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**DATE:** Monday, February 6, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

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The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00pm.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin; 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.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Mitten, Bourema Ouedraogo, Sheila Dodd, Alyana Robinson, Dave Wesner, Darcy Sandefur, Elizabeth Hannan, Tim Cowan, Will Kolschowsky, Bridget Broihahn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**Chair:** *Christopher Evans, Ward 2*

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**1. 12-12-2022 Special Meeting Minutes**

**2. 12-19-2023 Minutes**

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

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**4. Public Input and Presentations**

**a. Mayoral Proclamation: African American History Month**

Presented by Mayor Marlin. Mayor Marlin read a proclamation in recognition of African American History month for the month of February in the City of Urbana.

**b. Public Input**

*Marlin Mitchell* spoke in support of the FirstFollowers grant items on the agenda and shared how previous year's grant funding has impacted the organization and community in a positive

way. ***Dennis Roberts*** shared information about the Urbana Sister City's fundraiser to support the exchange of students from France to visit their peer counterparts at Uni-High School. Shared message from teacher of French students. ***Claudia Lenhoff*** from Champaign County Health Care Consumers expressed concerns about Council discussion at the last meeting regarding the funding for CCHCC's ARPA application. She then provided clarity on some of the Council's questions at the last meeting regarding terms. ***Brian Dolinar*** spoke in opposition to the FOP contract especially considering what has occurred in Memphis. Hopes to see greater review of Police Officers by the Civilian Police Review Board. ***CM Evans read into the record written input from Luke Lee, Morris Galagher, and Sarah Blanco.***

## **5. Staff Report**

### **1. First Quarter 2023 Update on Mayor/Council Strategic Goals**

Presented by Carol Mitten the City Administrator. Mitten shared progress towards completing some of the Mayor/Council Strategic Goals. Mitten announced the firm who will be conducting the community safety review, the upcoming ABLE train the trainer training for the Police Department, vendor selection for electric vehicle charging stations, building safety code updates, business list and registry creation, and the public realm study will be presented along with recommendations. Questions and discussion ensued.

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Ordinance No. 2023-02-004: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #6 - Omnibus) - HRF**

Presented by Alyana Robinson the Financial Analyst. Item amends the FY 2023 Budget to reallocate existing funds in vacancy savings to pay for a temporary contract employee for administrative work, legal fees to cover the Carle litigation, a transfer of vacancy savings to pay for contract electrician services, reallocate state motor fuel funds to litigation for the Windsor Road Resurfacing case, transfer of TIF funds to cover professional consulting services with the closure of TIF2, a transfer in the machinery funds from last year's budget to cover an equipment replacement this FY. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

### **b. Resolution No. 2023-02-006R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission TBRA FY 2022-2023) - CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the interim Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item authorizes the annual allocation of HOME funds for rental assistance for the TBRA program to Champaign County Regional Planning.

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

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None

- c. **Resolution No. 2023-02-007R: A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium (First Followers CHDO Certification PY 2022) - CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the interim Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item certifies FirstFollowers as a housing developer agency making them eligible for funds.

Motion to consolidate items 3-8 in omnibus and send to the consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Bishop.

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None

- d. **Resolution No. 2023-02-008R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (FirstFollowers CHDO Developer PY 2022) - CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the interim Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item approves agreement to grant funding to programmatic and administrative costs for FirstFollowers.

Approved in omnibus.

- e. **Resolution No. 2023-02-009R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (First Followers CHDO Operating PY 2022) - CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the interim Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item approves agreement to grant funding for operating and staffing costs to implement the programming.

Approved in omnibus.

- f. **Resolution No. 2023-02-010R: A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium (Habitat CHDO Certification PY 2022) - CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the interim Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item certifies Habitat for Humanity as a CHDO vendor and eligible for funding.

Approved in omnibus.

- g. **Resolution No. 2023-02-011R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Habitat CHDO Operating PY 2022) - CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the interim Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item approves funding to cover operating and staffing costs for the programming.

Approved in omnibus.

**h. Resolution No. 2023-02-012R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Habitat CHDO Developer PY 2022) – CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the interim Community Development Director and Grants Manager. Item approves the funding for Habitats programmatic request for facility construction costs.

Approved above in omnibus.

**9. Discussion**

**a. American Rescue Plan Act Continuing Discussion**

Mayor Marlin led the discussion and reminded the public that there would be no final action taken at this meeting and that the following discussion would be tentative. The following projects were discussed and considered for straw polls.

Urbana Roof Repair program was considered for \$150k, with a straw poll resulting in 7 up and 1 down.

FirstFollower Community Peace Hub project was considered for \$92k, with a straw poll resulting in 3 thumbs up and 4 thumbs down. A subsequent straw poll for \$79,200 resulted in 5 thumbs up 2 thumbs down.

City of Champaign Township STRIDES shelter program was considered for \$750k, with a straw poll resulting in 7 thumbs up.

HACC single room occupancy project was considered for \$200k, with a straw poll resulting in 7 thumbs up.

Solia Gratia Farm Community Farm Expansion was considered for \$275k, with a straw poll resulting in 2 thumbs up and 4 thumbs down. A subsequent straw poll considered \$200k, resulting in a straw poll of 7 thumbs down. A final straw poll considered \$150k, resulting in 6 thumbs up and 1 thumb down.

Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center program was considered for the median figure from the draft allocation in a straw poll resulting in 6 thumbs up.

HACC Frist time homeownership counseling program was considered for \$25k and received 6 thumbs up.

Carle Hope Village project was considered for \$750k and received a collective thumbs down. A second straw poll considered \$1million and received 4 thumbs up and 4 thumbs down. \$675k the median value from the draft allocation received 3 thumbs up and 4 thumbs down. The final straw poll considered \$850k and received 5 thumbs up.

\$213k left of 10 million has been tentatively allocated. Council agreed to analyze how the funding breakdown applies to the Council Strategic Goals and revisit it next week to do a final pass.

Council decided to revisit the CCHCC staffing and conducted a straw poll to allocate \$500k without any staffing stipulation and it passed via thumbs up.

Council decided to revisit the Steer place renovation project and conducted a straw poll to allocate \$500k for asbestos specifically and it passed via thumbs up.

Council asked for dollar amount and projects breakdown as they apply to council strategic goals for the next meeting. Further questions and discussion ensued.

#### **10. Council Input and Communications**

*CM Quisenberry* shared information about the upcoming schoolboard meeting and asbestos abatement to Wiley school. *CM Bishop* shared statement reflecting on Black History month. *CM Wilken* shared thoughts about ARPA process and thanked those who applied for the work they do to support our community, thanked Will and Carol from City staff and RPC for their work to support this allocation and application process. *CM Wu* spoke to the effort taken in the ARPA allocation process and thanked everyone involved in the process for their time and commitment.

#### **11. Adjournment**

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

**Minutes approved: 03-20-2023**

## Sandefur, Darcy

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**From:** Sarah Blanco [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2023 5:28 PM  
**To:** !City Council  
**Subject:** PUBLIC INPUT 2/6/2023

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Please read my comment out loud during the council meeting.

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Council must vote no on this contract and work with the Mayor to pressure UPD to return to the bargaining table to remove the restrictions on the Civilian Police Review Board and add the basic disciplinary measures necessary to hold police accountable for misconduct.

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

Sarah Blanco  
Urbana Resident

**Sandefur, Darcy**

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**From:** Luke Lee [REDACTED]  
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Sent via iPhone