



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Monday, December 9, 2019**

The Urbana City Council held a public hearing on December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: City Council Members (CM) Bill Brown, Dean Hazen, Shirese Hursey, Eric Jakobsson, Jared Miller, Dennis Roberts, Maryalice Wu, Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin, City Clerk Charles Smyth

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Mitten, Curt Borman

OTHERS PRESENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the public hearing to order at 7:50 p.m. following a Cunningham Town Board meeting and other public hearings.

Mayor Marlin opened the hearing and stated the purpose of the hearing, which was to receive public input on the proposed property tax increase for the City of Urbana for 2019. She read from the notice as follows: The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$7,876,330. The proposed corporate and special service property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$10,325,152. This represents a 31.1% increase over the previous year. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$0. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$0. This represents a 0.00% increase over the previous year. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$7,876,330. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$10,325,152. This represents a 31.1% increase over the previous year.

Mayor Marlin added that the 31% increase is based on the possibility that hospital properties are considered taxable and added to the tax rolls. The city intends to reduce the tax levy so that the current tax rates remain the same. Urbana homeowners should not see an increase in the city share of their property taxes unless they have seen their assessment increase. The city share of the total property tax bill is about 13%.

Mayor Marlin opened the public hearing. No one came forward.

II. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Charles A. Smyth
City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded with website link (viewable on demand):

<https://www.urbanaininois.us/node/8214>

This meeting was broadcast on cable television (UPTV) and streamed live:

<http://urbanaininois.us/upty>

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