
DATE: Monday, December 11, 2023
TIME: 7:18 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:18 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Chaundra Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Carla Boyd, Demond Dade, Elizabeth Hannan, Carol Mitten, Alyana Robinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Shalini Smith, Vice Chair Humans Relations Commission

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:18p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Input

Adam Nichols thanked City Council for postponing budget decision in 12-04-23 meeting. Also wished to correct the statement provided last week regarding the police budget going up by acknowledging the correct figure from the City website. Expressed a desire for greater context in crime rate statistics cited in presentation from 12-04-23 regarding Ordinance No. 2023-12-046: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #5 - Police Staffing) – HRF.

b. Financial Forecast for FY 2025 – FY 2029 - Elizabeth Hannan & Alyana Robinson

Presented by **Elizabeth Hannan** and **Alyana Robinson**. Annual exercise conducted by City of Urbana in accordance to City of Urbana financial policies. Presented 6 weeks earlier than usual to try shifting the budget schedule forward for 2024. Focused on General Operating Fund, evaluating financial condition, and making high level decisions on budget process.

Alyana Robinson covered current recurring revenue and expense projections, provided background on fiscal health, and potential revenue growth from 2024 Special Census and Capital Improvement Plan Fund. Long-term projections anticipate the City of Urbana requiring revenue increases. **Elizabeth Hannan** provided recommended strategies for economic development and spoke on citywide needs identified by the Finance department and City Council. Questions and discussion ensued.

c. Human Rights Commission (Per Urbana City Code Section 12-22 (g)) - Shalini Smith & Carla Boyd

Presented by **Shalini Smith** and **Carla Boyd**. Review of complaints of discrimination against City of Urbana Staff. After review of Urbana City Code 12-22 (g) and protected classes, the findings of investigations into 4 complaints of alleged discrimination were shared. The employees of the City of Urbana were found to not have discriminated against an individual or categorized group. The complaints were submitted to the Office of Human Rights and Equity between February and July of 2022. Further questions ensued.

5. Council Input and Communications

CM Kolisetty thanked the public for their input and the Finance department for providing the financial forecasts to consider when making informed decisions regarding future budgets.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. Committee of the Whole (Council Member Chaundra Bishop – Ward 5)

Consent Agenda

a. Ordinance No. 2023-12-045: An Ordinance Regarding the Paid Leave for All Workers Act - HRF

b. Resolution 2023-12-095R: A Resolution Adopting Guidelines for Redistricting City Council Ward Map - Exec

Presented by CM Wu.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Regular Agenda

None.

9. Reports of Special Committees

None.

10. Reports of Officers

Carol Mitten reminded public of the BIPOC artists meetup and kick-off of the CU BIPOC Artists Collective from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Gallery Art Bar at 119 West Main St. Also noted that due to the holiday, there will be no council meeting on 12-25-23 or 01-01-24. Instead, there will be a special council meeting on 01-02-24 followed by a Committee of the Whole on the same day. Urbana City offices will be closed 12-25-23, 12-26-23, and 01-01-24. **CM Wilken** requested clarification on meeting days to confirm that the Council will be meeting on 12-18-23 and 01-02-24, but will not be meeting on 12-25-23 and 01-01-24. **Mayor Marlin**, at request, reminds Councilmembers to respond to a doodle poll that was sent out on the afternoon of 12-11-2023 to set the date for the next Council goals setting session.

11. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 2023-12-047: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024 - HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan, Human Resources and Finance Director. Clarified change regarding final ordinance relating to the library. Corrected a calculation issue so the levy will increase by \$94,000, but the portion going to the general fund is decreased by \$94,000 so that the current tax rank will be maintained when the levy is extended. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by Roll Call:

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

NAY: None

b. Ordinance No. 2023-12-048: An Ordinance Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate a Portion of the 2023 Tax Levy Related to General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 - HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan, Human Resources and Finance Director. Reasoning for abatement was due to already having the money to pay for the bonds.

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

Vote by Roll Call:

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

NAY: None

c. Ordinance No. 2023-12-049: An Ordinance Directing the Champaign County Clerk to Abate the Tax Levy for the General Corporate Fund for the Tax Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024 - HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan, Human Resources and Finance Director. Item informs County Clerk that the City of Urbana wishes to maintain the current tax rate and authorizes the Finance department to work with the clerk when calculations are made in the Spring of 2024.

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

Vote by Roll Call:

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

NAY: None

13. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 03-04-2024