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**DATE:** Monday, July 14, 2025  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey\*, CM Jaya Kolisetty^, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken

**\*CM PRESENT REMOTELY**

**^CM PRESENT AFTER ROLL**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** CM Maryalice Wu, CM James Quisenberry

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bourema Ouedraogo, Elizabeth Hannan, Matt Roeschley, Larry Boone

**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 7:00p.m.

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

- a. 06-09-2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b. 06-16-2025 Committee of the Whole Public Hearing Minutes

Motion to approve by CM Wilken, seconded by CM Bishop.

Voice Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**4. Presentations and Public Input**

**a. Public Input**

*Pastor Angel Johnson* voiced appreciation for the funding received from the City of Urbana in 2024. Requested \$150,000 in funding for Elnora's Catering and Café to expand business space and shared difficulties in purchasing a property for business. Expressed disappointment in the number of liquor stores and virtual casinos in the South Philo Road area alongside empty business spaces where their restaurant could be established. Voiced a need for more publicly accessible enrichment in Urbana to build community.

## 5. Council Input and Communications

**CM Wilken** agreed with the need to support community organizations and the South Philo Road area with further investments, businesses, and community resources. Expressed support for a consistent process for the City in supporting community organizations. Stated the Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study will continue to consider different designs as it moves forward and there remains room for changes if needed.

## 6. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

## 7. Committee of the Whole (*Council Member Shirese Hursey, Ward 3*)

### 1. Consent Agenda

*Presented by CM Evans on behalf of CM Hursey due to her attending remotely.*

- a. **Resolution No. 2025-07-059R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Highway Authority Agreement for 901 West University Avenue between the University of Illinois Foundation and the City of Urbana – PW

This Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a highway authority agreement with the University of Illinois Foundation for 901 West University Avenue to satisfy site remediation requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- b. **Ordinance No. 2025-07-022:** An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing an Amendment to the Second Cooperative Agreement Urbana Free Library Expansion (To Facilitate the Transfer of Properties) – PW

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the Second Cooperative Agreement with The Urbana Free Library (TUFL) to facilitate the transfer of legal interest in certain properties between the City and TUFL.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2025-07-023:** An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit (1204 South Lincoln Avenue / Plan Case No. 2508-SU-25 – Hostel) – CD

This Ordinance approves a special use permit for a hostel at 1204 South Lincoln Avenue.

- d. **Resolution No. 2025-07-060R:** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a IDNR Certified Local Government Grant – Historic Preservation Website (Agreement No. CLG25007) – CD

This Resolution authorizes the acceptance of an \$8,400 Certified Local Government Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to migrate the City's Historic Preservation materials from the City's website to a more easily navigable webpage, to add content from the previous website not included on the new website, and to add newly created content.

- e. ~~Resolution No. 2025-07-061R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – DREAAM – DREAAM Believers Program – CD~~

*Moved to the Regular Agenda by CM Kolisetty.*

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

## **2. Regular Agenda**

- a. **Resolution No. 2025-07-061R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – DREAAM – DREAAM Believers Program – CD

The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement for the Community Services Grant agreement with Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males (DREAAM) providing \$45,000 to the DREAAM Believers Program.

Motion to approve by CM Evans, seconded by CM Bishop. Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

**AYE:** Evans, Hursey, Bishop

**NAY:** None.

**PRESENT:** Kolisetty, Wilken

## **8. Reports of Special Committees**

None.

## **9. Reports of Officers**

None.

## **10. Mayoral Appointments**

- a. **Board and Commission Appointment**

### ***Design Review Board***

– David Hays (term ending June 30, 2028)

Presented by Mayor Williams.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

b. ***Board and Commission Reappointments***

***Civilian Police Review Board***

- Tony Allegretti (term ending June 30, 2028)
- Peggy Patton (term ending June 30, 2028)

***Building Safety Code Board of Appeals***

- Gary Burgett (term ending June 30, 2028)

Presented by Mayor Williams.

Motion to approve by CM Hursey, seconded by CM Bishop. Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

**11. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:19p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

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

**Minutes approved: 8/11/25**