
DATE: Monday, November 22, 2021
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *Virtually Via Zoom, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, November 22, 2021, at 7:00pm.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS VIRTUALLY PRESENT: CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey*, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

* Denotes late arrival

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Liggett, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Bourema Ouedraogo, Carol Mitten, Elizabeth Hannan

OTHERS PRESENT: Mariah Madison, Bill Brown

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

Mayor Marlin recognized Jason Liggett for his many years of service to the City of Urbana.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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Motion to approve by CM Wilken Seconded by CM Wu.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

3. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

CM Wilken Motioned to include a presentation before public input by Buy Black Chambana and seconded by CM Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

a. Buy Black Chambana Presentation by founder Mariah Madison.

Video by Buy Black Chambana providing a history of the organizations and the services provided. Buy Black Chambana founder Mariah Madison explained the benefits of sponsoring or joining. Buy Black Chambana provides funding, advertising, and training opportunities to support business owners. Questions and discussion ensued.

b. Public Input:

Allan Max Axelrod spoke in support of AFSCME fair contract. Responded to sentiment regarding ALPR for “doing something”. Spoke in support of Buy Black Chambana. *Jonathan Blake* read his obituary and shared he was a recent survivor of a drive by shooting urged Council to do something. *Linda Turnbull* talked about a shooting incident on her street. Urged council to do something to respond to the violence. Wanted to correct previous public input about the ALPR petitions. Urged Council to brainstorm a solution.

5. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CM Hursey thanked Mariah for her presentation. Apologized the victims of recent gun violence. Responded to comments made in public input. *CM Wu* wanted to update Council and public about CrimeStoppers illegal gun cash reward tip payments. *CM Kolisetty* thanked Mariah for her presentation and public for their input. Spoke to City and Council dedication to addressing gun violence. *CM Wilken* reiterated need to urgently address gun violence. Serious matter that needs meaningful solutions. Thanked Mariah for presentation and looks forward to seeing communications continue. Thanked Jason for his service and gave best wishes.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole (Council Member Grace Wilken – Ward 6)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

a. **Resolution No. 2021-11-046R:** A Resolution Estimating the Tax Levy (Fiscal Year 2021-2022_ - HR/Finance

Presented by CM Wilken.

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

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

NAY: None

9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Marlin reminded about Council Goal Setting session Dec 2nd and 3rd. Thanked City staff members for their work towards the development of the African American Rail Trail

11. NEW BUSINESS

None

12. DISCUSSION

1. Review of Block Level 2020 Census Results – Bill Brown

Mayor Marlin provided background on 2020 Census results data shows 7% decline. Considering a special census and redrawing of ward boundaries by spring 2024. Already contacted Census Bureau to determine if we are eligible for special census. Explained potential scope of work of doing a special census.

Bill Brown presented on block level data for census. Explained block groups versus census blocks. Presented on considerations for potential special census. Explained financial losses as a result of the decrease. Showed maps on wards by population. Questions and discussion ensued.

13. CLOSED SESSION: Collective Bargaining Issues, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2)

Motion to enter closed session by CM Wu and seconded by CM Hursey

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Entered Closed Session at 8:36 PM

Motion to return to open session by CM Hursey and seconded by CM Wu

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

Returned to open session at 9:38 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Urbana City Council Chair Marlin adjourned this meeting at 9:38 P.M.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: 12-13-2021

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