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**DATE:** Monday, May 15, 2023  
**TIME:** 6:00 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, May 15, 2023, at 6:00pm.

**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:** Bourema Ouedraogo, Darcy Sandefur, Kimberly Smith, Carol Mitten, Dave Wesner, Nick Hanson, Lily Wilcock, Nick Olsen, Andrea Ruedi, Will Kolschowsky, Tim Cowan, Demond Dade, Carmen Franks, Sheila Dodd.

**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 6:00 p.m.

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

None.

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**4. Public Input and Presentations**

**a. Examine Urbana Arts & Culture Chapter – Nick Olsen**

Presented by Planner Nick Olsen, Lilly Wilcock, and Andrea Ruedi. This chapter of *Examine Urbana* examines

**b. Public Input**

CM Hursey read written input from Allan Max Axelrod (see attached).

**5. Staff Report**

None.

## 6. Unfinished Business

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-05-013: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (903 N. Division, 1605 Wiley, and 1107 N. Gregory) – CD**

Presented by Sheila Dodd the Grants Manager. Item authorized the sale of houses at 903 N. Division, 1605 Wiley, and 1107 N. Gregory Street. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

## 7. New Business

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-05-014: Ordinance Adopting the International Code Council's 2021 Code Series – CD**

Presented by Nick Hanson the Building Safety Supervisor. Item adopts the international code councils 2021 code series. Current code is 4 cycles behind, Urbana and the City of Champaign are moving towards adopting the updated code. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to hold in committee by CM Wu and seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilke

**NAY:** Quisenberry

- b. **Resolution No. 2023-05-034R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Youth Services Agreement – Business Elevator – 21st Century Readiness - CD**
- c. **Resolution No. 2023-05-035R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Youth Services Agreement – Champaign-Urbana Public Health District –CU Farm to School - CD**
- d. **Resolution No. 2023-05-036R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Youth Services Agreement – Urbana Park District – Youth Scholarship Program – CD**
- e. **Resolution No. 2023-05-037R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Youth Services Agreement – Urbana Park District – Pick-Up Basketball League – CD**
- f. **Resolution No. 2023-05-038R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Youth Services Agreement – Urbana Park District – Fresh Teen Hangout - CD**
- g. **Resolution No. 2023-05-039R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Youth Services Agreement – Urbana Park District – Outreach Swim Lessons – CD**

- h. Resolution No. 2023-05-040R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services – Survivor Services-Trauma Therapy – CD
- i. Resolution No. 2023-05-041R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Development Block Grant Agreement – Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services – Survivor Services - Trauma Therapy – CD
- j. Resolution No. 2023-05-042R: Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – East Central Illinois Mutual Assistance Center – Newcomer Immigrant Student Support – CD
- k. Resolution No. 2023-05-043R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Crisis Nursery – Safe Children Program – CD
- l. Resolution No. 2023-05-044R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – DREAAM – Hope Scholars Mentoring Program – CD
- m. Resolution No. 2023-05-045R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois – Community-Based Mentoring Program – CD
- n. Resolution No. 2023-05-046R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission – Youth Assessment Center – CD
- o. Resolution No. 2023-05-047R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Sola Gratia – Agricultural Education Program Center – CD
- p. Resolution No. 2023-05-048R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Steam Genius DBA Hip Hop Express – Urbana Lovin’ U Tour – CD
- q. Resolution No. 2023-05-049R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – The Well Experience -- Well Kids Learning Hub – CD

- r. **Resolution No. 2023-05-050R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Urbana Neighborhood Connections – Community Study Center – CD**
- s. **Resolution No. 2023-05-051R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Agreement – Urbana Neighborhood Connections – Urbana Youth Development Program – CD**

Motion to combine items 7b-7s in omnibus by CM Wu and seconded by CM Bishop.

**Voice vote:**

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

**NAY:** None

**Abstain:** Kolisetty.

Presented by Breaden Belcher the Grants Coordinator. Items 2-19 are the youth services grant agreements for FY 23. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve items 7b-7s to regular agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Quisenberry.

**Voice vote:**

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

**NAY:** None

**Abstain:** Kolisetty

- t. **Resolution No.2023-05-052R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (Urbana Park District) – Exec**
- u. **Resolution No. 2023-05-053R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Environmental Stewards) - Exec**
- v. **Resolution No. 2023-05-054R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (Cunningham Township) – Exec**
- w. **Resolution No. 2023-05-055R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign Township) – Exec**
- x. **Resolution No.2023-05-056R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (HACC: Youthbuild) – Exec**
- y. **Resolution No.2023-05-057R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (HACC: Steer Place) – Exec**
- z. **Resolution No.2023-05-058R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (HACC: SRO Project) – Exec**
- aa. **Resolution No.2023-05-059R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (University YMCA) – Exec**

- bb. Resolution No.2023-05-060R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (USD 116 Alternative Education) – Exec**
- cc. Resolution No.2023-05-061R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (USD 116 Community Engagement) – Exec**
- dd. Resolution No.2023-05-062R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (U-C IMC) – Exec**
- ee. Resolution No. 2023-05-063R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Health Care Consumers) – Exec**
- ff. Resolution No.2023-05-064R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (Justine Petersen) – Exec**

Motion to combine items 7t-7ff (minus u) by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None

Presented by William Kolschowsky the management analyst. Items authorize American Rescue Plan Act funded grant allocation agreements the Council previously awarded.

Motion to approve items 7t-7ff (minus u) to consent agenda by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None

- u. Resolution No. 2023-05-053R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an ARPA Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Environmental Stewards) – Exec**

Motion to approve by CM Wu and seconded by CM Quisenberry to the Regular agenda.

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** Wilken

## **8. Closed Session: Property Acquisition, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)**

Motion to enter closed session by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

Entered closed session at 7:54 PM.

Motion to return to open session by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Wu

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

Returned from closed session at 8:38 PM

## 9. New Business Continued

**a. Ordinance No. 2023-05-015: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (1205 Bradley Avenue, Urbana, Illinois) – Exec**

Presented by Will Kolschowsky from the Executive Department. Item authorizes the purchase of the property at 1205 Bradley Avenue for the replacement Fire Station.

Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

**b. Ordinance No. 2023-05-016: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate (131 and 205 N. Race Street, Urbana, Illinois) – Exec**

Presented by Carol Mitten the City Administrator. Item authorizes the purchase of the properties at 131 and 205 N. Race Street from the Urbana School District to create future development opportunities in Downtown and in TIF2. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey. Further discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

## 10. Council Input and Communications

*CM Quisenberry* shared information about the South East Urbana Neighborhood Association annual meeting and thanked the public for their patience during his leave of absence. *CM Hursey* shared reassurance about the Ellis Drive subdivision sewer lining project still moving forward. Announced upcoming Examine Urbana meeting in Ward 3 being planned. *CM Evans* thanked City Clerk and Mayor for their support.

## 11. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 08-07-2023**

## **Sandefur, Darcy**

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**From:** Allan Max Axelrod <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:17 PM  
**To:** !City Council  
**Subject:** Fwd: May 15 PUBLIC INPUT to Read at Committee of the Whole

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**From:** Allan Max Axelrod <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Mon, May 15, 2023 at 2:22 PM  
**Subject:** May 15 PUBLIC INPUT to Read at Committee of the Whole  
**To:** ! Hursey, Shirese <[sehursey@urbanailinois.us](mailto:sehursey@urbanailinois.us)>

Good evening, Shirese,

Please read the following at the Urbana City Council Committee of the Whole meeting tonight.

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Urbana is a union town. Tomorrow will be the union election for the workers at the Vine Street Starbucks.

There have been disgusting instances of retaliation against Starbucks workers nationally and as nearby as Peoria.

I ask that Urbana take a stand for workers rights. Please say loudly and clearly to the Vine Street Starbucks management that we will not tolerate nor accept any retaliation against the workers in our community, in our union town.

No one likes a bully, and abuses by management will not be ignored. I hope that the Urbana City Council we now have will voluntarily take this matter to task without the need for any pressure campaign.

Whether it's a proclamation or a resolution or a visit to the Starbucks, I ask the Urbana City councilpersons and the Mayor to please be open with our community about how you are working to ensure management does not so much as attempt to retaliate against the workers at the Vine Street Starbucks.

The rights we have are not enough. You need to step up to ensure our community is not going to join Peoria in being a witness to the gross retaliation efforts of the Starbucks Corporation.

Oh and by the way, the management that attempted the retaliation in Peoria was ultimately fired.

Solidarity to the workers.

Allan Max Axelrod