



DATE: Tuesday, August 06, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

AGENDA

- A. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- B. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - 1. [Minutes for March 5, 2024](#)
- C. **Public Input**
- D. **Presentations**
 - 1. [Staff Report](#)
- E. **Unfinished Business**
- F. **New Business**
 - 1. [Mayor and Council Goals Discussion](#)
- G. **Adjournment**

PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Urbana welcomes Public Input during open meetings of the City Council, the City Council's Committee of the Whole, City Boards and Commissions and other City-sponsored meetings. Our goal is to foster respect for the meeting process, and respect for all people participating as members of the public body, city staff, and general public. The City is required to conduct all business during public meetings. The presiding officer is responsible for conducting those meetings in an orderly and efficient manner. Public Input will be taken in the following ways:

Email Input

In order to be incorporated into the record, emailed public comments must be received prior to 5:00 pm on the day preceding the meeting and sent following email address: srtess@urbanainline.us

The subject line of the email should include "PUBLIC INPUT", the board/commission name, and the meeting date. Emailed public comments labeled as such will be incorporated into the public meeting record, with personal identifying information redacted.

Written Input

Any member of the public may submit their comments addressed to the members of the public body in writing. If a person wishes their written comments to be included in the record of Public Input for the meeting, the writing should so state. Written comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted).

Verbal Input

Protocol for Public Input is one of respect for the process of addressing the business of the City. Obscene or profane language, or other conduct that threatens to impede the orderly progress of the business conducted at the meeting is unacceptable. Public comment shall be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person. The Public Input portion of the meeting shall total no more than two (2) hours, unless otherwise shortened or extended by majority vote of the public body members present. The presiding officer or the city clerk or their designee, shall monitor each speaker's use of time and shall notify the speaker when the allotted time has expired. A person may participate and provide Public Input once during a meeting and may not cede time to another person, or split their time if Public Input is held at two (2) or more different times during a meeting. The presiding officer may give priority to those persons who indicate they wish to speak on an agenda item upon which a vote will be taken. The presiding officer or public body members shall not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the public body members shall be for clarification purposes only. Public Input shall not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to comments made but, rather, for hearing citizens for informational purposes only. In order to maintain the efficient and orderly conduct and progress of the public meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting shall have the authority to raise a point of order and provide a verbal warning to a speaker who engages in the conduct or behavior proscribed under "Verbal Input". Any member of the public body participating in the meeting may also raise a point of order with the presiding officer and request that they provide a verbal warning to a speaker. If the speaker refuses to cease such conduct or behavior after being warned by the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall have the authority to mute the speaker's microphone and/or video presence at the meeting. The presiding officer will inform the speaker that they may send the remainder of their remarks via e-mail to the public body for inclusion in the meeting record.

Accommodation

If an accommodation is needed to participate in a City meeting, please contact the City at least 48 hours in advance using one of the following methods:

Phone: 217.384.2455

Email: hro@urbanaininois.us

Watching the Meeting via Streaming Services

The meeting will be streamed live at <https://livestream.com/urbana>. The recorded video will be available on the City's website.



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MINUTES – UNAPPROVED

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Chair Westawker called the meeting to order; a roll was called; and a quorum was present.
2. Commissioners present: Luke Westawker, Andrew Stumpf, Morgan White, Grace Wilken, Jessica Lemkuhl
3. Commissioners joined by phone:
4. Commissioners absent:

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. February 6, 2024 Minutes - Minutes were moved by Wilken with an amendment that public comment be added to the minutes, seconded by White, all in favor.

C. Public Input

D. Presentations

1. Staff Report – Scott Tess gave updates on bulk solar and geo programs and presented preliminary annual data. Commissioners proposed various ways to represent electricity self generation.

E. Unfinished Business

F. New Business

1. Discussion Mayor-City Council Strategic Goals for 2024-2025 – Commissioners discussed the draft Mayor and Council goals. Commissioners requested to send a letter or memo to the Mayor and City Council recommending:
 - i. Pursue the implementation of a plastic bag tax as previously recommended by the Sustainability Advisory Commission. Moved by Lemkuhl, seconded by White, all in favor.
 - ii. Add FTE arbor technician and vehicle for adequate tree maintenance to maintain current urban canopy status and decrease vacant tree sites. Moved by
 - iii. Implement sustainability improvements in City facility capital projects, such as geothermal heating and photovoltaic solar installations.

G. Adjournment

TO: Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Sustainability & Resilience Officer
DATE: August 1, 2024
RE: Staff Report

Facilities

The City has broken ground on two geothermal powered Fire Stations. A solar array for the City Storage Facility is expected to be installed in August. Additional facilities improvements are in the City's Facilities Master Plan.

Geothermal Urbana-Champaign

13 tons across 3 systems have been sold.

Landfill Solar

Staff will present City Council with an extension of the lease option for Total Energies to develop a landfill solar array on the City's closed landfill. Total has executed an interconnection agreement, secured permits, secured a waitlist position for the Illinois Shines incentive, and have shortlisted engineering and construction contractors. As the project is currently on the Illinois Shines incentive waitlist, we do not yet have certainty on the incentive value or construction start date. Total expects to start construction in mid-2025. Delays for many reasons are typical and weather also impacts installation schedules.

Solar Urbana-Champaign

218 kW across 22 systems have been sold.

U-Cycle

Curbside and Multi-Family recycling collection contracts come to an end in March of 2025. Staff are making plans to bid this contracts in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Household Hazardous Waste Event - Saturday, August 17, 2024

The annual household hazardous waste collection event will occur on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Registration is required to attend. This event is sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and is open to all Illinois residents. Materials accepted include pesticides, mercury containing products, paint thinner, used motor oil, old kerosene, and more! To register and learn more about this event, please visit: <https://hhwevent.simplybook.me/>

Electronics Recycling Collection Event - Saturday, October 12, 2024

The Fall electronics recycling collection event will occur on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at Parkland College in Champaign. Registration is required to attend the event, and those details will be online at the City of Urbana's website and social media in early September.

America Recycles Day - Saturday, November 2, 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM, The Art of Glassblowing

Anita Purves Nature Center

All Ages, FREE

Join us for America Recycles Day as we celebrate with Jason Mack Glass to learn about the art of glassblowing through live demonstrations using recycled glass! Check out the custom-built mobile glassblowing furnace where you can witness the wonders of glassblowing in person. Learn about the importance of recycling glass from local organizations and join in the fun! Event held rain or shine. No registration required.

Persons with disabilities needing special services or accommodations for this meeting should contact the City of Urbana's Americans with Disabilities Coordinator at 384-2466 or TTY at 384-2447.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02-013R**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC GOALS FOR
2024-2025**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Urbana participated in strategic goal-setting sessions on November 6, 2023, November 27, 2023, and February 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, at these goal-setting sessions, the Mayor and Council discussed strategic areas, individual strategies, and specific action steps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The City hereby adopts the following Strategic Areas, Strategies, and Action Steps as priorities for the next two years.

Mayor/Council Strategic Goals 2024-2025**Strategic Area #1: Public Safety and Well-Being****Strategy 1.1: Pursue methods to mitigate community violence**

- A. Continue to fund community partners and projects that address the root causes of violence with continual program monitoring and evaluation.
- B. Complete the BerryDunn public safety review, determine which recommendations to implement, and create a plan for 21st century policing.

Strategy 1.2: Enhance and expand public safety resources

- A. Develop and implement alternative emergency response models (specifically addressing for mental health crisis and domestic disputes).
- B. Develop a comprehensive safety plan based on public safety review and additional public input.
- C. Update the police safety governance model by revising CPRB and updating oversight policies.

Strategy 1.3 Promote community well-being

- A. Complete a systematic review of ARPA subrecipient projects and programs, evaluating outcomes.
- B. Continue to fund community partners and projects that promote health, wellness, drug and alcohol treatment, and that support families suffering from domestic violence; with continual program monitoring and evaluation.
- C. Create a City-wide Equity Plan using GARE template/guidance.

Strategic Area #2: Housing

Strategy 2.1 Support housing security and equity

- A. Coordinate with housing and social service agencies to reduce homelessness.
- B. Continue supporting Tenant-Based Rental Assistance providers through pilot programs that address gaps in services, and by expanding existing programs.

Strategy 2.2 Improve housing quality

- A. Provide targeted assistance for rehabilitation and repairs of dilapidated homes in targeted neighborhoods, with a special emphasis on seniors.
- B. Partner with developers to generate affordable rental and homeowner housing.
- C. Explore a plan/program that provides funding for rehabilitation of older housing stock throughout the City (similar to Enterprise Zone).
- D. Enhance Community Development's capacity to address rental registration inspection backlog and maintain a 3-5 year Systematic Inspections cycle, by adding one FTE Housing inspector.

Strategic Area #3: Infrastructure

Strategy 3.1 Improve quality of infrastructure assets

- A. Complete sanitary sewer asset management plan and roadway asset management plan by the end of fiscal year 2025.
- B. Review and adjust dedicated revenue streams for infrastructure assets, beginning with the Local Motor Fuel Tax.
- C. Add one additional FTE arbor technician and vehicle for adequate tree maintenance to maintain current urban canopy status and decrease vacant tree sites.
- D. Promote Green stormwater management by revising the Stormwater Utility Credits and Incentive Manual.

Strategy 3.2 Increase investments in infrastructure equity

- A. Complete 10 EQL projects by end of calendar year 2024 and initiate a second EQL round by end of calendar year 2025.
- B. Prioritize ensuring adequate staffing for CD to pursue public infrastructure grants.
- C. Develop revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to improve the process in order to enhance public notice and ensure appropriate protest procedures.

Strategy 3.3 Expand sustainable infrastructure within the community

- A. Evaluate the practical and financial feasibility of sustainability improvements in City facility capital projects.
- B. Create and implement a grant program for community environmental projects.
- C. Support food waste composting at the Urbana LRC.
- D. Pursue the implementation of a single-use plastic bag fee as recommended by the Sustainability Advisory Commission's Resolution No. 2023-02-01-1R.

Strategic Area #4: Economic Health**Strategy 4.1 Support local businesses**

- A. Create an Ordinance to enhance City contracting opportunities by MWVBE and local businesses.
- B. Educate businesses on available resources and explore resource gaps for challenges identified in the 2023 Illinois State Black Business Survey.
- C. Issue at least two Request for Proposals for development of Downtown City-owned sites for housing developments.

Strategy 4.2 Enhance Employment Opportunities in Urbana

- A. Collaborate with Parkland College, RPC, or other partners to create workforce development scholarships for low-income Urbana Residents focusing on the trades & hospitality industry.

Strategy 4.3 Recruit new businesses and industries

- A. Create an incentive package and recruit a grocery store in NW Urbana.

Strategy 4.4 Create a Tourist and Entertainment District

- A. Direct UIUC visitors to Downtown Urbana with signage at Lincoln Avenue and Green Street.
- B. Implement selected recommendations of Downtown Public Realm study.

C. Enhance the vibrancy of Downtown Urbana by working with private entities to increase murals, sculptures, and other physical art.

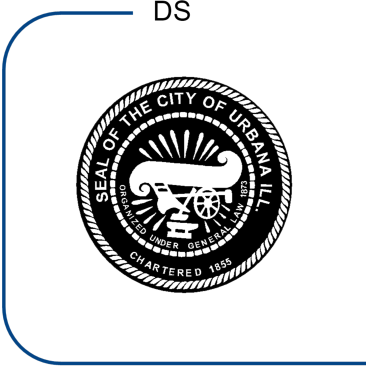
Section 2. These goals are a collaboration among the Mayor, Council, and staff. Staff will make quarterly reports on Action Steps and make any necessary adjustments in consultation with the Mayor and City Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 25th day of March, 2024.

AYES: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:



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APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 1st day of April, 2024.

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 Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor