

On December 7, 2023, the City of Urbana Plan Commission held a public meeting in Council Chambers at City Hall in Urbana, Illinois. Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin and City Council Member Maryalice Wu attended the meeting as members of the audience but they did not participate in the proceedings.

During the course of the meeting, a Plan Commission member requested a recess to consult with the City Attorney on a procedural matter. The Plan Commission voted to go into recess. The recess was intended to allow for an informal sidebar between the Commission chair and the City Attorney in Council Chambers. However, City Staff, the City Attorney and Plan Commission Members left the council chambers and gathered as a group in a second floor conference room. A few minutes later, after realizing that the group had left the room to gather elsewhere, Mayor Marlin went to the conference room to instruct them to return to Council Chambers.

The City of Urbana acknowledges this gathering during recess was an Open Meetings Act violation. As a result, the City is requiring that all parties involved retake their Public Access Counselor OMA training and certification by January 31, 2024.

3 January 2024

Diane W. Marlin