
DATE: Monday, August 28, 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, August 28, 2023, at 7 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, 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: Bourema Ouedraogo, Dave Wesner, Carol Mitten, Breaden Belcher, Carmen Franks, Tim Cowan

OTHERS PRESENT:

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 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

04-24-2023, 05-08-2023, and 05-15-2023 Minutes

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

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Input

Matt Riggs spoke in support of the Urbana Boulders Liquor License. Shared his own experience as a brewery owner and someone who has visited establishments like Urbana Boulders abroad that allow for the servicing of alcohol. ***Adam Nickels*** spoke in support of the Stormwater Utility Fee change and thanked the City for their public engagement. Acknowledged concerns of residents facing hiring taxes and encouraged the City to consider tax incentives like rain barrels.

5. Council Input and Communications

None.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. **Committee of the Whole (Council Member Grace Wilken – Ward 6)**

Consent Agenda

a. Ordinance No. 2023-08-028: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Front Yard Encroachment at 410 North Lincoln Avenue / ZBA-2023-MAJ-02) - CD

b. Ordinance No. 2023-08-029: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 24, Article VI (Urbana Public Television Commission) - Exec

c. Resolution No. 2023-08-078R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Geographic Information System Services - PW

Presented by CM Wilken.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Regular Agenda

a. Ordinance No. 2023-08-030: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing the number of Class A liquor licenses for Urbana Boulders, LLC, d/b/a Urbana Boulders, 1502 ½ Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, IL) - Exec

Presented by CM Wilken. Item expands the number of liquor licenses in the City of Urbana to allow Urbana Boulders to have a class A license for the sale of beer and wine. The business owner Alex was available to respond to questions. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

b. Ordinance No. 2023-08-031: An Ordinance Amending Section 24-172 of the Urbana City Code and the Schedule of Fees Pertaining to the Stormwater Utility Fee – PW

Presented by CM Wilken. Item amends the City Code Schedule of Fees to allow for an increase to the Stormwater Utility Fee to \$8/month and the implementation of a new fee assessment based on square footage of impermeable surface area per parcel. Carmen Franks the Assistant City Engineer and Tim Cowan the Public Works Director shared a PowerPoint Presentation to respond to questions from the previous meeting. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

9. **Reports of Special Committees**

None.

10. Reports of Officers

a. FY 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Presented by Breaden Belcher the Grants Manager. The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report reviews the City's adherence to HUD guidelines and assessed the progress made towards goals. Belcher reviewed the sources of funding and the total expenditures by program type. In the 2022-2023 FY the staff was able to assist 26 units through the home repair program, 7 units through the affordable housing construction program, 36 households through tenant based rental assistance, 150 households with public infrastructure improvements, and 254 individuals with other public service needs. Belcher summarized the challenges faced this year and reviewed the demographics of clients supported. Questions and discussion ensued.

11. New Business

None.

12. Discussion

None.

13. Mayoral Appointments

Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Urbana Park District Representative, Term ending 06/30/2026)

- Kennan Portis

Mayor Marlin read the biography of the new appointee and shared some background information.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

14. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 12-18-2023