
DATE: Monday, October 13, 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, October 13, 2025, at 7:34 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: 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 7:34p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

None.

5. Closed Sessions: Collective Bargaining Negotiations per ILCS 120/2(c)(2); To consider the Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Specific Employees of the City per ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and Property Acquisition per ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

Motion to enter closed session by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

Entered closed session at 7:36p.m.

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

Returned to open session at 9:38p.m.

6. Council Input and Communications

CM Kolisetty recognized Indigenous People's Day and read a modified land acknowledgement suggested from the Native American House at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Acknowledged our presence on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankeshaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations. Voiced the community has a responsibility to acknowledge the peoples of these lands, the histories of dispossession, and the forced removal that have allowed for the growth of our community for the previous 150 years. Emphasized the need for considering those who have been removed from these lands moving forward. Voiced appreciation for the City's support for events celebrating Diwali. **Mayor Williams** shared the registration for the Mayor Williams Financial Literacy program has closed with around 100 registrations representing a variety of people. Stated the kickoff event will occur on October 17th to celebrate the beginning of the program. Thanked everyone who has shared the program and thanked those who have registered. Shared a Spanish speaking course has registrations open until midnight on October 15th.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-09-025:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #2 – Omnibus) – HRF

The Ordinance rebudgets multiple equipment line items across various departments, totaling \$120,599; rebudgets \$6,990 in the Urbana Police Department (UPD) budget for uniform items; rebudgets \$13,914 in the UPD budget for periodic physical exams; and increases the Information Technology (IT) budget by \$13,455 to replace email archive hardware.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

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

1. Consent Agenda

- a. **Resolution No. 2025-10-076R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission TBRA Management FY26) – CD

The Resolution approves and authorizes a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) agreement with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) providing \$75,000 in support of its Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) case management staffing.

- b. Resolution No. 2025-10-077R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Tenant Based Rental Assistance FY26) – CD

The Resolution approves and authorizes an Urbana HOME Consortium subrecipient agreement with CCRPC providing \$300,000 to support its TBRA program.

- c. Resolution No. 2025-10-078R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Rental Assistance Between the City of Urbana and Cunningham Township Supervisor’s Office (FY26) – CD

The Resolution approves and authorizes a CDBG subrecipient agreement with Cunningham Township Supervisor’s Office (CTSO) to provide emergency rental assistance using \$58,000 in CDBG public service funds.

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

2. Regular Agenda

None.

10. Reports of Special Committees

None.

11. Reports of Officers

None.

12. Mayoral Appointments

a. *Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband (UC2B) Board*

– Thomas Webb (term ending June 30, 2028)

– Leon D. Wilson (term ending June 30, 2028)

Motion to approve by CM Wu, seconded by CM Kolisetty. Questions and discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

13. Discussion

a. Police Surveillance Technology (Ordinance No. 2024-12-042)

CM Wilken shared potential next steps based on previous discussions on the topic. Stated she would be able to take on making the language updates discussed on September 15th. Stated the City compiled an editable list of surveillance technologies and databases that may be covered under the Ordinance and has shared it with Council. Suggested the City to define what may be considered an “Emergency Situation” as per City Code and under State law, and potentially moving toward codifying the definition of an “Emergency Situation”. Stated Council should look toward defining “Surveillance Technologies and Databases” and decide which of the shared technologies and databases fit under that definition.

Council discussed the definition suggested from CM Quisenberry defining the coverage of “Surveillance Technologies and Databases” as surveillance technologies and the data they generate. Council further discussed the definitions of surveillance technologies and surveillance data.

Council discussed the creation of a section disclaiming that commonly available and utilized public websites will be used but should not require Council approval before their use. Council discussed the boundaries of surveillance and investigation. CM Evans raised a concern regarding the UPD’s ability to produce its required reports to the public and Council.

Council discussed next steps and considered the goals and priorities of the Ordinance. CM Wilken requested further information from the City regarding any existing use policies on publicly available websites and databases.

14. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:14p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 11/4/25