
DATE: Monday, May 11, 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, May 11, 2026, at 7:13 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Verdell Jones III, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Grace Wilken

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darius White, Matt Roeschley, Vince Gustafson, Steven Doggett, Tarek Azim, Olivia Jovine, Bridget Broihahn

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Urban, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission; David Hays, Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Williams called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:13p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. 03-23-2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. National Preservation Month Proclamation

Mayor Williams proclaimed May 2026 as National Preservation Month in the City of Urbana and presented the proclamation to Angela Urban, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission and David Hays, Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

b. Public Input

Sheldon Ashley spoke on traffic concerns in the Savannah Green neighborhood caused by recent construction. Requested for stop signs to be placed at the following three intersections: Rainbow View & South Smith Road; East Michigan Avenue & South Smith Road; and East

Florida Avenue & South Smith Road. Shared residents have observed near-misses, drivers have reported limited visibility; and all road users have experienced unsafe turning and crossing conditions. Stated the increase in vehicles from new housing being available have narrowed the streets due to parked cars. Requested for a traffic engineering review to identify the need for traffic safety measures.

5. Council Input and Communications

CM Evans shared that the Ward 2 Listening Session will be taking place on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and invited the public to share their feedback with the City at the Independent Media Center

6. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

7. Committee of the Whole (*Council Member James Quisenberry, Ward 7*)

1. Consent Agenda

- a. **Ordinance No. 2026-05-012:** An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Reduction of Required Parking Lot Shade Trees at 706 South Glover Avenue / Case No. ZBA-2026-MAJ-01) – CD

The Ordinance approves a major variance to reduce the required number of parking lot shade trees as part of the proposed parking lot improvements within the Public Works Campus Improvement projects at 706 South Glover Avenue, in the IN-1 Light Industrial/Office Zoning District.

- b. **Resolution No. 2026-05-017R:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Residential Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection – PW

The Resolution authorizes the execution of a three-year intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for residential and household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events in collaboration with the IEPA, Champaign County, City of Champaign, and Village of Savoy, with the City of Urbana's cost share at 18.6% of total costs (\$9,845.96 in 2026; not to exceed \$31,000 over three years).

- c. **Resolution No. 2026-05-018R:** A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2023-02-013R A Resolution Adopting the City of Urbana American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Concept Plan Project List – Exec

The Resolution implements a Reallocation Plan for \$10,037 from the Housing and Homeless Innovation (HHI) project to the Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office's (CTSO) Bridge to Home (B2H) project; \$15,000 from the RRR project to the University YMCA and Refugee Center New American Welcome Center's (NAWC) COVID-19 Recovery for Immigrant Communities project; and \$15,000 from the RRR project to the Housing Authority of Champaign County's (HACC) Steer Place Renovation Project (SPR); totaling \$40,037 in reallocations.

- d. **Resolution No. 2026-05-019R:** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Class R&T-1 Designation for Maya Quetzal, Inc., d/b/a Tres Nopales, 114 South Race Street – Exec

The Resolution approves an increase in the number of Class R&T-1 (Restaurant & Tavern) liquor licenses in the City of Urbana to approve a license for Maya Quetzal, Inc., d/b/a Tres Nopales, 114 South Race Street.

Motion to approve by CM Quisenberry, CM Wu.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

2. Regular Agenda

None.

8. Reports of Special Committees

None.

9. Reports of Officers

None.

10. Discussion

a. Surveillance Ordinance

City Administrator Darius White requested Council review the recently distributed document comparing the Ordinance with proposals from City staff. Added the discussion will continue once Council Member Wilken returns.

11. Mayoral Appointments

a. Mayoral Staff Appointment

Fire Chief

– Steven Doggett (term ending on or before June 30, 2027)

Presented by Mayor Williams.

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

Voice Vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry

NAY: None.

12. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:30p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes approved: 6/22/26