

CITY OF URBANA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, May 10, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: *Held virtually due to Governor's and Mayoral Emergency Orders

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: City Council Members, Maryalice Wu, Christopher Evans, Shirese Hursey, Jaya Kolisetty, Chaundra Bishop, Grace Wilken, James Quisenberry.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Bain, Sheila Dodd, Wendy Hundley, Stepheny McMahon, Carol Mitten, Lorrie Pearson, Scott Tess, Kat Trotter, and Dave Wesner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Frasca

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum virtually present, Mayor Marlin called the virtual meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Maryalice Wu moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting, James Quisenberry second. The minutes were approved by roll call vote as follows:
Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilkens, and Quisenberry.
Voting Nay: None

C. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

1. Council Member Training Session – Community Development Department
Stephany McMahon presented an overview of how the Tax Increment Financing district works. The TIF is actually a developmental tool that is used to improve blighted areas. These areas must meet the guidelines in order for a TIF district can be created. TIF is a joint effort by all taxing bodies affected by the blighted area. The TIF is managed and administered by the Municipality. New Developments property tax can be used as an incentive to help create a viable TIF district. Ms. McMahon presented PowerPoint to describe and show what a successful TIF would look like after 23 years.

2. Public Input

Public Input via Zoom. **Tracy Chong:** CPRB Taser review showed an officer running down the street passing a child in a stroller with a gun in one hand and a Taser in the other. This should not be allowed to happen. **Minnie Pearson:** Her questions have already been answered no further comment needed. **Alan Max Axelrod:** Want to correct a statement he had made earlier when he stated that Arkansas and Alaska had higher cases of COVID than Illinois when he meant to say that they had lower cases of COVID than Illinois. **Sarah Nixon:** would like to have an update on the One Door Project and feels that this update is long overdue. It appears that nothing is being done. **Drake Mattier:** echoes Sarah Nixon's comments and also expressed concern about defunding the police and working on new projects to activate trust.

D. COUNCIL INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Grace Wilkens** – Just want the public to know that she hear what they are saying and take their input seriously. She did watch the CPRB meeting and was disturbed by it and will be following up on it. She also wants those out there who are having difficulty with their utilities that the Township has funds available to help those needing assistance. Ms. Wilkins also need an update on the One Door Program, she also expressed a concern about how UPD handle people in crisis.

Jaya Kolisetty - Advised that she too watched the CPRB meeting as well. She thanked Kat Trotter for following up on a meeting about noise and litter that's being generated by contractors. She has also received contacts from her constituents about contractors starting to work earlier than 7:00 am. Ms. Kolisetty raised questions about funding for the One Door Project and just wants to let the citizens know that the City has not provided any funds to this program yet.

Chaundra Bishop – She have concerns and questions about the CPRB meeting and would like to have a discussion on this particular thing on an agenda in the near future. She would also like to see what kind of support the City of Urbana will give to a new program that is in the process of developing and what role will the City of Urbana have in it.

Maryalice Wu - Thanks for bringing up the complaint about construction starting earlier than 7:00 am. The ordinance states that construction cannot start prior to 7:00 am. When this happened in my neighborhood I called the City and they informed the contractor of the ordinances guidelines and the contractor abided by what the ordinance had set out for them without hesitation.

Mayor Marlin- The Mayor stated clearly that as it relates to the One Door Program, no money has been distributed to the program by the City of Urbana.

E. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole – (Council Member Maryalice Wu)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. **Resolution No. 2021-05-020R**: A Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois for Tree Planting. On behalf of the Committee of the Whole CM Wu moved to approve *Resolution No. 2021-05-020R*. CM Hursey seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop Wilkens, and Quisenberry. Voting Nay: None

DISPOSITION: Resolution No. 2021-05-020R: A Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois for Tree Planting was passed by roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

- b. **Resolution No. 2021-05-021R**: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impoundment Services. On behalf of the Committee of the Whole CM Wu moved to approve *Resolution No. 2021-05-021R*. CM Quisenberry seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop Wilkens, and Quisenberry. Noting Nay: None

DISPOSITION: Resolution No. 2021-05-021R: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impoundment Services was passed by roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2021-05-015**: An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (South Ridge VIII Subdivision/Plan Case No. 2418-S-21) On behalf of the Committee of the Whole CM Wu moved to approve *Ordinance No. 2021-05-015*. CM Bishop seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop Wilkens, and Quisenberry. Noting Nay: None.

- d. ***DISPOSITION: Ordinance No. 2021-05-015: An Ordinance Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (South Ridge VIII Subdivision/Plan Case No. 2418-S-21) has been adopted by roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.***

- e. **Ordinance No. 2021-05-016**: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class R & T-1 Liquor License for Sitara Indian Cuisine, Inc. dba Tres Nopales, 114 S. Race St. Urbana, IL) On behalf of the Committee of the Whole CM Wu moved to approve *Ordinance No. 2021-05-016*. CM Quisenberry seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop Wilkens, and Quisenberry. Noting Nay: None.

DISPOSITION: Ordinance No. 2021-05-016: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class R & T-1 Liquor

License for Sitara Indian Cuisine, Inc. dba Tres Nopales, 114 S. Race St. Urbana, IL) has been adopted by roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

- f. **Ordinance No. 2021-05-017:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class R & T-2 Liquor License for CBOCS West Inc. dba Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #129, 2101 N. Canyon Rd., Urbana, IL)
On behalf of the Committee of the Whole CM Wu moved to approve *Ordinance No. 2021-05-017*. CM Kolisetty seconded. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop Wilkens, and Quisenberry. Noting Nay: None.

DISPOSITION: Ordinance No. 2021-05-017: *An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3, Section 3-43 (Increasing Number of Class R & T-2 Liquor License for CBOCS West Inc. dba Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #129, 2101 N. Canyon Rd., Urbana, IL) has been adopted by roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.*

- g. **Resolution No. 2021-05-022R:** A Resolution Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Frasca International, Inc. (906 Airport Road, Urbana, IL)
Mayor Marlin called for motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-05-022R: A Resolution Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Frasca International, Inc. (906 Airport Road, Urbana, IL). CM Wu moved to *approve Resolution No. 2021-05-022R*, CM Quisenberry seconded. Following a brief discussion the resolution passed by majority roll call vote. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, and Quisenberry. Voting Nay: Wilkens.

DISPOSITION: Resolution No. 2021-05-022R: *A Resolution Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Frasca International, Inc. (906 Airport Road, Urbana, IL) passed by roll call vote with 6 Ayes and 1 Nay.*

H. Mayoral Appointment

- a. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Marlin explained the role of the Mayor Pro Tem and what the Statutes say about how the position works. She explained that according to the Statutes the Council member with the most seniority on the Council will be the one who shall be appointed to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Therefore, Maryalice Wu is the Councilman who has served for the longest time. The Mayor asked for a motion from the floor for Mayor pro tem. CM Hursey presented the name of Maryalice Wu for Mayor Pro Tem, CM Quisenberry seconded the motion.

Following a brief discussion Mary Alice Wu was voted in as Mayor Pro Tem. Voting Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop Wilkens, and Quisenberry.
Noting Nay: None

With there being no further business to come before this body Mayor Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: May 24, 2021