
DATE: Monday, October 3, 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, October 3, 2022, at 7:00pm.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Maryalice Wu;

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Mitten, Bourema Ouedraogo, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Elizabeth Hannan, Andrea Ruedi, Stephanie McMahon, Alyana Robinson, Sheila Dodd, Brearden Belcher, Darius White, Kyle Hensch

OTHERS PRESENT: Carly McKay, Champaign County Economic Development Corp.; Jane DeLuce, Visit Champaign County; Will Kyles, Black Chamber of Commerce;

Chair: *Chaundra Bishop, Ward 5*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

09-19-2022 Minutes

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

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Public Input and Presentations

a. Public Input

Pastor Angel Johnson expressed concern about maintenance of the Lierman garden and the City item to consider placing housing on that corner. Shared the importance of community gardens. *Anonymous* expressed concerns about community safety. *Allan Max Axelrod* shared concerns about the Lierman garden. *Becky Hess* expressed concerns about the redevelopment of the Lierman garden property.

5. Staff Report

Mayor Marlin shared that Scott Tess met with the municipal electric aggregate agreement participants and the contract has been signed.

6. New Business

- a. **Resolution No. 2022-10-075R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) - Fire

Presented by Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Hensch. Item authorizes the acceptance of an AFG FEMA grant to provide training funds for up to 10 firefighters in the amount of \$9,819. Training covered would be basic fire academy, vehicle operation, and basic EMT. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-10-040:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #3 - Omnibus) - HRF

Presented by Alyana Robinson of the Finance Department. Item amends the annual budget to rebudget a number of purchases and projects that were not completed in FY 2022 and will be completed in FY 2023. The new estimated ending fund balance in the General Operating Fund would be \$12,822,377, which is 32.99% of recurring expenditures. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to regular agenda by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry, Mayor Marlin

NAY: None

- c. **Resolution No. 2022-10-076R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement with Champaign County Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2022-23 – CD

Presented by Darius White the Economic Development Coordinator and Carly McKay the executive director of the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Item renews contract with EDC for economic development services. McKay shared a PowerPoint presentation. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to regular agenda by CM Wilken and seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Voice vote:

AYE: Evnas, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

- d. **Resolution No. 2022-10-077R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Community Partnership Agreement with Visit Champaign County for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – CD

Presented by Darius White the Economic Development Coordinator and Jane DeLuce from Visit Champaign County (VCC). Item renews contract with VCC for economic development and tourism revenue generation. DeLuce shared a PowerPoint presentation
Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to consent agenda by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- e. **Resolution No. 2022-10-078R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement with Champaign County Black Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2022-23) - CD

Presented by Darius White the Economic Development Coordinator and William Kyles the president of the Champaign County Black Chamber of Commerce. Item authorizes the signing of an agreement with the Champaign County Black Chamber of Commerce to support Black Owned businesses. Kyles shared a PowerPoint presentation.
Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to amend agreement to increase total dollar amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 by CM Wilken and seconded by CM Evans. Questions and discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Evans, Wilken

NAY: Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Quisenberry

Motion to approve as written to regular agenda by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Wilken

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- f. **Resolution No. 2022-10-079R:** A Resolution Amending the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2024 and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 – CD

Presented by Breaden Belcher of the Grants Division. Item amends the HOME consortium plan and annual action plan to include additional grant allocation categories. Question and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to regular agenda by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- g. Resolution No. 2022-10-080R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of Champaign County for the Provision of Environmental Review Services - CD

Presented by Sheila Dodd Community Development Director. Item enters a three year agreement to continue to provide the Housing Authority with Environmental Review Services. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to Consent by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Kolisetty

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- h. Resolution No. 2022-10-081R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement With the Housing Authority of Champaign County Regarding Redevelopment of Lierman and Washington Ave Site - CD

Presented by Sheila Dodd Community Development Director and Lily from the Housing Authority of Champaign County.

Mayor Marlin shared information about the current status of the Lierman Avenue Garden.

Item renews agreement with Housing Authority to build and develop properties. Previous agreement expired in December of 2021 because there was no developer interest. There will be future engagement with the Community and Council should there be a successful application and interest in developing this location. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to Consent agenda by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

***Motion to extend meeting to 11 pm by CM Evans and seconded by CM Hursey.**

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

7. Discussion: Business Support for Non-traditional Businesses in Urbana - CD

Presented by Carol Mitten and Stephanie McMahon. Mitten explained current difficulties staff has faced in collecting information for the Mayor/Council Strategic Goal. McMahon shared a PowerPoint presentation detailing what information staff has been able to collect about existing non-traditional businesses within Urbana. There have been 181 home-occupancy permits for businesses since 1971 and there currently is no renewal requirement for these permits so there is no current estimate for how many remain active. McMahon explained permitting requirements for various types of small businesses including food trucks and daycare facilities. She then reviewed what services are currently offered to support businesses. Staff directed questions to Council about what needs are not currently being met and if there are any identified gaps in support for small businesses that the City should pursue. Discussion ensued.

8. Council Input and Communications

CM Bishop read flyer about upcoming event hosted by Courage Connection called Peace Jam. *CM Evans* Urbana Park District will be hosting the Fresh Hangout Zone at the Phillips Recreation Center on October 7th. *Mayor Marlin* thanked staff, community members, and residents who made the PRIDE parade so wonderful. Provided clarity on why the Labor Day Parade was not held in Urbana this year. *CM Hursey* CU One to One mentoring will be hosting an information session at the City on October 7th, and GFL a new trash hauler is hiring.

9. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Bishop adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 11-07-2022