
DATE: Monday, July 31, 2023
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, July 31, 2023, at 7 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, , CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Grace Wilken;

STAFF PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Kevin Garcia, Kimberly Smith, Breaden Belcher, Dave Wesner, Elizabeth Hannan, Femi Fletcher, Vivian Krishan, Larry Boone, Richard Surles, Dave Smysor, Matthew Bain, Mike Cervantes, Bridget Broihahn, Cory Koker, Zach Mikalik,

OTHERS PRESENT: Marty Smith, Chad Osterbur Fair Gram Engineering, Brian Kessler, Emily (Riefsteck)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Marlin noted duplicate Item H-2c be disregarded. CM Hursey motioned to add a presentation with CM Hursey and Rev. Robert Lewis after the oath of office for Larry Boone Chief of Police, seconded by CM Wu.

Voice vote:

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

NAY: None

4. Presentations and Public Input

a. Oath of Office: Chief of Police Larry Boone

Mayor Marlin shared a brief explanation of the hiring process up to this point and administered the oath of office to Chief Larry Boone. Chief Boone shared a few remarks about what he hopes to bring to the Department and City of Urbana.

b. Presentation by CM Hursey and Rev. Robert Lewis Concerning Infrastructure at the Proposed HOPE Village Site

CM Hursey and Rev. Robert Lewis shared concerns about the City water lines near the proposed development at the property for the HOPE Village development. Rev. Lewis shared information about the historic issues developments have had in navigating the easements on the property and encouraged the City Engineers have given this point through review. CM Hursey encouraged the engineering division to explore an alternative entrance to the proposed development as well as further communication with the neighboring residents.

c. Public Input

Brenda Owens read a statement on behalf of the north end and carver park in expressing concerns about the Hope Village project being proposed in their neighborhood. **Terry Townsend** encouraged the council to table the Hope Village ordinance. **Hattie Polk** expressed concerns about the Hope Village item and asked the council to consider the history of the area. **Allan Max Axelrod** expressed that he is not against Hope Village but is against the possible impacts of the development on the community and shared the importance of community engagement. **Elderess Melinda Carr** asked the Council to reconsider approving the Hope Village planned unit development project and keep it in Committee. **Darlene Bailey** encouraged the council to keep the Hope Village item in committee. Expressed concerns about the planning of Hope Village and the community infrastructure. **Audra Owens** expressed concerns about the residents not being heard in the community where Hope Village is being proposed. **Claudia Lenhoff** expressed that Hope Village is to serve residents who have been chronically homeless and medically fragile. **Deshawn Williams** spoke in support of programs like C-U at Home and Champaign County Health Care Consumers and the importance of ensuring the community isn't left behind. This is a difficult but necessary decision. **Lisa Dixon** shared that the Hope Village development doesn't seem to be taking resources from the community and reassured that there will not be experimentation being done on the residents.

5. Council Input and Communications

CM Evans shared information about a neighborhood meeting about the proposed homeless shelter for Springfield Ave on August 17th, from 6 – 8 pm. **CM Quisenberry** thanked the Silver Hearts Neighborhood Group for the Silverwood celebration last weekend. **CM Bishop** highlighted a back-to-school supply giveaway at Napletons on Sunday August 6th. Expressed the importance of housing and supporting residents.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. Committee of the Whole (Council Member Jaya Kolisetty – Ward 4)

Consent Agenda

a. Resolution No. 2023-07-074R: A Resolution Authorizing City Intervention in Pending Property Tax Assessment Appeals Before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (Hampton Inn, PTAB Docket #2022-02633) - Exec

b. Resolution No. 2023-07-076R: A Resolution Authorizing City Intervention in Pending Property Tax Assessment Appeals Before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (Willowbrook, PTAB Docket #2022-02875) - Exec

Presented by CM Kolisetty.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Regular Agenda

a. Ordinance No. 2023-07-021: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #9 - Omnibus) - HRF

Presented by CM Kolisetty. Item revises the annual budget for FY 2023 to correct the encumbered values to reflect actual expenditures for the Capital Replacement and Improvement Fund, the Stormwater Utility Fund, Sanitary Sewer Fund, and the Community Development Grants Fund.

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

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

b. Ordinance No. 2023-07-022: An Ordinance Amending a Redevelopment Agreement with Icon Hospitality, LLC - CD

Presented by CM Kolisetty. Item approves an extension through February 29, 2024 to the Hotel Royer Redevelopment Agreement.

Motion to approve by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Hursey. Discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

c. Ordinance No. 2023-07-023: An Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Planned Unit Development (Hope Village - Plan Case 2476-PUD-23) - CD

Presented by CM Kolisetty. Motion to approve by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Bishop. CM Wu proposed a modification to the motion that would require a community meeting ahead of final approval. Item approve a residential Planned Unit Development (PUD), “Hope Village”, on the farmland south of Federal Drive and north of the Carver Park neighborhood in Champaign. Hope Village is a collaboration between the Carle Foundation, the University of Illinois, and Champaign County Health Care Consumers.

Vote by roll call on motion as amended:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Bishop, Quisenberry

NAY: Hursey

d. Resolution No. 2023-07-077R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement (C-U at Home, LLC - Men's Non-Congregate Min-Barrier Shelter HOMRE ARPAFY 2021 / 2022) - CD

Presented by CM Kolisetty.

Motion to approve by CM Kolisetty and seconded by CM Bishop. Item authorizes a subrecipient agreement with C-U at Home to assist in funding the Men's Non-Congregate Min-Barrier Shelter.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

9. Reports of Special Committees

None.

10. Reports of Officers

None.

11. New Business

None.

12. Discussion

None.

13. Mayoral Appointments

Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2026

- Shalini Smith

Urbana Champaign Big Broadband (UC2B) Board – term ending June 30, 2026

- Sebastian Kelle

- Connie Dillard (*Re-Appointment*)

- Paul Hixon (*Re-Appointment*)

Mayor Marlin read the names of the re-appointees to boards and commissions and shared the biography of the new appointees.

Motion by CM Wu to approve the appointments and seconded by CM Hursey

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Motion by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Wu to approve reappointments.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

14. Adjournment

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 12-18-2023

Sandefur, Darcy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 1:48 PM
To: !City Council
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT City Council Meeting, July 31, 2023

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I write in support of the request by North End United to return the Hope Village proposal to committee for further consideration of some infrastructural issues.

Thank you for your attention,

Michael Brun
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Sandefur, Darcy

From: ! Hursey, Shirese
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 10:36 PM
To: Clark, Phyllis; Sandefur, Darcy
Subject: Fw: Proposed Hope Village Tiny Homes

Mrs. Clark or Darcy,

I didn't see this until I got home. I know the time says 7:07, but it was not in my mailbox at that time; nor do I remember seeing it during the meeting. Please include this with the minutes of tonight's meeting.

Thank you,
Shirese

From: Debbi Roberts [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 7:07 PM
To: ! Hursey, Shirese
Subject: Proposed Hope Village Tiny Homes

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Greetings Alderwoman Hurley!

(Please read into record)

On behalf of the Carver Park Neighborhood Association, I would like to reiterate once again our concerns about the proposed project development of 30 tiny homes adjacent/adjoining our neighborhood. Again, we sympathize with the homeless and those medically challenged. However, we also strongly believe this is not a good location for these homes and encourage a new location be found. We have concerns about additional vehicular and foot traffic, the safety of our children and elderly residents, the impact, if any, it may have on our sewer lines, and property values. We've heard others talk about the "vision" they've had about such a development. The residents of Carver Park have a vision also, and that is to provide a safe place in all respects for our children and to prolong the historic legacy of the Carver Park Neighborhood. This neighborhood is THE FIRST African-American subdivision built in Champaign-Urbana. It would benefit us greatly if the City would help us preserve it.

We pray you will listen to our concerns and vote NO on this development.

Respectfully,
Deborah J. Roberts, President