CITY OF URBANA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **Monday, October 19, 2026**
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 19, 2026, at 7:02 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Verdell Jones III, CM Stephanie Cockrell

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM James Quisenberry

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Justin Swinford, Larry Boone, Zachery Mikalik, Matt Roeschley, Vince Gustafson, Seok Hyun Cho

OTHERS PRESENT: Ashley Withers, Ward 6 Applicant

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor pro-tem Wu called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

Christopher Hansen spoke on the actions and views of former President, Abraham Lincoln, regarding white supremacy, slavery, suppression of journalism, mass executions, and his legal career representing slave-owners. Stated that the Historic Preservation Commission worsens the housing affordability crisis through its regulation of historic properties and oversight of property owners. Questioned the purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission and recommended the commission focus on City-owned properties and aesthetics instead of privately owned properties. Expressed the documents on the Historic Preservation Commission and its processes are difficult to understand for any reader.

5. Council Input and Communications

None.

6. **Unfinished Business**

   a. **Ordinance No. 2026-09-026:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Article III – Officers, Chapter 2 – Administration, Section 42 – Appointment – HR

      Darius White, City Administrator was present for questions. The Ordinance revises Section 2-42 of the City Code to reflect the current list of the City's appointed officers and adds language to provide flexibility for changes in titles, job descriptions, and the creation or elimination of positions that would be appropriately classified as an appointed position. Mayor pro-tem Wu passed the chair to CM Evans. Questions and discussion followed.

      i. Motion to amend to retain the IT Manager and City Attorney titles by CM Wu, seconded by CM Hursey.

         Roll Call Vote:
         AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell
         NAY: None.

      Motion to approve, as amended, by CM Hursey, seconded by CM Cockrell.

      Roll Call Vote:
      AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell
      NAY: None.

7. **Reports of Standing Committees**

   None.

8. **Committee of the Whole** *(Council Member Stephanie Cockrell, Ward 5)*

   1. Consent Agenda

   a. **Resolution No. 2026-10-054R:** A Resolution Approving an Amendment to Extend a Redevelopment Agreement Project Completion Date (Race Street Ventures, LLC, 118-120 South Race Street) – CD

      The Resolution extends the project completion date for the Redevelopment Agreement with Race Street Ventures, LLC from October 31, 2026 to December 31, 2026 for Fernie's High Horse.

   b. **Resolution No. 2026-10-055R:** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Class R&T-1 Designation for Eighty Three Vietnamese Cuisine LLC d/b/a Eighty Three Vietnamese, 201 North Broadway Avenue, Urbana, Ill. – Exec

      The Resolution increases the number of Class R&T-1 (Restaurant and Tavern) liquor licenses to accommodate the application from Eighty Three Vietnamese Cuisine LLC for a Class R&T-1 liquor license for their establishment at 201 North Broadway Avenue in Urbana.

1. Consent Agenda **(Continued)**

c. **Resolution No. 2026-10-056R:** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Class INC Designation for SP II LLC d/b/a Soccer Planet, 2310 Willow Road, Urbana, Ill. – Exec

The Resolution increases the number of Class INC (Incubator) liquor licenses to accommodate the application from SP II LLC for a Class INC liquor license for their establishment at 2310 Willow Road in Urbana.

Motion to approve by CM Cockrell, seconded by CM Hursey.

Roll Call Vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell
NAY: None.

2. Regular Agenda

a. **Ordinance No. 2026-10-027:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Article II – Elected Officials, Chapter 2 – Administration, Section 28 – Committee – CM Evans

The Ordinance revises Section 2-28 of the City Code to explicitly state the mayor's role as a nonvoting member of the Committee of the Whole that does not count toward the quorum of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Roll Call Vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell
NAY: None.

9. Reports of Special Committees

None.

10. Reports of Officers

None.

11. Mayoral Appointments

a. *Civilian Police Review Board*

– Marcus Johnson (term ending June 30, 2029)

b. Human Rights Commission

– Patrice Lenard (term ending June 30, 2029)

Motion to approve the board and commission appointments by CM Jones, seconded by CM Hursey.

Roll Call Vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell
NAY: None.

c. Ward 6 Council Member

– Ashley Withers (term ending April 6, 2027, the date of the next consolidated election.

Motion to approve by CM Jones, seconded by CM Hursey.

Roll Call Vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Cockrell
NAY: None.

12. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor pro-tem Wu adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho
Deputy City Clerk
This meeting was video recorded and is viewable on-demand HERE. **Minutes approved: 11/2/26**