
DATE: Monday, February 02, 2026
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, February 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 Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Shirese Hursey, CM Chaundra Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Zachery Mikalik, Elizabeth Hannan, Vince Gustafson, Seok Hyun Cho, Larry Boone, Tal Prendergast, Steven Doggett, Olivia Jovine, Darius White, Matt Roeschley

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 Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. 01-20-2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Williams requested a Closed Session regarding Pending Litigation and Personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/(c)(11) and (1) to be added to the agenda after Reports of Officers.

Motion to add a Closed Session regarding Pending Litigation and Personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/(c)(11) and (1) to follow after Reports of Officers by CM Wu, seconded by CM Wilken.

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Input

Lilah Leopold thanked Council and the City for the work on the development of Ordinance No. 2024-12-042 regarding the regulation of surveillance technologies used by the City. Stated the Ordinance provides a method for the community to help design how these external technologies can be best utilized in service of the community. **Ben Joselyn** spoke in support of providing residents control over the technologies that surveil the community. Drew attention to the ongoing actions of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) across the nation and in the City of Minneapolis. Shared how a family member was abducted by ICE and released after providing a photo of their passport, preventing their detention. Noted the loss of community control over public safety through militarization has led to the current conditions of ICE and the loss of safety across the country. Stated the shortage of municipal resources caused through the federal divestment of programs that support the daily needs of residents calls for a community-oriented solution through investing into the community and bringing public safety more into the control of the community.

5. Council Input and Communications

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for engaging with and supporting the KidzBiz program and thanked the youth for participating as vendors. Noted there are no direct City funds going toward KidzBiz as the Lincoln Square Mall and Busey Bank provide the spaces and resources. Additionally stated an estimate of three to four hours of staff time are used toward processing applications for KidzBiz within a quarter. Encouraged residents to attend a KidzBiz event to learn more about the program. Congratulated the graduating class of the Financial Literacy program with a record high graduation rate of 25% across municipalities that have administered the program in partnership with the African American Mayors Association. Shared interviews for an interim Ward 4 Council Member have been scheduled with the five of seven applicants that met the eligibility criteria. **CM Wilken** thanked the public for their continued engagement and input. Acknowledged the need for change to the systems that residents are displeased with across the country and also acknowledged the encouragement felt from ongoing public demonstrations. **CM Wu** thanked the staff of the Public Works department for their work in addressing recent snowfall. **CM Quisenberry** announced the City may be holding town hall listening sessions across Wards around the end of February with further information to come once meeting details are set.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

7. Committee of the Whole (Council Member Christopher Evans, Ward 2)

1. Consent Agenda

- a. **Resolution No. 2026-01-003R:** A Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code (State Motor Fuel Tax for Florida Avenue from Wright Street to Hillcrest Street) – PW

The Resolution appropriates \$1,250,000 of supplemental State Motor Fuel Tax (State MFT) funds for the Florida Avenue (Wright Street to Hillcrest Street) project to cover Phase II of preliminary engineering and land acquisitions services.

- b. Resolution No. 2026-01-004R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of Champaign County for the Provision of Environmental Review Services – CD

The Resolution authorizes the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) to allow City staff to perform environmental review services on behalf of the HACC and for the City to receive reimbursement for the services.

- c. Resolution No. 2026-01-005R:** A Resolution Approving an Amendment to Extend a Redevelopment Agreement Project Completion Date (Race Street Ventures, LLC) – 118-120 South Race Street) – CD

The Resolution extends completion date for the Redevelopment Agreement with Race Street Ventures, LLC from March 31, 2026 to October 31, 2026.

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

2. Regular Agenda

- a. Ordinance No. 2026-01-002:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #6 – Omnibus) – HRF

The Ordinance amends the budget to include adjustments regarding the acceptance of the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) Grant and several updates to Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

8. Reports of Special Committees

None.

9. Reports of Officers

- a. Surveillance Ordinance – PD**

Presented by Zachery Mikalik, Deputy Chief of Police. Thanked the staff of the Urbana Police Department (UPD) for their analysis and Council for their work on developing the Ordinance and being open to collaborating with the UPD. Stated the purpose of the presentation is to provide feedback on material operational considerations for definitions, workload, and long-term sustainability.

Stated the definitions for surveillance in the Ordinance need to be more refined to better distinguish between technologies that automatically collect information and technologies that analyze information using existing databases. Shared investigative analysis uses established law-enforcement databases, adheres to existing regulations, and uses tools designed to comply with those regulations. Emphasized misuse of technologies is already a criminal offense and officers in violation are held accountable to existing policies.

Stated a distinction is necessary between accessing public information (public websites, search engines, and public social media) during investigations and systematic monitoring (automated monitoring, data collection, targeted monitoring) to allow for investigations to not be impeded. Noted systematic monitoring is used during investigations in rare circumstances. Stated the current definitions may conflict with court-authorized investigative activity and oversight already exists for those investigative activities conducted by judicial warrants.

Emphasized the need for more development on the definition of surveillance and distinguishing it from investigation. Proposed new definitions for “surveillance” and “surveillance technology” that align with how surveillance is understood nationally, by civil liberty groups, and preserve the goals of accountability and transparency.

Stated the Ordinance’s definition for “exigent circumstances” is well suited for disasters and emergencies but does not adequately address small scale incidents where time is critical and lives are in danger. Proposed a narrow definition based on established case law and the definition used by the Village of Oak Park in their surveillance oversight policy. Shared the new definition provides the Chief of Police authority to determine an exigent circumstance based on immediate risk and does not authorize ongoing use of the technology after the incident is resolved.

Shared estimates of the Ordinance’s impact on operational costs within the UPD. Noted external estimations on cost and time spent are unavailable as the few agencies under similar Ordinances are still in the process of implementation. Stated the estimates provided are for two identified phases where the first phase is the Ordinance being implemented and the second phase is when the work is centered around meeting ongoing obligations. Noted additional staff will be required to handle the administrative workload without reducing the quality of work done. Questions and discussion followed.

10. Closed Session per ILCS 120/2(c)(1) & (11) – Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Specific Employees of the City & Pending Litigation

Motion to enter Closed Session by CM Kolisetty, seconded by CM Wilken.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

Entered closed session at 7:58p.m.

Motion to return to open session by CM Wilken, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

Returned to open session at 9:46p.m.

11. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:46p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 2/16/26