



DATE: Tuesday, February 04, 2025
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 December 3, 2024
- C. **Public Input**
- D. **Presentations**
 - 1. Staff Report
- E. **Unfinished Business**
 - 1. A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING CLIMATE ACTION GOALS
- F. **New Business**
- 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 the 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

Public comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted) at the following: citycouncil@urbanaillinois.us. The subject line of the email must include the words "PUBLIC INPUT" and the meeting date. Your email will be sent to all City Council members, the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Emailed public comments labeled as such will be incorporated into the public meeting record, with personal identifying information redacted. Copies of emails will be posted after the meeting minutes have been approved.

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 Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance so that special arrangements can be made using one of the following methods:

- Phone: 217.384.2366
- Email: CityClerk@urbanillinois.us



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MINUTES

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, Gabriel Doussard
3. Commissioners joined by phone:
4. Commissioners absent: Jessica Lemkuhl

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2024 moved by White, seconded by Stumpf. All in favor.

C. Public Input

D. Presentations

1. Staff Report – Scott Tess provided updates on solar, geothermal, fleet electrification, and U-Cycle.

E. Unfinished Business

F. New Business

1. Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule – White moved and Stumpf seconded approval of meeting schedule as presented. All in favor.
2. A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN ADDRESSING NEW CLIMATE GOALS – Discussion ensued. No motion was made.

G. Adjournment

TO: Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Sustainability & Resilience Officer
DATE: January 29, 2025
RE: Staff Report

Annual Data

Staff is collecting and processing annual data for energy, water, and waste. Data is gathered from various sources and third-party greenhouse gas emissions software is used to model emissions.

Carryout Bag Fee

With direction from City Council, staff is gathering information to develop a proposal to Council for a carryout bag fee. At present, the several very similar fees established at other Illinois cities will serve as a model.

Geothermal Urbana-Champaign

Our request for proposals received one response from the vendor the program selected last year. Staff is evaluating the response and developing the program.

Landfill

Staff will be evaluating additional vegetation control measures and also well sealing for disused sampling wells at the City's closed landfill this spring.

Landfill Solar 2

The second landfill solar development continues to wait for a State incentive to move the project forward. The lease option ends August 24, 2026.

Municipal Electric Aggregation

The City's consultant will get pricing in the next few months for a new electric supply contract to start in June of 2025. The default supply and retail offers both are expected to be higher than current rates.

U-Cycle

Following competitive solicitations, U-Cycle has transitioned to a new vendor for the multifamily service and will transition to a new vendor for the curbside service April 1.

Resolution No. 2025-XX-XXR

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING
CLIMATE ACTION GOALS

Whereas, the City of Urbana established the Sustainability Advisory Commission (SAC) in May 2008 (Sec. 2-91) “to assist the Mayor and City Council in identifying the highest priorities for city government and citizens to achieve sustainable management of natural resources”; and

Whereas, the City of Urbana’s previous Climate Action Plan for 2015-2020 laid out action items that have not all been addressed; and

Whereas, the Sustainability Advisory Committee has identified new goals since 2015 to improve the sustainability of the City of Urbana; and

Whereas, the 2015-2020 Climate Action Plan included “Work with the Sustainability Advisory Commission to create a new plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the 2020 to 2050 period”; and

Whereas, the Sustainability Advisory Committee passed Resolution No. 2023-02-01R in order to begin the process of implementing a plastic carry out bag fee for retailers; and

Whereas, the City of Urbana does not offer incentives for businesses to recycle nor includes businesses in the successful residential U-CYCLE program,

Now therefore, be it resolved the Sustainability Advisory Commission of the City of Urbana recommends that the Mayor and City Council begin pursuing newly identified, highest priority sustainability goals for the City of Urbana for 2025-2026, with the following recommendations and considerations:

Section 1: Continue pursuing the Streetlight Asset Management Plan to install new streetlights in neighborhoods without any, and begin replacing old streetlights with a more uniform, and low light pollution design by 2026; and

Section 2: Incentivize businesses to recycle using U-CYCLE mixed bins and multi-family dumpsters that can be integrated into existing pickup routes by 2028; and

Section 3: Begin an education campaign to make U-CYCLE a cultural habit in Urbana, by universalizing what can go in these bins whether at a residence, in public, or in a business by 2026; and

Section 4: Prioritize energy efficiency and installation of renewable energy systems in City capital projects by 2026; and

Section 5: Coordinate with the Urbana Park District to provide increased access to parks, greenways, and recreational areas and support their Strategic Plan and CARES Plan by 2028; and

Section 6: Appropriate all necessary resources to plant trees in all vacant City tree sites with the newly expanded staff capacity in arbor crew by 2028 and

Section 8: Support the new housing net-zero goal in City housing programs by 2030; and

Section 9: Increase residential and commercial renewable energy systems (i.e., solar and geothermal) installations by 2028; and

Section 10: Electrify the majority of city-owned vehicles, equipment, and tools by 2030 using batteries or hydrogen fuel cells; and

Section 11: Support environmental stewardship legislation by 2028; and

Section 12: Move forward on implementing a carry-out bag fee for all single-use plastic bags distributed by retailers by 2026.

Section 13: Coordinate with local entities such as the library and school districts to promote sustainable education and climate change awareness by 2026.