



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 6, 2018

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Eric Jakobsson, Alderman Ward 2; Aaron Ammons, Alderman Ward 3; Dean Hazen, Ward 6; Jared Miller, Alderman Ward 7; Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Maryalice Wu, Alderwoman Ward 1

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Bill Brown, Alderman Ward 4; Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5

STAFF PRESENT: Eggert, Gray, Pearson, Simon, Hannan, Mitten, Horowitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Elderess Melinda Carr, Allan Axelrod, James Kilgore, Jeffrey L. McGuire

MEDIA: News-Gazette

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum present, Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:23 p.m. following a meeting of the Cunningham Township Board.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

City Council Member (CM) Jared Miller made a motion to approve minutes of July 9, 2018, July 16, 2018, and July 16, 2018 Special Meeting. CM Hazen seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

D. PUBLIC INPUT

Allen Axelrod did not wish to speak but is in favor of Resolution 2018-08-037 supporting the Voting Right Act believing the proposed memorandum is necessary and can only serve to promote equal access to the ballot box.

Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood did not wish to speak but wanted to voice her continued concerns about the Dr. Ellis subdivision sewer problem.

Elderess Melinda Carr, Dr. Ellis subdivision didn't wish to speak but wanted to voice her continued concerns about the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues, equity and historic impact. Jeffrey McGuire, a retired veteran currently residing in Highland Green Apartments wanted to bring attention to the council his experiences living there. He noted a lack of management from the property owners in Chicago. He stated that there are fights, public drinking, dealing, and has called police 5 times for different reasons. He is now looking at moving out because of the issues. He has spoken with Community Development and they are looking into this as well. He encouraged council to feel free to talk to him about the situation. Mayor Marlin indicated that the city will be contacting the management. CM Hazen thanked Mr. McGuire for his service and painful sacrifice. CM Jakobsson asked if there's something more we can do patrol wise and such. Mr. McGuire also shared some of his experiences with management and neighbors.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee Of The Whole** – (*Chair: Council Member Wu but reported by CM Jakobsson*)

- a. **Resolution No. 2018-07-035R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Promotional and Marketing Agreement (Urbana Business Association, FY 2018-2019)

CM Jakobsson, on behalf of the Committee, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-07-035R. CM Miller seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed by roll call 5-0: Ammons – Aye; Hazen – Aye; Jakobsson – Aye; Miller – Aye; Wu – Aye

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-07-036R:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Promotional and Marketing Agreement (Visit Champaign County, FY 2018-2019)

CM Jakobsson, on behalf of the Committee, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-07-036R. CM Hazen seconded. CM Ammons noted his previous comments at committee about the VCC request. He stated that we should be vigilant about supplemental funding and expects that the staff of agencies asking for public monies reflect the demographics and diversity of the community. With no further discussion, the motion passed by roll call 5-0: Ammons – Aye; Hazen – Aye; Jakobsson – Aye; Miller – Aye; Wu – Aye

- c. **Ordinance No. 2018-07-051:** An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at all Times on Certain Streets (Federal Drive)

CM Jakobsson, on behalf of the Committee, made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-07-051. CM Miller seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed by roll call 5-0: Ammons – Aye; Hazen – Aye; Jakobsson – Aye; Miller – Aye; Wu – Aye

- d. **Ordinance No. 2018-07-052:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 26 Regarding Vehicles for Hire (2018)

CM Jakobsson, on behalf of the Committee, made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-07-052. CM Miller seconded. It was noted that this was for the staff revised version.

With no discussion, the motion passed by roll call 5-0: Ammons – Aye; Hazen – Aye; Jakobsson – Aye; Miller – Aye; Wu – Aye

- e. **Ordinance No. 2018-07-053:** An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #1 - Omnibus)

CM Jakobsson, on behalf of the Committee, made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-07-053. CM Hazen seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed by roll call 6-0: Ammons – Aye; Hazen – Aye; Jakobsson – Aye; Miller – Aye; Wu – Aye; Mayor Marlin – Aye

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Libby Horowitz, CD Economic Development Coordinator, provided the monthly Business and Development Report. She noted that a Kickapoo Railtrail extension to downtown study has been funded with Federal funds in partnership with the city, Carle, the Champaign County Forest Preserve, and the Urbana Park District; there are 5 expanding and new businesses coming to Lincoln Square including the Idea Store; Sunnycrest Center is also experiencing some expansion of existing businesses, Landmark Hotel will be on auction with a new broker; a Peter Built Truck Center will be relocating to N. Cunningham; and Matt Cho bought the Washington School on N. Broadway. She announced that the Art Expo will again be at the Civic Center Sept 14-16, and several other local events including the Sweet Corn Festival are upcoming.

CM Ammons asked about the school building on Broadway sold on auction and Ms. Horowitz and Mayor Marlin provided some history.

Mayor Marlin gave kudos to the Economic Development and Planning division noting the 8 new homes under construction in Stone Creek and quoted Atkins Development as reported in the News Gazette. She provided a short report on the Fix-It voucher program summarizing the use of reallocated existing funds for the first month. 52 out of 73 vouchers redeemed in the first month.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Resolution No. 2018-08-037R:** A Resolution Declaring Our Support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and its Amendments – Alderman Ammons

CM Ammons made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-08-037R. CM Miller seconded. James Kilgore spoke in favor of the resolution. He noted the number of people denied the right to vote with people continuing to be excluded and efforts being made to erode the right to vote. He noted European, African, and Australia countries allow the incarcerated to vote. CM Jakobsson mentioned that in North Carolina people on probation who voted are being prosecuted to which Mr. Kilgore noted that you can vote in Illinois if on probation or parole.

CM Ammons read his memo in support of the resolution. CM Hazen indicated that he was in support but now unclear about people incarcerated. CM Ammons clarified his resolution as unrelated to the issue raised by Mr. Kilgore. CM Ammons also noted that Aug 4th was the 54th anniversary of 3 deaths in Mississippi of individuals who were registering people to vote. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. **Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

a. Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Community Action Board– term ending June 30, 2021

1. Joel Sanders, Urbana Police Department Patrol Lieutenant

b. Historic Preservation Commission – term ending June 30, 2021

1. David L. Hays

c. Sustainability Advisory Commission – term ending June 30, 2019

1. Maddy Garbacz

Mayor Marlin read her list of appointments to the commissions and briefly noted their qualifications. A motion to approve the appointments was made by CM Ammons and seconded by CM Miller. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, 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/7285>

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

<http://urbanaininois.us/upty>

Minutes Approved: August 20, 2018