete housing inspections. CM Quisenberry and CM Wilken will be abstaining from this vote because of their employment with the University of IL. CM Wu shared she also is employed there but will not be abstaining. Discussion and questions ensued.

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

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Wilken, Quisenberry (conflict of interest)

- e. Resolution No. 2022-09-072R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an Illinois Arts Council Agency(IACA) Grant for Public Arts Program Operating Support (FY 2023 Urbana Arts and Culture Program) - CD

Presented by Sheila Dodd the Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item authorizes acceptance of program support grant. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to consent agenda by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Wu

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- f. Resolution No. 2022-09-073R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a DCEO Generate Energy Savings Program Grant (Matthews Avenue Street Lighting Project) - CD

Presented by Sheila Dodd the Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item accepts the grant to reimburse the City for the Matthews Avenue Street Lighting Project.

Motion to approve to consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Bishop.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- g. Resolution No. 2022-09-074R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a DCEO Grant (Community Development, Violence Prevention, and Administrative Costs) - CD

Presented by Sheila Dodd the Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item authorizes acceptance of \$2 million grant for violence prevention, \$1.5 million for Capital Improvement Plan projects, \$240,000 for affordable housing, \$200,000 for violence prevention, and \$50,000 for admin costs. Contracts with allocation specifics for each category will come before council later for final approval. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to consent agenda by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: CM Kolisetty for employment

9. Council Input and Communications

CM Bishop shared an email from a resident about Urbana School District's decision to relocate the dual language program to one building. On October 6, 2022 there will be a community round table meeting regarding this topic. *CM Kolisetty* shared that she had the honor to represent the Mayor during welcome week to receive awards on behalf of the City and thanked the community for being welcoming. *Mayor Marlin* shared the passing of Nick Holonyak Jr. a longtime Urbana resident and inventor of the LED.

16. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Kolisetty adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 10-03-2022