
DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 2025
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 9:08p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: DeShawn Williams, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk, CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop*, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry
***CM PRESENT REMOTELY**

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Matt Roeschley, Elizabeth Hannan, Brearden Belcher

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chair: *Christopher Evans, Ward 2*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Evans called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 9:08 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

None.

4. Staff Report

None.

5. New Business

- a. Resolution No. 2025-06-039R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Champaign County Health Care Consumers – Public Benefits Navigation, Application, and Enrollment Services Program – CD

Presented alongside Resolutions No. 2025-06-040R, 2025-06-041R, 2025-06-042R, 2025-

06-043R, 2025-06-044R, 2025-06-045R, 2025-06-046R, 2025-06-047R, 2025-06-048R, 2025-06-049R, 2025-06-050R, 2025-06-051R, 2025-06-052R, 2025-06-053R, and 2025-06-054R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with the Champaign County Health Care Consumers as part of the City's Community Services Grant Program for \$30,000 to fund the Public Benefits Navigation, Application, and Enrollment Services Program. Breaden Belcher stated the next 16 items represent the Community Service Grants for Project Year 2026 (PY26). Stated the grant was available for non-profit organizations serving low-income Urbana residents and is an expansion of the Youth Services Grant that was offered in previous years. Stated \$500,000 in funding was available for this cycle and \$300,000 of those funds are recurring in the budget and \$200,000 was a one-time roll-over of funds that were allocated by Council in the previous budget to fund social services.

Shared the expansion of the Youth Services Grant allowed for the eligible service areas to expand to a larger variety of categories while still ensuring youth services were still covered. Stated the application period was open from February 3 to April 7 with pre-application workshops being held in February and March. Stated applications for 27 programs from 22 organizations were received.

Stated the review committee scored applications using a rubric, included in the packet, and noted the scores did not withhold a project from being funded, but it served to develop funding recommendations across the applicants. Stated the committee recommended funding the 16 programs operated by 13 organizations, totaling to \$391,827,06 for PY26 leaving about \$108,000 remaining. Stated Council direction was received regarding allocating funds toward the Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males (DREAAM) "DREAAM Believers Program" and the Grants Division will move forward with executing a funding agreement with DREAAM which will be presented to Council on the July 7 Committee of the Whole meeting. Shared a chart detailing the organizations, programs, requested amounts, and recommended funding levels. Voiced appreciation for the work the community organizations are doing and the work that they put into the grant application process. Noted the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and Sola Gratia are being funded for the same "Free Friday Market Program" as it is a collaborative effort between the two organizations that and the grants fund different aspects of the program. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to combine Resolutions No. 2025-06-040R, 2025-06-041R, 2025-06-042R, 2025-06-043R, 2025-06-044R, 2025-06-045R, 2025-06-047R, 2025-06-048R, 2025-06-049R, 2025-06-050R, 2025-06-051R, 2025-06-052R, 2025-06-053R, and 2025-06-054R into an omnibus by CM Kolisetty, seconded by CM Wilken.

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

Motion to approve the omnibus to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

- b. Resolution No. 2025-06-040R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Champaign-Urbana

Public Health District – Free Friday Market Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Champaign-Urbana Public Health District as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$29,952 to fund the Free Friday Market Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- c. **Resolution No. 2025-06-041R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Crisis Nursery – Safe Children Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Crisis Nursery as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$30,000 to fund the Safe Children Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- d. **Resolution No. 2025-06-042R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Cunningham Children’s Home – Residential Treatment Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Cunningham Children’s Home as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$20,000 to fund the Residential Treatment Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- e. **Resolution No. 2025-06-043R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club – RIDES (Reach, Inspire, Develop, Empower, Support) Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$20,070 to fund the RIDES Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- f. **Resolution No. 2025-06-044R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County – Financial Capability and Stability Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$25,000 to fund the Financial Capability and Stability Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- g. Resolution No. 2025-06-045R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – The Land Connection – Farmers Market Benefits Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with The Land Connection as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$33,475 to fund the Farmers Market Benefits Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- h. Resolution No. 2025-06-046R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Rape Advocacy, Counseling & Education Services (RACES) – Survivor Services Trauma Therapy Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with RACES as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$50,000 to fund the Survivor Services Trauma Therapy Program.

Motion to approve to the regular agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Hursey. Discussion followed

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Kolisetty

- i. Resolution No. 2025-06-047R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Sola Gratia Farm – Free Friday Market Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Sola Gratia Farm as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$30,964 to fund the Free Friday Market Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- j. Resolution No. 2025-06-048R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center – Technology Empowerment & Access Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$30,000 to fund the Technology Empowerment & Access Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- k. Resolution No. 2025-06-049R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center – After-school Enrichment Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$30,000 to fund the After-school Enrichment Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- l. Resolution No. 2025-06-050R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center – College & Career Readiness Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$20,000 to fund the College & Career Readiness Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- m. Resolution No. 2025-06-051R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Urbana Park District – Youth Scholarship Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Urbana Park District as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$10,000 to fund the Youth Scholarship Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- n. Resolution No. 2025-06-052R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Urbana School District #116 – Farm to School Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Urbana School District #116 (USD #116) as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$34,500 to fund the Farm to School Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- o. Resolution No. 2025-06-053R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Urbana School District #116 – Tiger Academy Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with USD #116 as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$11,035.06 to fund the Tiger Academy Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- p. Resolution No. 2025-06-054R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement Community Services Grant Agreement – Urbana School District #116 – Urbana Sixth Grade Center Splash Program – CD

Presented together with Resolution No. 2025-06-039R by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a subrecipient agreement with USD #116 as part of the City’s Community Services Grant Program for \$30,000 to fund the Urbana Sixth Grade Center Splash Program.

Approved in omnibus, see Item a.

- q. Resolution No. 2025-06-055R:** A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 to an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY2021/2022 – CD

Presented by Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager. The Resolution approves an amendment to the Urbana HOME Consortium subrecipient agreement with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) to extend the agreement term from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Breaden Belcher stated the purpose of the amendment is to extend the agreement term from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026 as they have a balance of about \$25,000 out of the original \$148,224 that they wish to continue to use. Stated the extension of the agreement will allow CCRPC to serve an additional 10-15 low-income households with housing navigation services. Noted the beginning of the program was slower than anticipated due to staff rollover and hiring delays at CCRPC. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve to the consent agenda by CM Wu, seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

6. Council Input and Communications

CM Quisenberry expressed concern with the erasure of history and USD #116 referring to Flossie Wiley Elementary School as the Sixth Grade Attendance Center. Stated the Flossie Wiley building represented the only building named after a woman and the removal of that name without following their own policies on renaming buildings is a mistake. Stated Flossie Wiley served in USD #116 for 36 years as a teacher and principal, impacting the lives of everyone she met. Stated school board policies exist for the naming of new school and renaming of existing schools and urged USD #116 to restore the name of Flossie Wiley to the school. **CM Wilken** expressed thanks for the respectful discussion despite disagreements and hope for future discussions. Confirmed the next meeting date is July 7, 2025,

due to the fifth Monday next week. **CM Hursey** stated Flossie Wiley Elementary was the first school in USD #116 that had a gifted and talented program before the schools were desegregated, speaking from personal experience with her brother attending the school. Expressed disappointment in the decision to change the name without considering the history of the school. Agreed with CM Quisenberry's comments and request. **CM Kolisetty** thanked CM Quisenberry for raising the issue regarding Flossie Wiley Elementary School and emphasized the importance in respecting the history of local figures at this time. **CM Wu** stated Urbana has allocated an estimated \$7,700,000 toward programs supporting vulnerable residents, highlighting the significant amount of funds being put toward supporting the community.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#). **Minutes approved: 7/28/25**