
DATE: Monday, April 28, 2025
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, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: 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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Larry Boone, Carol Mitten, Cory Koker

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor pro tem Wu called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:00p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. 04-07-2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- b. 04-14-2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Voice Vote:

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

NAY: None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. *Handle With Care Program – PD*

Presented by Larry Boone, Chief of Police and Cory Koker, Lieutenant. Larry Boone introduced the presentation, sharing his previous experience in implementing the Handle With Care Model to support the work of School Resource Officers. Stated Urbana School District #116 Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, the Champaign County Community Coalition, and the United Way of Champaign County will be supporting the program as well. Cory Koker stated the Handle With Care Model is a trauma-informed approach to supporting children done in partnership with Lifting UP LLC. Shared the origins of the program in 2010, resulting in a pilot-program led in the City of Charleston in the State of West Virginia in 2013. Stated the

program notified schools of incidents that were reported involving a student, leading to the school being able to adjust their responses to the students to be more trauma-sensitive and provide counseling if necessary. Elaborated on the reporting process from its beginning with the law enforcement agency, then being passed onto Lifting UP LLC, and ending with the school officials. Stated this system helps schools better address trauma that students are experiencing; leading to improved academic performance, compassionate school responses, early mental health interventions, and builds collaboration and trust with the community. Shared the ways in which schools can respond to the reports through using trauma-sensitive actions, referrals to counselors, and providing on-site trauma-focused services. Noted Lifting UP LLC provides training to school staff, so they are able to use methods of contacting students with more ease. Shared the pilot-program is set to begin with the Fall semester of 2025; the Champaign County Community Coalition and the United Way of Champaign County are providing the funding for the initial cost of around \$8,000; and a Memorandum of Understanding has been made and is currently under review. Questions and discussion followed.

b. Public Input

None.

5. Council Input and Communications

Mayor pro tem Wu passed the Chair to CM Evans. CM Wu shared the Regional Planning Commission of Champaign County will be continuing LIHEAP through May but will most likely run out of funding afterward due to the decisions made by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Further thanked the students from the Urbana schools who spoke with Councilmembers last Thursday regarding current affairs within Urbana schools and thanked the Urbana School District staff for organizing the event. *Chair Evans returned the Chair to CM Wu.* CM Bishop invited the community to attend the swearing-in ceremony for the incoming Mayor, DeShawn Williams at 1:00p.m. in the Lincoln Square Mall.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

None.

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

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Resolution No. 2025-04-027R:** A Resolution Approving an Increase in the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Class R&T-1 Designation for Public House 1833, LLC, 401 North Broadway Avenue, Urbana, Ill. – Exec

The Resolution increases the number of Class R&T-1 (Restaurant & Tavern – All Alcohol) liquor licenses in the City of Urbana.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

2. Regular Agenda

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-04-011:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #8 – Carle Settlement) – HRF

The Ordinance authorizes an adjustment of \$593,591 from the reserved funds for disputed property tax revenues to pay the \$665,214.15 settlement cost for the 2013 Carle Health property tax case (2013-CH-170).

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

- b. **Resolution No. 2025-04-026R:** A Resolution Approving a School Resource Officer Program Intergovernmental Agreement – PD

The Resolution approves an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Urbana and Urbana School District No. 116 re-authorizing School Resource Officers (SROs) in the Urbana Middle School and Urbana High School.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None.

8. Reports of Special Committees

None.

9. Reports of Officers

None.

10. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council, Mayor pro tem Wu 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: 5/5/2025