
DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023
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 Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00pm.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans*, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty*, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry.

*Denotes present after roll

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin;

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Mitten, Bourema Ouedraogo, Dave Wesner, Kevin Garcia, Marcus Ricci, Scott Tess, Brearden Belcher, Carla Boyd, Will Kolschowsky

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Hall, Director of the Champaign County Planning and Zoning; Ricardo Diaz and Tony Allegretti from the Civilian Police Review Board;

Chair: *Maryalice Wu, Ward 1*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Closed Session: Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)

Motion to enter closed session by CM Quisenberry and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Entered closed session at 7:01 pm.

Motion to return from closed session by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Returned to open session at 7:58 pm

5. Public Input and Presentations

a. FOP Negotiation Background Information – HRF

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan the Human Resources and Finance Director. Shared that there is more information about the collective bargaining process on the Human Resources website. Hannan explained how the City since 2017 has negotiated contracts and provided the timeline of Council involvement in the most recent FOP contract.

b. Public Input

Dereck Bryles spoke in opposition to the Council approving the FOP contract and encouraged the council to consider the public more in this decision. *Justin Mansfield* spoke in opposition to the FOP contract. *Eldress Melinda Carr* inquired about felony convictions impact on hiring at the City or eligibility to serve on boards. *Minnie Pearson* the president of the Champaign County NACCP asked that special attention is paid to the ten shared principals. *CM Bishop read a written letter from Chris Stohr in support of ARPA funding for the Urbana Park District's application for the Health and Wellness Center. CM Hursey read a written letter from Allan Max Axelrod expressing concerns about the FOP contract and encouraged Council to vote no. CM Evans read a written statement on behalf Alex, attached. CM Evans read a written statement on behalf of Leslie Owens, attached. CM Evans read a written statement in opposition to the FOP contract by Matt Saylin. CM Evans read a written statement from Carol Inskeep asking for greater transparency and community involvement in the police contract. CM Evans read a written comment from Matthew Mirror in opposition to the FOP contract.*

6. Staff Report

Carol Mitten thanked those who attended the Fire open house last week and shared that public input on design will be accepted through January 23.

7. New Business

a. 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

Presented by Breaden Belcher the Grants Coordinator. Belcher shared information about items a-d in omnibus fashion. Items authorize the execution of agreements with Cunningham Township, C-U at Home, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers, and Champaign County Regional Plan Commission to provide services to low-income and homeless residents. Belcher reviewed grant amounts and shared what programs the City of Champaign is providing out of their portion of the combined funds. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to move items a-d to omnibus to the consent agenda by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

- b. **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**

See above.

- c. **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**

See above.

- d. **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**

See above.

- e. **Resolution No. 2023-01-005: A Resolution Not to Protest a Proposed Text Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance – CD**

Presented by Marcus Ricci the planner and Mr. Hall the director of the Champaign County Planning and Zoning. Item gives the City of Urbana the option to protest an amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance that would make several changes to the permissible uses and materials permitted for material management facilities. City Staff recommends not protesting this amendment. The County currently has an applicant prompting this amendment because they plan to hold glass at one of their facilities until they may transport it to another. Ricci shared a zoning map of the City and indicated what areas would be impacted with this change. This amendment would also split 3 categories of uses into 5 to better regulate current uses and also update the name of one of the previous uses. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve to consent agenda by CM Quisenberry and seconded by CM Kolisetty. Further discussion ensued.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

- f. **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**

Presented by Marcus Ricci the planner. Item amends the zoning map to change 1009 Cunningham Avenue from R-3 single and two family residential to B-3 business to allow for a catering business. Item meets the rezoning criteria and the Plan Commission voted unanimously in favor of this amendment. Ricci shared a location and zoning map.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

g. 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 Scott Tess the Sustainability Advisor and Marcus Ricci the planner. Item approves a special use permit to allow a 15 acre solar farm at 1210 E. University Avenue which is owned by the City of Urbana and is the closed landfill. A solar farm is allowed with special use permit at the site. Chad Tatey from Solar Energies is available for questions. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to approve the special use permit with the condition of being placed on the consent agenda. Ricci shared zoning and location maps. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

9. Discussion

a. Summary of Recommended Changes to the CPRB Ordinance - CM Wilken and the Civilian Police Review Board

Ricardo Diaz and Tony Allegretti from the Civilian Police Review Board. Diaz shared a PowerPoint presentation on the responsibilities of the CPRB. Diaz explained how the CPRB operates and provided information about previous meetings. Diaz talked about the public petition suggesting changes to the CPRB. Diaz explained the changes that the CPRB has already been able to implement internally, changes they have considered and will require an ordinance to enact, and a change to authorize investigative power for the board. Allegretti reviewed the specific sections of the code the board has considered changes in that would expand the role of the board and allow for investigative authority. Questions and discussion ensued.

b. American Rescue Plan Act Continuing Discussion

Presented by Will Kolschowsky the management analyst. CM Wu proposed reviewing which applications in the new grouping can be removed and begin discussing parameters for what the contracts with those they intend to fund. Kolschowsky encouraged the Council to finalize their list of applications to fund. Council agreed to drop the applications who received leaning no with a straw poll of five in favor and one opposed. Council agreed to attached draft funding and rational to the remaining applications and submit that to Kolschowsky.

10. Council Input and Communications

Not enough time at the meeting.

11. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 10.59 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 03-06-2023

Sandefur, Darcy

From: Alex [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:23 PM
To: !City Council
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT 1/17/2023

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Hi,

I am a PhD student at The University of Illinois and a resident of Champaign-Urbana, and I am concerned about the new Fraternal Order of Police union contract for 2023-2026 being brought before Urbana City Council on January 17th, 2023.

Please read my comment out loud during the council meeting on 1/17/23:

I urge all council members to vote against the hastily negotiated Fraternal Order of Police contract for 2023-2026. This contract fails to address critical issues including the use of excessive force, witness coercion, de-escalation, and civilian oversight.

Given the ongoing issues with law enforcement locally and nationally, it is unacceptable to pass a contract that fails to address the safety issues that an unchecked police force can present to our community. Equally unacceptable are the deceptive negotiation tactics used by the FOP to push this through six months early, without any transparency or respect for the democratic process.

As a concerned member of the Urbana community, I ask that you vote NO on resolution 2022-12-091R.

Sandefur, Darcy

From: Lesley Owens <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 9:53 AM
To: !City Council
Subject: Public Input 1/17/2023

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Dear City Council members,

Please read my comment out loud during the council meeting.

I urge you to vote against the hastily negotiated Fraternal Order of Police contract for 2023-2026.

The deceptive negotiation tactics used by the FOP to push their contract through six months early make it clear that this contract doesn't put public safety first. This contract puts the interests of the FOP ahead of public safety and shows blatant disregard for the democratic process.

I ask that you not only vote "no" on resolution 2022-12-091R, but also put a plan in place for changing the negotiating process with the FOP as soon as possible.

A longer negotiation period, a process for taking and implementing public comment on negotiations, and the involvement of the Civilian Police Review Board are necessary for making future FOP contracts match the needs of the Urbana public.

Sincerely,

Lesley Owens (she/they)
Urbana, Illinois Resident
[REDACTED]