

MEETING EXPLAINER

A Special Meeting of the Urbana City Council will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:00pm. Unlike other City Council meetings, this Special Meeting is called to allow discussion and dialogue between Urbana residents and the City Council & City Staff concerning the current issues of policing in Urbana and the future of policing in Urbana.

Members Jared Miller, Maryalice Wu, and Dennis Roberts have requested this Special Meeting to dedicate Council attention to and publicly recognize many of the issues raised by Urbana and CU residents over the past eight weeks.

These include issues addressing existing concerns with policing in Urbana, the hiring of an outside organization to conduct an Independent Investigation of Aleyah Lewis' arrest, addressing calls for reform & redesign of the Civilian Police Review Board, answering community calls to redistribute funds from the UPD to other approaches for answering calls for service within the community, and many others.

Three separate discussions are scheduled during the meeting. Discussions will be moderated by Council Members Jared Miller and Maryalice Wu.

The first discussion will address existing concerns, examples in the list included with this explainer, brought forth to Council from the residents of Urbana. Council Members will be given an opportunity to present a prepared statement, no longer than 2 minutes in length, on these issues. Following these brief statements, the floor will be opened to participating members of the public, who will be asked for input and responses in the form of comments or questions.

The City Council recognizes the list of public concerns based upon prior input from the community.

Following this brief discussion/comment period participating members of the public will be asked for input and responses in the form of comments or questions.

The second discussion will open the floor for input from the public regarding new ideas on the community's role in policing that should be taken into consideration by Council members, City staff, City leadership, and the UPD. This discussion will follow the same general rules as the previous discussion.

The third and final discussion will be for Council to discuss next steps, set future meeting dates/topics, and offer direction to City staff.

After the conclusion of the final discussion the meeting will be adjourned.