
DATE: Monday, October 4, 2021
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *Via ZOOM, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00pm virtually via ZOOM.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS VIRTUALLY PRESENT: CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Liggett, Darcy Sandefur, Carol Mitten, Dave Wesner, Andrea Ruedi, Carla Boyd, Bryant Seraphin, Cory Koker, Braeden Belcher, Elizabeth Hannan

OTHERS PRESENT: Ricardo Diaz (president of CPRB)

Chair: *Shirese Hursey, Ward 3*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Hursey called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:59 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

CM Wu motioned to approve the minutes for the September 20th meetings. CM Kolisetty seconded. CM Wilken: will be voting present as she was unable to pick up her packet.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

NAY:

PRESENT: Wilken

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Public Input and Presentations

a. CPRB Resolution Update – Executive

Presented by Carla Boyd the Human Rights and Equity Officer for the City of Urbana, serves as staff representative for the CPRB. To ensure public was updated on recommendation of CPRB in regards to code of membership. The CBRB would like to strike section C that prohibits those with prior felony convictions from serving on the CPRB.

CM Wilken asked about the legality of this change being implemented as it is in the FOP contract. CM Wilken asked for any additional precedent. CM Wu asked for clarification about which item was tied in CPRB. CM Kolisetty asked for clarification on if the Council could not do it or could not implement it. Ricardo Diaz wanted to reiterate the CPRB stance that excluding those with felony convictions from serving on the CPRB being a bad idea. CM Evans asked legal if they could do a side letter for the FOP contract. Mayor Marlin reminded that this is the presentation item section of the agenda and advised that further discussion could be done on a future agenda. CM Wilken asked why the CPRB letter was included in this contract and also asked if it is reasonable to expect that it will be in future negotiations.

b. Comprehensive Plan Update and 2005 Comprehensive Plan Assessment – CD

Presented by Andrea Ruedi and Lily Wilcock from community development. Andrea Ruedi provided a timeline for imagine Urbana. Provided data on project so far to measure engagement. Lily Wilcock presented on 2005 Comprehensive plan review following an intensive case study. Presented on lessons learned from analyzing this plan. CM Wilken thanked staff for their effort and asked for a specific example of how to utilize this example in city plans. CM Kolisetty asked about the shift from community wide focus.

c. Push Tax – CM Hursey, Wayne Williams, and Thomas Condon (Peterson, Johnson & Murray)

CM Hursey introduced Wayne Williams, the Cunningham Township Assessor. Thomas Condon atty. previously presented on this at the Illinois Municipal League. Explained that the push tax is a tax it's a penny for push on the player of the video gaming terminal. Passed by city of Waukegan and Oakpark. Both cities are currently in litigation regarding. Explained that revenue can be used to help address community needs. Tax of a cent every time a game is played. CM Kolisetty asked about impact on folks who already have a gambling problem.

d. Public Input

Giovana Dibenedetto spoke in support of ALPR to address community violence and fears. *Lilly Dibenedetto via Video* spoke to the realities of kids living in neighborhoods impacted by community violence. *Minnie Pearson* spoke in support of ALPR on behalf of the NAACP of Champaign Urbana and offered to hold joint townhall meetings with NAACP and the city to address community concerns about ALPR. *CK Gunsalus* thanked council for service and appreciated how they represented themselves in the earlier meeting amidst high tensions. Expressed concerns about loss of institutional memory of input from residents to the comprehensive plan about changes needing to be made. Separate imagine Urbana process from comprehensive plan revision process. Need to build better bridges to neighborhoods to conduct meetings to address different needs. Direct plan commission to address these needs relating to comprehensive plan. *Angel Johnson* wants to speak to Mayor Marlin about her business not being able to receive funding as a home daycare. Wants more information on ALPR cameras. *Tracy Chong* expressed concerns about FOP contracts clause about CPRB being untrue. *Julie Watkins* urged council to do what they can to stop evictions. Urged public to listen to Frances Rigburn's previous public comment. *Mary Pat McGuire* asked what the actual applicable connection is between the Comp plan and Imagine Urbana. *Eddie Pratt Jr.* expressed concern that the ALPR cameras would not adequately address the violence. Spoke to the need to strengthen infrastructure. *Collin Dodson* spoke in support of an eviction moratorium. Expressed frustration with the local rental assistance administering entities. *Allan Max Axelrod* expressed concerns about what will be done with camera footage and who will have access. *Colum Wilson* of the CPRB wanted to inform council of their support for removing the felony restriction. Hopes to hear police reason for not wanting to allow residents with former felony convictions on the CPRB. *George* expressed concerns about the eviction moratorium ending. Called upon the Urbana elected to pass a resolution to ask that the sheriff not resume evictions. *Linda Turnbill* thanked council for their work. Echoed support for ALPR. *Hrant Kebantsi* expressed concerns about the eviction moratorium expiring. Urged council to call upon the sheriff to not enforce evictions. *Sarah Nixon* spoke in opposition to the ALPR. Urged council to instead adopt policies that outline future obligations to transparency. *Alexander Rogers* expressed concerns about the eviction moratorium expiring and urged the sheriff to not enforce evictions. Spoke in opposition to ALDR. *Arthur Paganini* spoke in opposition to the ALPR. Expressed concerns about the eviction moratorium. *Drake Materre* spoke in opposition to ALPR. Urged council to pursue other solutions to solving community violence. Expressed concerns about the eviction moratorium ending. *Serena Dodge* spoke in support of cameras and ALPR.

***CM Wilken motioned to extend public comment 10 minutes. Seconded by CM Bishop.**

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Bishop, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

Melinda Eldress feels ALPR should be evenly distributed within city to avoid racial profiling and disparity. *Wayne Williams* spoke against cameras in our community, but given the recent increase in violence he

does support the ALDR because they are less invasive.

5. **Staff Report**

Carol Mitten is saving her staff report for next week.

6. **Resolution No. 2021-09-043R: A Resolution Approving the Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Habitat CHDO Developer PY 2020) – CD**

Presented by Braeden Belcher. Grant funds are a reallocation from a previous project that was completed under budget. In order for these HUD funds to not be lost, City staff reached out to Habitat. CM Wu asked how many affordable rental units first followers was able to produce. CM Wilken asked for clarification about why there is money left over.

Motion to approve by CM Wu for the regular agenda. Seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Evans, Hursey, Wu, Bishop, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

7. **Ordinance No. 2021-09-044: An Ordinance Revising the FY2022 Annual Budget (Budget Amendment #3) – HR/Finance**

Presented by Elizabeth Hannan. Mayor Marlin summarized what ALPR purchase consists of and their essential function. Hannah explained the budget amendment would allow unused funds from last year's budget to be allocated for this year's budget to be used for the ALPR. Chief Seraphin explained how ALPR model works.

***Motion to extend meeting to 10:45 pm by CM Wu seconded by CM Quisenberry.**

AYE: Evans, Quisenberry, Wilken, Wu, Hursey, Bishop, Kolisetty

NAY: None.

Motion to approve by CM Wu to move to council with no recommendation to the regular agenda.

Seconded by CM Quisenberry.

CM Wu thanked the Chief and Mayor for answering many questions she had. Expressed concerns about the number of ALPR in other communities. Expressed concerns about duration of time data is kept. CM Quisenberry expressed the importance of access audits. Advised that they can always be removed. CM Kolisetty appreciates the City's desire to respond quickly. Urged caution in regards to the 4th amendment and personal privacy. Expressed a need for policies to be in place prior to investment. CM Wilken agrees with urgent need to address community violence. Does not feel ALPR will address violent crime. Wants to see more information on policy and research prior to approval. Does not feel there is adequate information to make decision, Feels policy should come before.

***Motion by CM Wu to extend meeting to 11 pm seconded by CM Kolisetty.**

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Quisenberry, Bishop, Wilken

NAY: None

Mayor Marlin clarified that implementation will not happen overnight and that there would be time while in queue for tech. CM Evans thanked Chief. Expressed importance of heavily weighing this decision. It impacts everyone. Expressed concerns about lack of information. Asked that flock safety provide statistics. Asked that city create and provide a policy for public inspection.

***Motion to send to council with no recommendation rescinded.**

CM Wu motioned to keep item in committee. Seconded by CM Quisenberry.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wilken, Kolisetty, Wu, Evans, Bishop, Quisenberry

NAY: Hursey

8. Council Input and Communications

CM Kolisetty expressed frustration with co-responder model public hearing. Looking forward to participating in the rock and roll to school community event. Provided local domestic violence hotline number. *CM Wu* wanted to let public know that lighting is going to be accounted for in this budget under infrastructure improvements. Thanked public for input regarding rental assistance entities. *CM Wilken* wanted to address eviction moratorium, wants to look into what the council can do. Expressed frustration about how co-responder model was presented in public hearing. Wants a follow up on scheduling of council priorities discussion. *Mayor Marlin* corrected that its 2 Mil dollar set aside for infrastructure. Actively looking for facilitator for council priority session. *CM Bishop* willing to collaborate with CM Wilken to address eviction moratorium.

15. Adjournment

Chair Hursey adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

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

Minutes approved: 10/18/2021