



DATE: Tuesday, February 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. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2023
- C. Public Input**
- D. Presentations**
 - [1.](#) Staff Report
- E. Unfinished Business**
- 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 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@urbanaillinois.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.



TO: Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Sustainability & Resilience Officer
DATE: February 6, 2024
RE: Staff Report

Fire Station Geothermal

Staff presented 50% complete plans for two new fire stations to replace two aging stations at the Committee of the Whole meeting January 16, 2024. Based on feedback from a previous Mayor and Council Goals meeting, staff established geothermal heating and cooling as part of the baseline or standard design for the two new stations. Construction is expected in 2025. Staff will collect 12 months of utility bills once the buildings are occupied and request funding through the Capital Improvement Plan to install solar energy at the fire stations.

Geothermal Urbana-Champaign

Staff are considering a fourth year of this bulk purchase program. It is expected that the Geothermal Alliance of Illinois will not participate this coming program year. Such a circumstance would require event planning and presentations to be provided by City staff or new partners.

Nature & Urban Biodiversity

The University of Illinois Extension Service is close to publishing a regional biodiversity plan for our area. This will be a useful resource suggesting opportunities to expand urban biodiversity in Urbana.

The State Climatologist, Trent Ford, is exploring the possibility of a regional grant application to collect and map land surface temperatures through a citizen science approach. Urbana has already established such a map using satellite data which is published at <https://urbanail.treekeeperssoftware.com/>. However, the City intends to support the regional effort with promotions to engage citizen scientist in the activities.

Solar Urbana-Champaign

Staff intends to partner with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association on another round of bulk solar purchasing.

U-Cycle

U-Cycle will be bringing a resolution to City Council to authorize an intergovernmental agreement for two electronics waste collection events. Costs are divided by relative population and as such, the City of Urbana's cost share is 18.6%. The maximum share in 2024 for two electronics recycling collection events is up to \$8,658.30 for the City of Urbana.