
DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023
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, January 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry*

*Denotes present via phone

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis Clark, City Clerk;

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Elizabeth Hannan, Andrea Ruedi, Mike Phillips, Alyana Robinson, Tim Cowan, Kyle Hensch, Demond Dade, John Zeman, Carmen Franks, William Kolschowsky

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Bannon, Executive Director Willard Airport;

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a. 12-13-2022

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

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Input

Christopher Stohr and Jilmala Rogers read a joint statement into the record, see attached.

b. UFD Promotions

Chief Dade explained the process for promotion within the Fire Department and began recognizing promotions within the Fire Department. Tonight there are four members being recognized for their promotions. The following firefighters were promoted: Captain Trent

Short, Lieutenant Michael Phillips, Lieutenant Blake Kuhns, and Firefighter Cody Fetzner. Mayor Marlin swore each Firefighter in and congratulated them on their promotion

c. Willard Airport Update – Tim Bannon, Executive Director

Presented by Tim Bannon the Executive Director of Willard Airport. Bannon shared information about upcoming renovations to improve Willard Airport and plans for boosting revenues. Bannon explained how the airport has fared during COVID and discussed the challenges of competing with larger airports. Questions and discussion ensued.

d. Financial Forecast – HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan the Human Resources and Finance Director and Alyana Robinson the Financial Analyst. Hannan explained the purpose of the forecast is to inform budgeting and decision making based on likely scenarios and predictions. Hannan reviewed the factors impacting the forecast such as inflation and provided a summary of where the City's finances are today. Robinson explained the indicators of fiscal health and the steps the City has already taken to sustain financial health. Hannan explained the retained risk projection and measures. Robinson reviewed the projected recurring revenues and expeditors through FY 28. Hannan shared recommendations and strategies to preserve the City's financial health. Questions and discussion ensued.

e. Capital Improvement Plan, FY 23 Mid-Year Update – PW

Presented by John Zeman the City Engineer and Carmen Franks the Assistant City Engineer. Zeman introduced the engineering staff and Capital Improvements team. Zeman then shared an update on progress towards completing projects allocated for in the FY 23 CIP. Questions and discussion ensued. Franks reviewed the current fund balances for each project that is ongoing. Further questions and discussion ensued.

5. Council Input and Communications

CM Wilken shared congratulations to the Fire Department staff who were promoted, thanked all presenters for this evening, the public for their input, and the CPRB for their conversations at the previous meeting. *Mayor Marlin* reminded the Council to schedule an appointment with PW.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

9. Committee of the Whole (Council Member Maryalice Wu, Ward 1)

A. Consent Agenda

- 1. Resolution No. 2023-01-001: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office – Bridge to Home – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022 - CD**

2. **Resolution No. 2023-01-002: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – Champaign County Health Care Consumers – Special Populations Case Management Program - HOME ARP FY 2021/2022 - CD**
3. **Resolution No. 2023-01-003: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022- CD**
4. **Resolution No. 2023-01-004: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – C-U at Home – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022 - CD**
5. **Resolution No. 2023-01-005: A Resolution Not to Protest a Proposed Text Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance - CD**
6. **Ordinance No. 2023-01-002: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Zoning Map (R-3 to B-3 at 1009 Cunningham Avenue / Plan Case No. 2466-M-22) - CD**
7. **Ordinance No. 2023-01-003: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (Solar Farm at 1210 E. University Avenue / Plan Case 2464-SU-22) - CD**

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

B. Regular Agenda

None.

10. Reports of Special Committees

None.

11. Reports of Officers

None.

12. New Business

None.

13. Discussion

a. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Continuing Discussion

William Kolschowsky the management analyst shared that in the draft allocation that the Council had moved towards earmarking \$10 million. Mayor Marlin provided a summary of the process up to this point. Council asked clarifying questions about the graphics staff prepared to summarize their independent draft allocations. Council proceeded to have straw polls on the following projects:

Urbana School District Alternative Education program was considered for the median allocation amount and received 8 thumbs up.

Urbana Park District Health and Wellness Center program was considered for the median allocation amount and received 8 thumbs up.

The City of Urbana Sanitary Sewer Lateral Lining Pilot Program was considered for the median allocation amount and received 6 thumbs up and 2 thumbs down.

The Urbana Free Library Community Connections Youth Programming was considered for \$173,596 or for two years and received 8 thumbs up.

The Cunningham Township Supervisors Office Bridge to Home program was considered for the median allocation and received 7 thumbs up and 1 thumb down.

The Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center project Operation UNCC Boost was considered for the median amount and received 8 thumbs up.

Eastern IL Food Banks application for Electric Cargo Vans and Charging was considered for 1 vehicle and 1 charger and received 8 thumbs up.

Champaign County Health Care Consumers Special Populations support program was considered for 1 FTE for 1 year and the other 2 FTE for 2 years and received 8 thumbs up.

The Champaign County Economic Development Corp was considered for \$250k and received 8 thumbs up.

The Housing Authority YouthBuild program was considered for the median amount and received 8 thumbs up.

The University YMCA COVID-19 Recovery program was considered for \$450k and received 8 thumbs up.

The City of Urbana Student, Family, Community Engagement Sponsorship program was considered for \$143k or funding for 2 years and received 7 thumbs up and 1 thumb down.

The Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant Handmade Harvest program was considered for \$10k and received 7 thumbs up and 1 thumbs down.

The Common Ground Food Coop Food for All program was considered for \$10k and received 8 thumbs up.

The Housing Authority application for Steer Place Renovations was considered for the median amount and received 8 thumbs up.

The Champaign County Environmental Stewards application for the Household Hazardous Waste facility was considered for the median allocation and received 7 thumbs up and 1 thumb down.

The Well Experience application for the Well Family Care Program was considered for \$160k and received 8 thumbs up.

Council agreed to resume at the next meeting and review the applications that received at least 6 votes of support for funding in the previous survey.

14. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 03-27-2023

January 23, 2023 DRAFT 1:55 PM

RE: ARPA funds for Urbana Park District Health & Wellness Center >> UCC

Jilmala reads

Honorable Urbana City Council Members, Mayor and staff:

We come today in support of the Urbana Park District Health & Wellness Center for the East Washington-Rainbow View-Prairie Green-Lierman neighborhoods. We hope that you will allocate ARPA grant to fully fund the request for a comprehensive Health & Wellness Center that will provide needed

- Recreation center – the future of the Brookens Center gymnasium is uncertain now that many county offices are moving to County Plaza;
- Community meeting rooms - space for programs comparable to those available in the neighboring city
 - programs help youth to succeed in preparing for life,
 - programs to serve adults and families.

Chris reads

The Forest Preserve District of Champaign County will join 22 nonprofit and government organizations and the Urbana Park District to provide these programs, ~~recreation and comprehensive health and wellness~~ after a disquieting global pandemic that has adversely affected everyone's well-being.

The many problems facing this neighborhood warrant full not half measures. Champaign County Board awaits the decision of the Urbana Council to determine the amount of county ARPA funds to support the Center.

Jilmala concludes

The American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] funds are a rare infusion of discretionary funds not normally available to state, county and local governments. We urge members to consider funding for the Urbana Park District request for the Health and Wellness Center along East Washington St. The Urbana Park District has raised over \$10 million [public and private] but is working to meet a \$3.5 million gap for construction.

Thank you.

Jilmala Rogers, Christopher Stohr

Champaign County Board Member District 10