
DATE: Monday, November 24, 2025
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, November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans*, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry
***CM PRESENT REMOTELY**

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Chaundra Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Elizabeth Hannan, Olivia Jovine, Troy Roberts, Steven Doggett, Tal Prendergast, Don Ho, Matt Roeschley, Seok Hyun Cho

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Williams called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Fire Department Promotions

Steven Doggett, Deputy Fire Chief presented the promotion of Troy Roberts to the position of Battalion Chief.

Introduced Troy Roberts, Battalion Chief and spoke on his career with the Urbana Fire Department, beginning in 1998, and the advancements he made during his career. Troy Roberts was pinned by his son, Dalton Roberts and was accompanied by his mother, Kay Roberts and his wife, Nikki Roberts after being sworn in by Mayor Williams.

b. Public Input

None.

5. Council Input and Communications

CM Wilken congratulated Troy Roberts on the promotion. Stated the discussion on the Surveillance Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2024-12-042) was requested by Council to appear in next week's meeting.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

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

1. Consent Agenda

None.

2. Regular Agenda

- a. Ordinance No. 2025-11-031:** An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Solar Farm at 1210 East University Avenue (Plan Case No. 2513-SU-25) – CD

The Ordinance approves a Special Use Permit for TotalEnergies to allow the installation, operation, and maintenance of a solar energy system up to 25 acres in size, on the closed City landfill at 901 North Smith Road, which extends westward to the proposed site generally located at 1210 East University Avenue.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

- b. Ordinance No. 2025-11-032:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #3A – Omnibus) – HRF

The Ordinance amends the FY2026 Annual Budget to include adjustments regarding various grants, rebudgets of prior-year funds, office remodeling expenses, updates to several Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects, and an adjustment to the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund (VERF).

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2025-11-034:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #3B – FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant) – HRF

The Ordinance amends the FY2026 Annual Budget to include adjustments associated with the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to enable the use of the grant funds.

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

- i. Motion to send to Committee of the Whole, returning December 1, 2025 by CM Quisenberry, seconded by CM Wu.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Quisenberry

NAY: Wilken

- d. **Ordinance No. 2025-11-033:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #4 – TIF 4 Ending) – HRF

Questions on the Ordinance were answered by Elizabeth Hannan, HR & Finance Director / CFO. The Ordinance approves Budget Amendment #4 which amends the FY2026 Annual Budget to make necessary adjustments in preparation for the closure for Tax Increment Finance District 4 (TIF 4): encumbering funds for infrastructure investments along Cunningham Avenue; encumbering funds for the purchase of property along Cunningham Avenue; and transferring the remaining funds from TIF 4 to the Central Tax Increment Finance District (Central TIF). Questions and discussion followed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

8. Reports of Special Committees

On behalf of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), CM Wu reported CCRPC has received \$380,000 in funding to study vulnerabilities in regional infrastructure regarding climate; the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) were fully funded based on the actions of Congress; and funding for homeless services is being changed with the potential for a large decrease in funding.

9. Reports of Officers

None.

10. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:11p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 1/5/26