
DATE: Monday, September 28, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: *Held virtually due to Governor and Mayoral Emergency Orders

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session September 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: City Council Members (CM) Maryalice Wu; Julie Laut; Shirese Hursey; Bill Brown; Dennis Roberts; Bill Colbrook; Jared Miller

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Sheila Dodd; Kay Meharry; Carol Mitten; Lorrie Pearson; Marcus Ricci; Bryant Seraphin; James Simon; Katherine Trotter

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Tina Stover; Katrina Kindle; Stephanie Henry; Matt Deering; Scott Stough

Public Input via Zoom: Allan Axelrod; Tracy Chong; John Kraft; Meghan McDonald; Rita Conerly; Christopher Hansen; Justin Hendrix; Sarah Nixon; Grace Wilken

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. **CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- b. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

At 7:02pm, CM Roberts moved to go into closed session. Motion seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Miller, Roberts, Wu
Nay: None

The mayor, council members and staff left the virtual open meeting and went into virtual closed session.

At 8:43pm the mayor, council members and staff left the virtual closed session and came back into the virtual open session. Motion made by CM Miller to come back into open session, seconded by CM Roberts and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Miller, Roberts, Wu
Nay: None

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

CM Laut moved to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by CM Hursey and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Miller, Roberts, Wu

Nay: None

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. [Presentation by the Urbana Business Association](#)

Tina Stover, co-owner of Enchantment Alley, presented this. She began with a PowerPoint presentation, and said the Urbana Business Association (UBA) currently has 122 members and has served the community for about 15 years. Ms. Stover said among the many things the UBA provides to businesses in Urbana are reduced rates for advertising, educational workshops and webinars, ribbon cutting ceremonies, networking opportunities, new business openings, business expansions, Talk of the Town newsletter and more. There are more services the UBA would like to provide in the future, some of which are more newsletter advertisement, virtual roundtable discussion, member to member benefits, and fundraising. New Horizons Mentorship is another future endeavor for the UBA. This would be a hands-on mentoring program to help someone wanting to start a new business in Urbana. It would take the potential business step by step process, from beginning to end, of establishing a new business in Urbana.

Ms. Stover said as of this time they have no budget at this time because of the lack of events due to the pandemic, which means they are unable to plan ahead. They are asking for \$57,815 from the City, which is consistent with the 2019-2020 budget. Ms. Stover answered questions from council members.

2. [Presentation by CPRB member](#)

Katrina Kindle, a member of the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB), said the board would like to present a proposed change to the CPRB portion of City Code, Section 19-28 (d) shall be changed to read, "Complaints shall be based upon account by: 1. The person involved in the incident; 2. A witness physically present at the incident; 3. A witness viewing a video recording of the incident. A minor shall be represented by a parent or guardian in all matters pertaining to the complaint."

Ms. Kindle commented on the proposed changes and council members gave input about the proposed changes. The consensus of council member was that the CPRB should be more specific and detailed in the changes they would like to see and bring those back to Council to be considered.

[Public input via Zoom](#)

Comments via Zoom included: Illinois needs to extend the state utility shut-off moratorium; Urbana is violating Illinois FOIA laws by charging fees; appalled at instructions given at last meeting for public input; adjust city budget to cut police budget; cops in school serving no purpose, take them out of schools; bring food pantries to Urbana; defund police; it is a criminal offense to try to control free speech; mayor cannot control public input; having five minutes per person for public input is appreciated.

[Public input via email](#)

There was none.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole - Council Member Jared Miller

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Resolution No. 2020-09-047R](#): A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (JAG)

For the Committee CM Miller moved approval of Resolution No. 2020-09-047R. Motion seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Miller, Roberts, Wu

Nay: None

- b. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-048](#): An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 8687-97 and Approving a Special Use Permit (1911 E. Main St. / Plan Case 2403-SU-20)

For the Committee CM Miller moved approval of Ordinance No. 2020-09-048. Motion seconded by CM Brown.

Planner II Marcus Ricci presented the ordinance that was not available in the packet for the last meeting. Stephanie Henry was present and explained the Special Use Permit will be to add a training facility to the west of the existing building.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09-048 was carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Roberts, Wu (CM Miller not present for vote)

Nay: None

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were none.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-050](#): An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Plasma Facility Wall Signs at 907 N. Lincoln Ave. / ZBA Case No. 2020-MAJ-04)

Planner I Katherine Trotter presented this ordinance. Stough Real Estate Holdings is asking for a variance to allow two commercial wall signs in a district that does not allow wall signs. There is already a freestanding sign at the site. She said the west and south property lines will have to be screened with appropriate landscaping and fencing. The signs will be illuminated, but will subject to an after-hours lighting plan to prevent light pollution. Ms. Trotter responded to questions from council members as discussion ensued.

CM Hursey moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09-050. Motion seconded by CM Colbrook and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Miller, Roberts, Wu

Nay: None

- b. [Resolution No. 2020-09-048R](#): A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Champaign, Illinois and the City of Urbana, Illinois Regarding the Champaign Diversity Advancement Program)

City Administrator Carol Mitten presented this resolution. The City of Champaign is building a database of women and minority only businesses and has agreed to let Urbana participate with under terms outlined in an intergovernmental agreement and an annual fee of \$5,000.

CM Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09-048R. Motion seconded by CM Hursey and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Miller, Roberts, Wu
Nay: None

- c. **Ordinance No. 2020-09-051**: An Ordinance Ratifying Extension of Emergency Order No. 20-09 (Continued Guidelines Concerning Numbers of Attendees, Social Distancing, and Use of Face Coverings at Parties and Other Gatherings)

Mayor Marlin presented this ordinance. She said there was an end date of September 28, 2020, will go through and this will coincide with the suspension of public event permits.

CM Wu moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09-051. Motion seconded by CM Hursey and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Laut, Roberts, Wu
Nay: Miller

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, Mayor Marlin adjourned this virtual meeting at 10:36pm.

Kay Meharry
Assistant City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: October 12, 2020