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Re: OMA Request for Review – No. 2020 PAC 64787 – Further Action Letter.

Dear Assistant Attorney General Bartelt:

The City of Urbana (hereinafter, the “City”) is in receipt of the above-referenced “further action” letter dated September 24, 2020.

From the attachment to your letter, it appears that Mr. Hansen alleges that the Mayor and one or more City Council¹ members violated the Open Meetings Act (hereinafter, “OMA”) (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*) Section 2.06(g) (5 ILCS 120/2.06(g)) regarding public comment in the following ways:

- Mr. Hansen and other members of the public had no physical access to the meeting site.
- The Mayor altered the City’s rules concerning public comment by limiting speakers to only three (3) minutes each in violation of the City’s “established” and “recorded” “rules” governing public comment.
- The Mayor and several City Council members sought to control speech “content” in violation of speakers’ First Amendment rights.
- One or more members of the public were denied their opportunity to provide public comment or were denied their full time to speak.

You have requested the City to provide the following:

- The City’s written response to Mr. Hansen’s allegations.
- The City’s “established” and “recorded” rules for public comment.

¹ The City Council normally meets four times per month. The City Council meets as City Council on the second and fourth Mondays of each month and as a Committee of the Whole on the first and third Mondays of every months. Whether or not the City Council meets on a Monday is dependent on whether a holiday during which the City Building is closed falls on a Monday meeting day. UCC Sec.2-25(a). For purposes of this response, however, reference to “City Council” meetings will be to both City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

- The video of the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting.
- The City Council agenda and minutes of the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting (in final approved or draft form, as the case may be).

This letter constitutes the City's response to Mr. Hansen's allegations. Further, the City is providing (i) the City's "rules" for public comment are quoted in this response; (ii) the minutes for the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting in unapproved form; (iii) an affidavit from the Mayor; (iv) transcripts of Mr. Hansen's public input at the September 14 and 28, 2020 City Council meetings and at the September 3, 2020 special meeting of the City's Civilian Police Review Board; and (v) the City Council meeting agendas for the period March 23, 2020 through September 14, 2020 that include instructions and rules for providing public input at remote meetings. The video/audio recording of the City Council's September 14, 2020 meeting can be found at the following hyperlink²:

https://www.city.urbana.il.us/Scripts/CouncilVideo/Video.asp?v=/ Video/City_Council/2020/20200914/02. Public Input and Presentations.mp4

For the reasons discussed below, the City complied with OMA Section 2.06(g) in all respects notwithstanding Mr. Hansen's allegations to the contrary.

A. OMA Section 2.06(g).

Section 2.06(g) provides: "Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body." OMA does not indicate what process is required in order for "rules" to be deemed "established" and "recorded."

A. The City Did Not Wrongfully Bar the Public from Access to City Council Meeting.

It is unclear whether Mr. Hansen complains that he and other members of the public were prevented from physically attending the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting. However, such an allegation has been addressed by your office on two prior occasions. See determination numbers 2020 PAC 63073 and 2020 PAC 63284 where your office concluded that the City's conducting of remote meetings during the pendency of the COVID-19 pandemic is proper. Thus, the City finds no further reason to address this particular allegation.

C. City's "Established" and "Recorded" "Rules" Governing Public Comment.

1. Urbana City Code Section 2-4.

Section 2-4 of the Urbana City Code ("UCC") provides:

² By opening the hyperlink, you will see that two public comment sessions were provided. Each public comment session can be retrieved by clicking on that item.

(a) Any person who seeks to address the members of a commission, committee, or other official body of the city at any public meeting will be permitted to speak on any matter listed on the agenda or on any other matter of public concern, subject to the following provisions:

(1) The presiding officer shall designate a time during the meeting at which the public may address the members. The presiding officer may require persons wishing to speak during any portion of a meeting to sign in before the start of the meeting and to provide their names, addresses,³ and topics to be discussed.

(2) Prior to speaking, each person must be recognized by the presiding officer and must state his or her name for the record.

(3) Subject to subsection (a)(4), public comment is limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person and to no more than two (2) hours per meeting, unless extended by consent of a majority vote of the members present. The presiding officer or his or her designee shall monitor each speaker's use of time and shall notify the speaker when the time allotted has expired.

(4) If the presiding officer recognizes that more than twenty (20) persons desire to speak, he or she may limit each speaker to comments of no more than three (3) minutes. Whenever any group of persons wishes to address the members on the same subject matter, the presiding officer may ask that a spokesperson be chosen from the group. If additional matters are to be presented by other persons in the group, the presiding officer may limit the number of such persons and may limit the presentation to information not already presented by the group spokesperson.

(5) Persons invited by the presiding officer to address the members are subject to such time limitations as the majority of the members present may prescribe.

(b) The city clerk shall post the provisions of subsection (a) on the city's website.

UCC Sec. 2-4, emphasis supplied.⁴

In *People v. Legoo*, the Illinois Supreme Court stated:

The cardinal rule of statutory construction is to ascertain and give effect to the intent of the legislature. ... The best indicator of legislative intent is the statutory language, given its plain and ordinary meaning. When the statutory language is

³ The City does not enforce the requirement that persons wishing to speak provide their addresses.

⁴ https://library.municode.com/IL/urbana/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTIINGE_S2-4PUME

clear and unambiguous, we will apply it as written without resort to aids of statutory construction.

People v. Legoo, 2020 IL 124965, ¶ 14, citations omitted. These rules apply to interpreting ordinances as well. *Henderson Square Condominium Association, v. Lab Townhomes, LLC*, 2015 IL 118139, ¶ 67.

The Mayor did not improperly change the rules governing public comment. The above rules state that a speaker will have “no more than five (5) minutes per person” and that public comment will last “no more than two (2) hours” unless the City Council approves more time. UCC Sec. 2-4(a)(3). Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary defines the phrase “no more” to mean “nothing more,” “no longer,” “not any more,” or “to no greater extent.”⁵ Therefore, by its plain language, UCC Section 2-4(a)(3) places an upper limits but not a lower limits on a speaker’s time and the total duration of public comment.

UCC Section 2-4(a)(3) does not state who has the authority to reduce a speaker’s time and/or the total amount time allocated to public comment. On the other hand, that section only addresses who has the authority to length a speaker’s time limit and the duration of public comment – i.e., the City Council by majority vote. In the absence of such guidance, the presiding officer at the meeting (in the case of the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting, the Mayor) would have the authority to shorten these time limits. It is also worth noting that UCC Section 2-27(1) has adopted *Robert’s Rules of Order* as “the law governing the deliberations of the city council.” Generally, *Robert’s Rules of Order* provide that the presiding officer generally controls the meeting. Likewise, nothing in OMA Section 2.06(g) or UCC Section 2-4(a)(3) guarantees that every member of the public will be able to speak within the overall time limit provided for public comment. Moreover, there is nothing in UCC Section 2-4(a)(3) that prohibits the Mayor from splitting public comment into two parts.

UCC Section 2-4(a)(4) states:

If the presiding officer recognizes that more than twenty (20) persons desire to speak, he or she may limit each speaker to comments of no more than three (3) minutes.

Emphasis supplied. Unfortunately, given the Mayor’s difficulties using Zoom teleconferencing, she has often been unable to “recognize” the number of members of the public who wish to provide public comment including at the September 14, 2020 meeting. In most meetings she chaired, the Mayor asked for a show of “hands” by using the “raise hand” feature of Zoom of those wishing to speak. However, as public comment progressed, additional members of the public often sought to speak as well.

The Mayor put a one (1) hour total limit on the two parts for public comment due to the number of items on the agenda. She also shortened each speaker’s time limit to three (3) minutes because she could not ascertain how many members of the public wanted to speak and to give as

⁵ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/no%20more>.

many members of the public an opportunity to speak. The Mayor believed that UCC Section 2-4 allowed her to shorten the time for individual speakers and the overall time for public input. Marlin Aff. ¶¶ 12-17.

2. Additional City Council Rules for Public Comment.

Nothing in OMA Section 2.06(g) defines how “rules” must be “established” or “recorded” in order for them to govern public input. Starting with the first remotely conducted City Council meeting (March 23, 2020), the City has published additional rules for public comment on its agendas. See agendas for the period March 23, 2020 through September 14, 2020 included with this response (hereinafter, collective “Agendas”).

The agendas for the March 23, 2020 through June 7, 2020 City Council meetings cited to UCC Section 2-4 as governing public comment. However, starting with the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting and continuing through September 14, 2020, City Council agendas have included the following rules:

Zoom Webinar participant

Click on the link above to join the Webinar. You must provide your name and email in order to join the Webinar. If you wish to speak during the Public Input, “raise your hand” and wait to be called on by the meeting host. You must state your first and last name for the meeting record. Participants will be muted except when they are called on to speak; video will remain off for all members of the public when speaking. You may speak for up to three minutes.

Telephone participant

Call the phone number shown on the agenda. Enter the Webinar ID followed by the # key. All callers are muted by default. If you wish to speak, “raise your hand” by pressing *9 once. When you are called on by the host, you will be un-muted. You must state your first and last name for the meeting record. When you are finished, the host will “lower your hand” and mute you. You may speak for up to three minutes.

Emphasis in original. See also Agendas; Marlin Aff. ¶ 17. Each of the agendas and the rules provided therein were posted on the City’s website. The agenda and rules for the September 14, 2020 meeting were posted on the City’s website on September 11, 2020.

D. Members of the Public Were Not Unlawfully Bar From Providing Public Input.

During many virtual City Council meetings over the past four or five months, a number of individuals (including Mr. Hansen) have used public input to personally attack, insult, abuse, threaten, harass, and defame the Mayor, one or more City Council members and a number of City staff members by name. Marlin Aff. 19. Typical examples of this abuse and hostility can be heard not only during public input at the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting (see link above p. 2)

but also during meetings of City boards and commissions. For example, during the September 3, 2020 special meeting of the Urbana Civilian Police Review Board,⁶ and the most recently during the September 28, 2020 City Council meeting Mr. Hansen and others can be heard abusing, attacking, threatening and defaming others by name.⁷ See also transcripts of Mr. Hansen's Public Input for the September 3, 2020 Urbana Civilian Police Review Board meeting and for the September 28, 2020 City Council meeting included with this response. At various times, Mr. Hansen and other members of the public have accused public servants by name of engaging in governmental corruption; conspiracy to corrupt government; deceptive practices; conspiracy to deceive the public; unlawful abuse of governmental powers unethical conduct; intentionally violating state statutes; knowing and intentional lies to cover up illegal activities; distorting the truth; and total incompetence. Marlin Aff. ¶ 19.

As a result of the abuse heaped on these public servants by a few members of the public, at least one employee and several appointees to City boards and commissions have resigned their positions. Marlin Aff. ¶ 20. When asked why they resigned, these individuals indicated that Mr. Hansen and the few other members of the public were creating a hostile, abusive and threatening environment during public input. *Id.* They express a desire not to speak about their concerns for fear that these few members of the public would target them for more abuse and harassment. *Id.*

The Mayor has also spoken with other members of the public who expressed concern about the hostile and abusive tone and tenor that a few public members have been creating during the public comment portion of City Council meetings. Marlin Aff. ¶ 21. These other members of the public advised that they did not wish to speak during public input out of fear of being attacked by the few abusive members of the public. *Id.*

Moreover, the Mayor has spoken with those City staff members who have been the targets of abuse and hostility by the few members of the public. Marlin Aff. ¶ 22. In addition to expressing concern about the tone and tenor of public input at City Council meetings, staff members expressed to the Mayor that their morale has suffered. *Id.* the Mayor has also spoken with most, if not all City Council members. A number of them have expressed concern about the tone, tenor, lack of civility, and lack of decorum during public input at their meetings. Marlin Aff. ¶ 23. As the foregoing demonstrates, a few members of the public have used their public input time to chill the rights of other members of the public to speak during public input and interfere with the City's efforts to conduct governmental business by City Council members and City staff.

As a result of months of abusive insulting, threatening, harassing, and defamatory speech heaped on the Mayor, several City Council members and City staff during public input at City Council meetings, the Mayor decided to try to restore at least some level of civility and decorum. Marlin Aff. ¶ 24. At the beginning of public comment at the September 14, 2020 meeting, the Mayor stated:

⁶ <https://www.urbanaininois.us/node/8833>. At 1 hour, 37 minutes, and 51 seconds into the meeting.

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https://www.city.urbana.il.us/Scripts/CouncilVideo/Video.asp?v=/ Video/City_Council/2020/20200928/06_Public_Input.mp4. At 21 minutes, 51 seconds into the public input portion of the meeting.

The other thing I want to address is the tenor, the tone, and the nature of the comments. I want to ask and I will insist that comments be addressed to the issues and to the City Council as a whole. You cannot direct comments toward individually elected officials, City staff, volunteer members of boards and commissions, or other citizens. It's just not appropriate. And if you engage in this behavior, particularly negative comments, I will, I will mute and we'll move on and you can finish your comments via email. We've had an increasing number of, an intensifying number of comments that are personal they're really abusive; they're really hurtful and that contributes to an increasingly hostile environment in our meetings to the point where people are telling me they are intimidated about joining a meeting they're intimidated about making a comment because they're afraid that they will be attacked. This is not, this is not the environment that we have encouraged at Urbana City Council and it is not the environment that we can have continue.

We need to be able to have respectful and open and discussions directed at the issues. And, and this time when we are all just buried under the layers of dealing with the pandemic and, and, working towards race and social justice and everything else we are dealing with today.

Marlin Aff. ¶ 24. See also transcript of Mayor Marlin's comments included with this response.

At no time did the Mayor or any City Council member attempt to control the content of any speaker's speech. Rather, they sought to restore civility and decorum by regulating the manner of speech during the public comment portion of the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting. Marlin Aff. ¶¶ 24, 27, 28.

As the agenda for the September 14, 2020 meeting indicates, members of the public who wished to provide public input on particular action items were given that opportunity to speak during the first part of public comment so the City Council could hear and consider their input before taking action on action on those agenda items. Those wishing to provide general commentary about items of public business not on the agenda were permitted to do so during the second part of public comment held at the end of the meeting. However, speakers were given only one opportunity to speak at the meeting. See agenda for September 14, 2020 City Council meeting and Marlin Aff. ¶ 25 included with this response.

1. Attorney General Binding PAC Opinions.

The Attorney General in binding PAC opinions has indicated that a public body can set reasonable place, time, and manner restrictions on public input in order to maintain order and decorum. In 2016, the Attorney General issued binding opinion number 2016 PAC 45349 that stated:

The Attorney General has opined that 'public bodies may generally promulgate reasonable' 'time, place and manner' regulations that are necessary to further a significant governmental interest. * * * [T]he primary purpose of adopting rules

governing public comment pursuant to section 2.06(g) of OMA is to accommodate the speaker's statutory right to address the public body, while ensuring that the public body can maintain order and decorum at public meetings.' Ill. Att'y Gen. Pub. Acc. Op. 14- 012, issued September 30, 2014, at 5- 6. ... Likewise, this office reviews the rule at issue here in terms of its reasonableness and the Council's asserted significant governmental interest.

2016 PAC 45349, p. 5, brackets in original, emphasis supplied. In 2018, the Attorney General issued binding opinion number 2018 PAC 55462 that stated:

Section 2.06(g) requires that all public bodies subject to the Act provide an opportunity for members of the public to address public officials at open meetings. Nonetheless, the right to address public officials is not without limits. Section 2.06(g) expressly provides that individuals are entitled to address a public body subject to 'the rules established and recorded by ... the public body.' Although OMA does not specifically address the nature of rules that a public body may enforce during the public comment portion of an open meeting, ordinarily only reasonable time, place and manner restrictions which are content-neutral are permissible in such a designated public forum under the first amendment to the United States Constitution. See, e.g., *IA. Rana Enterprises, Inc. v. City of*, 630 F. Supp. 2d 912, 922- 23 (N.D. Ill. 2009) examining whether the application of city council' s rules for public comment violated plaintiff's first amendment rights). Such rules must be reasonably necessary to protect a significant governmental interest and must tend to accommodate, rather than to unreasonably restrict, the right to address public officials [citation omitted].

2018 PAC 55462 p. 5, emphasis supplied. In 2019, the Attorney General issued binding opinion number 2019 PAC 59187 that stated:

... 'ordinarily only reasonable time, place and manner restrictions' that are content - neutral are permissible in such a designated public forum under the first amendment to the United States Constitution. See e.g., *IA. Rana Enterprises, Inc. v. City of Aurora*, 630 F. Supp. 2d 912, 922- 23 (N.D. Ill. 2009).

2019 PAC 59187 p. 5.

2. Court Opinions Deem Tenor and Tone of Speech Within "Manner" and Not Content.

Federal courts have determined that a speaker's tone and tenor constitutes "manner" and not content since speakers can convey their positions and information with the same level of fervor and passion but still in a civil and decorous way.

In *Milestone v. City of Monroe, Wisconsin*, the Seventh Circuit addressed a local government-operated senior citizen center's "Code of Rules" that prohibited the use of abusive, vulgar, or demeaning language, threatening conduct, and disrespectful behavior toward others at the center. *Milestone v. City of Monroe, Wisconsin*, 665 F.3d 774 (7th Cir. 2011). Given that the

center was a public body, First Amendment issues were raised. In placing the First Amendment issues in context, the court stated:

The [public body's] Code contains a mission statement, several objectives, and nine provisions comprising the actual 'Code of Conduct.' ... The Code is generally aimed at conduct not speech, but three of its provisions arguably touch upon speech or expression: the requirement that patrons treat everyone with respect and courtesy; the prohibition against abusive, vulgar, or demeaning language; and the requirement that patrons treat Center personnel with respect. In Milestone's view these provisions are viewpoint-based regulations in that they subject any person who disagrees with the director's decisions to permanent ejection from the Center.

We disagree. Government regulation of expressive activity is content neutral so long as it is 'justified without reference to the content of the regulated speech.' *Ward v. Rock Against Racism*, 491 U.S. 781, 791, 109 S.Ct. 2746, 105 L.Ed.2d 661 (1989) (quoting *Clark v. Cmty. for Creative Non-Violence*, 468 U.S. 288, 293, 104 S.Ct. 3065, 82 L.Ed.2d 221 (1984)). That is, '[a] regulation that serves purposes unrelated to the content of expression is deemed neutral, even if it has an incidental effect on some speakers or messages but not others.' *Id.* The Code's mission statement and objectives make it clear that the purpose of the Code is completely unrelated to the content of any speaker's message. Rather than focusing on what the Center's patrons say, the Code focuses on the manner in which they say it. Nothing in the Code provides a basis for punishing patrons for disagreeing with other visitors or the Center staff.

Id. at 783, brackets and emphasis supplied. The court went on to state:

The Code also satisfies the narrow tailoring requirement. In "time, place, or manner" cases, "narrow tailoring" does not mean that the government must use "the least restrictive or least intrusive means" to achieve its end; rather, in this context "the requirement of narrow tailoring is satisfied 'so long as the ... regulation promotes a substantial government interest that would be achieved less effectively absent the regulation.' " *Ward*, 491 U.S. at 798–99, 109 S.Ct. 2746 (quoting *United States v. Albertini*, 472 U.S. 675, 689, 105 S.Ct. 2897, 86 L.Ed.2d 536 (1985)). Rules requiring the Center's visitors to treat others with respect and to refrain from vulgar, abusive language easily satisfy this standard. The City's interest in maintaining a hospitable place for senior citizens to gather would be seriously undermined absent basic civility requirements.

Finally, the Code leaves open ample channels of communication. Regulations may fail this part of the analysis when they prevent speakers from reaching their target audiences. *Weinberg v. City of Chicago*, 310 F.3d 1029, 1040 (7th Cir.2002). The Code prevents Senior Center patrons from yelling at others or using abusive language, but it does not prohibit respectful disagreement or inhibit complaints. This is hardly a case in which a speaker's 'ability to communicate effectively is threatened.' *Id.* at 1042 (quoting *City Council v. Taxpayers for Vincent*, 466 U.S.

789, 812, 104 S.Ct. 2118, 80 L.Ed.2d 772 (1984)). Accordingly, the Code passes constitutional muster as a content-neutral and reasonable time, place, or manner regulation.

Id. at 784, emphasis supplied.

In *Vega v. Chicago Board of Education*, 338 F.Supp.3d 806 (N.D. Ill. 2018), the court reached similar conclusions as *Milestone*. *Vega* involved the type of public input that the Mayor sought to restrict during the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting. In *Vega*, the school board adopted rules stating that: “[c]ourteous, respectful and civil behavior is expected from all speakers and all persons attending a Board meeting.” *Id.* at 809, brackets supplied. When addressing the rule, the court opined that rules which regulate tone and tenor of speech are content neutral.

Thus, when a restriction, ‘[r]ather than focusing on what [an individual] say[s.] ... focuses on the manner in which [she] say[s] it,’ it is content-neutral. *Milestone*, 665 F.3d at 783. By contrast, ‘[g]overnment regulation of speech is content based if a law applies to particular speech because of the topic discussed or the idea or message expressed.’ *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, ___ U.S. ___, 135 S.Ct. 2218, 2227, 192 L.Ed.2d 236 (2015). ‘Restrictions that favor or disfavor the content of certain speech based on the speaker rather than the content of the message are ... content based.’ *Surita*, 665 F.3d at 870.’

Id. at 811. The court ultimately concluded that the school board’s removal of the offending public member did not infringe on that member’s First Amendment free speech rights. *Id.* at 812.

In *Sandefur v. Vill. of Hanover Park*, 862 F.Supp.2d 840, 847 (N.D. Ill. 2012), the court held that “[i]t is well-settled that a local government has a significant interest in maintaining order at its meetings.” *Id.* at 812-813.

In *I.A. Rana Enterprises, Inc. v. City of Aurora*, 630 F.Supp.2d 912 (D.C. N.D. 2009) (on which the Attorney General relied in the above-referenced binding PAC opinions), the court held that (i) time and relevance restrictions applied to public input at city council meetings are appropriate under First Amendment; (ii) time limits on public input, if reasonable, do not violate the First Amendment; and (iii) prohibitions on discussion of irrelevant topics to matters under consideration at a public meeting do not violate the First Amendment. *I.A. Rana Enterprises, Inc. v. City of Aurora*. In *Rana Enterprises*, the court stated:

The First Amendment does not, however, grant the right to communicate one's views ‘at all times or in any manner that may be desired.’ *Heffron v. Int’l Soc’y for Krishna Consciousness*, 452 U.S. 640, 647, 101 S.Ct. 2559, 69 L.Ed.2d 298 (1981). Rather, it is permissible that some expression be subject to ‘reasonable time, place and manner restrictions.’ *Id.* The *Heffron* Court explained that such restrictions have been upheld ‘provided that they are justified without reference to the content of the regulated speech, that they serve a significant governmental interest, and that in doing so they leave open ample alternative channels for communication of information.’ *Id.* at 647–48, 101 S.Ct. 2559; see also *Horina v. City of Granite City*,

538 F.3d 624, 631 (7th Cir.2008); *Weinberg v. City of Chicago*, 310 F.3d 1029, 1040–41 (7th Cir.2002).

Id. at 920. The court also stated that:

A time limit for public participation at a council meeting is a reasonable time, place, and manner restriction that is narrowly tailored and serves a significant interest. . . . Time limits serve ‘a significant governmental interest in conserving time and in ensuring that others ha[ve] an opportunity to speak’

Id. at 922-923.

A review of the first part of public input during the September 14, 2020 meeting shows that the Mayor attempted to admonish speakers when they began engaging in personal attacks. In one or more instances, those speakers ignored the Mayor’s admonishments.

As the Attorney General binding opinions and court opinions indicate, a public body has the lawful right to admonish speakers to refrain from attacking, abusing, harassing, threatening, and defaming individuals by name during public comment. Likewise, if speakers fail to tone down their speech after receiving such admonishment, a public body can lawfully stop the speaker from speaking any further. Such efforts are deemed regulation of “manner” and are content-neutral.

3. The City Provided At Least Two Ways of Providing Public Input.

Neither the Mayor nor any City Council member prevented individuals from providing civil and decorous public input. As noted in *Milestone*, “the Code leaves open ample channels of communication. Regulations may fail this part of the analysis when they prevent speakers from reaching their target audiences.” 665 F.3d at 784. See also, *I.A. Rana Enterprises, Inc.*, where the court stated: “The First Amendment does not, however, grant the right to communicate one’s views ‘at all times or in any manner that may be desired.’” 630 F.Supp.2d at 920, citation omitted.

The Agendas for every City Council remote meeting convened between March 23, 2020 and September 14, 2020 provided at least two ways of providing public input – in-person (logging into the meeting webinar or calling in by telephone) and by e-mail. See Agendas. All public input received via e-mail was and is incorporated in the official record of the meeting. See Agendas. Clearly, there were and are “open ample channels of communication” with the City’s elected and appointed officials and staff. *Milestone*, 665 F.3d at 784.

4. The Mayor’s Interruptions Did Not Prevent Speakers from Speaking.

A review of the video for the first part of public input at the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting shows that the Mayor’s interruptions requesting speakers to address agenda items did not prevent the speakers from speaking. The same can be said for any interruptions made by one or more City Council members. As the Attorney General has recognized:

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This office has previously determined that a temporary interruption that does not preclude a speaker from completing his or her public comment does not constitute an improper restriction on public comment. Ill. Att' y Gen. PAC Rev. Ltr. 37496, issued on December 11, 2015, at 3.

2017 PAC 49820, p. 8.

For the reasons stated above, neither the Mayor nor any City Council member violated OMA Section 2.06(g), notwithstanding Mr. Hansen's arguments to the contrary.

Sincerely,
James L. Simon
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City Attorney

cc: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor
City Council members
Carol Mitten, City Administrator



DATE: Monday, September 14, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

AMENDED AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. August 12, 2020 (Rescheduled Meeting)

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – *(Council Member Bill Colbrook)*

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-044](#): An Ordinance Ratifying Extension of Emergency Order 20-03 Temporarily Suspending the Issuance of Special Event Permits – Mayor
- b. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-045](#): An Ordinance Ratifying Emergency Order No. 20-10 Temporary Ban of On-Premises Consumption of Food and Beverage within Specific Bounded Area – Mayor

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Resolution No. 2020-09-038R](#): A Resolution Accepting the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support (Cure) Program Funding from the State of Illinois – CD
2. [Resolution No. 2020-09-039R](#): A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Regional Plan Commission TBRA FY 2020-2021) – CD
3. [Resolution No. 2020-09-040R](#): A Resolution Accepting a Census Implementation Grant from the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District – CD
4. [Resolution No. 2020-09-041R](#): A Resolution of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois ("Normal"), and Authorizing Normal to Exercise the Powers of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois in Connection with an MCC Program and a Loan Finance Program – CD
5. [Resolution No. 2020-09-042R](#): A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grants Program Subrecipient Agreement with Cunningham Township (FY 2020-2021) – CD

6. [Resolution No. 2020-09-043R](#): A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grants Program Subrecipient Agreement with CU at Home (FY 2020-2021) – CD
7. [Approval of Consolidated Social Service Fund FY 2020-2021 Allocations](#) – CD
8. [Resolution No. 2020-09-044R](#): A Resolution Approving City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Agreement (Family Service Proj. 2021-CSSP) – CD
9. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-046](#): An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #2- Omnibus) – CD
10. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-047](#): An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (102 W. Pennsylvania Ave./ ZBA Case No. 2020-MAJ-03) – CD
11. [Resolution No. 2020-09-045R](#): A Resolution Regarding the Future of the School Resource Program Intergovernmental Agreement with Urbana School District 116 – Laut/Miller
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J. ADJOURNMENT

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DATE: Monday, September 14, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: *Held virtually due to Governor's and Mayoral Emergency Declarations

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

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

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Curt Borman, Sheila Dodd, Elizabeth Hannan, Wendy Hundley, Alyssa Jaje, Jason Liggett, Carol Mitten, Bryant Seraphin

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Fran and Marc Ansel, Beau David Barber, Allan Axelrod, Tracy Chong, Brian Dunn, Christopher Hansen, Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Sarah Nixon, Ameena Payne, Allen Romero, Cord Schroeder, Benjamin Stone, Julie Watkins, Grace Wilken

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum virtually present, Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:17pm following Cunningham Township Board meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

CM Miller made a motion to approve minutes from the August 12, 2020 (Rescheduled 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

Community Development Director Lorrie Pearson addressed the council and asked for the removal of items five and six.

D. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Marlin read a statement about the current structure of meetings and public input highlighting the following items of priority moving forward. Public safety, One Door program, Hillard Heintze recommendations, Racial disparities, Police oversight, and possibly joining (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) GARE.

For this meeting, each member of the public had an opportunity to address the council about any action agenda items. Each member was allowed to speak for three minutes; the rest of the public with non-agenda related comments had the opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting. Furthermore, Mayor Marlin strongly asked the public to direct comments to the city instead of specific city staff, board members, and or any member of the public. The many hurtful comments, personal attacks, tone, and tenor towards staff, board members, elected officials, and residents are not acceptable and it needs to stop. An agenda item with council rules revisions will be provided at the next committee of the whole meeting. Anyone refusing to follow directives was muted and encouraged to submit their comments via email at citycouncil@urbanaininois.us

UNAPPROVED

Superintendent of Urbana School District Jennifer Ivory-Tatum addressed council to express her concerns about the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement with Urbana School District 116. Urbana School administrators believe that SRO are an integral part of the school.

Public input via zoom on action items from the following people: Tracy Chong, Ameena Payne, Benjamin Stone, Brian Dunn, Christopher Hansen, Grace Wilken, Julie Watkins. Some of the comments included: SRO and GARE.

Public input via email in support of removing section a. of Resolution No. 2020-09-045R (The City deems the agreement to expire at the end of the then current quarter, and) Amari Johnson, Ashleigh Orton, Bruce Rummenie, Cheryl Van Ness, Cord Schroeder, David Bales, Esra Coskun, John Minor, Julia and David Guth, Julie Erlinger, Lynda Minor, Marcus Johnson, Mary Bunyard, Pilar Ahuerma, Shad Baker, Sheri and Michael Langendorf, Tamera Bajema, Theresa Sweeney

Public input via email in support of Resolution No. 2020-09-045R were: Christine Janak, Megan Mericle, Anne Marie Esposito, and Jon Hays.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [**Ordinance No. 2020-09-044**](#): An Ordinance Ratifying Extension of Emergency Order 20-03 Temporarily Suspending the Issuance of Special Event Permits

On behalf of the committee, CM Colbrook made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09-044 as amended and forwarded from committee. Seconded by CM Laut and carried by roll call as follows:

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

Nay: None

- b. [**Ordinance No. 2020-09-045**](#): An Ordinance Ratifying Emergency Order No. 20-10 Temporary Ban of On-Premises Consumption of Food and Beverage within Specific Bounded Area

On behalf of the committee, CM Colbrook made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09-045 as amended and forwarded from committee. Seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call as follows:

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

Nay: None

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Marlin acknowledged the presence of Assistant City Attorney Curt Borman was present representing the legal department.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Resolution No. 2020-09-038R](#): A Resolution Accepting the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support (Cure) Program Funding from the State of Illinois

Community Development Grants Manager Sheila Dodd presented this item with the recommendation for approval. Ms. Dodd gave a brief summary about the awarded the grant. The grant is to assist with expenditures incurred by the city due COVID-19 as March 27, 2020.

After presentation, Ms. Dodd addressed questions from council. CM Wu made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09-038R as presented. Seconded by CM Roberts and carried by roll call as follows:

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

2. [Resolution No. 2020-09-039R](#): A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Regional Plan Commission TBRA FY 2020-2021)

Community Development Grants Manager Sheila Dodd presented this item with the recommendation for approval. The proposed agreement would allocate \$ 175,000 from reallocated funds, the City of Urbana, and City of Champaign allocation of HOME funds to assist Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) to fund a tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) program for qualified low-income renters. CCRPC has been managing rental assistance program for many years.

After presentation, Ms. Dodd addressed questions from council. CM Wu made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09-039R as presented. Seconded by CM Laut and carried by roll call as follows:

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

3. [Resolution No. 2020-09-040R](#): A Resolution Accepting a Census Implementation Grant from the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Community Development Grants Manager Sheila Dodd presented this item with the recommendation for approval. The City was awarded \$59,000 in February 2020 for census outreach expenses; with this agreement, the City will receive an additional \$20,000 to continue the census outreach efforts.

After presentation, Ms. Dodd addressed questions from council. CM Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09-040R as presented. Seconded by CM Hursey and carried by roll call as follows:

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

Mayor Marlin acknowledged the efforts on this campaign to get the message out about Census 2020 by Deputy City Clerk Wendy Hundley, Communications Specialist Bridget Broihahn, Community Development staff, and City Council Members.

Mayor Marlin reminded everyone of the deadline to complete Census 2020 by September 30, 2020.

UNAPPROVED

4. [Resolution No. 2020-09-041R](#): A Resolution of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois ("Normal"), and Authorizing Normal to Exercise the Powers of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois in Connection with an MCC Program and a Loan Finance Program

Community Development Grants Manager Sheila Dodd presented this item with the recommendation for approval. Ms. Dodd gave a summary on how the program logistics. The Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program is being funded through Bond Cap which council approved in May. Bond Cap is allocated by the State of Illinois and it does not come from the general fund or any grants.

After presentation, Ms. Dodd addressed questions from council. CM Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09-041R as presented. Seconded by CM Wu and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

5. [Resolution No. 2020-09-042R](#): A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grants Program Subrecipient Agreement with Cunningham Township (FY 2020-2021)

*****This item was removed under Additions to the Agenda**

6. [Resolution No. 2020-09-043R](#): A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grants Program Subrecipient Agreement with CU at Home (FY 2020-2021)

*****This item was removed under Additions to the Agenda**

7. [Approval of Consolidated Social Service Fund FY 2020-2021 Allocations](#)

Community Development Specialist Alyssa Jaje presented this item for approval. Ms. Jaje presented the City's list of social service organization to be funded in FY 2020-2021, noting the removal of the Channing Murray as this will be funded by Township instead.

After presentation, Ms. Dodd and Ms. Jaje addressed questions and concerns from council. CM Laut made a motion to approve the Consolidated Social Service Fund FY 2020-2021 minus \$8,000 for Channing Murray. Seconded by CM Colbrook and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

8. [Resolution No. 2020-09-044R](#): A Resolution Approving City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Agreement (Family Service Proj. 2021-CSSP)

Community Development Specialist Alyssa Jaje presented this item for approval. Ms. Jaje explained the requirements for managing CDBG grants. This resolution would allow Family Service of Champaign County to receive \$5,500 for the Meals on Wheels program. The grant comes from two different sources \$5,000 is from CDBG and \$500 from the City's general fund.

After presentation, Ms. Jaje addressed questions and concerns from council. CM Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09-044R as presented. Seconded by CM Colbrook and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

9. **Ordinance No. 2020-09-046**: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #2- Omnibus)

Community Development Grants Manager Sheila Dodd presented this item with the recommendation for approval. This ordinance will allow the city to accept the following grants: Census grant from Public Health and the CDBG.

After presentation, CM Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09-046 as presented. Seconded by CM Hursey and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

10. **Ordinance No. 2020-09-047**: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (102 W. Pennsylvania Ave./ ZBA Case No. 2020-MAJ-03)

Katherine Trotter, Planner I presented this item with the recommendation for approval. She provided background history about the variance. The owners are requesting a Major Variance to allow a garage encroachment of 14.5 feet into the required 15-foot front yard at 102 W. Pennsylvania Ave., the Major Variance is necessary because there is a Bald Cypress tree on the property that is three feet from the existing garage. The applicants could build a new garage without a variance, but to keep it out of the front yard would require the Bald Cypress to be removed. The applicants would like to preserve the tree and would like to build the proposed garage closer to the property line.

After presentation, she addressed questions from council. CM Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09-047 as presented. Seconded by CM Brown and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

11. **Resolution No. 2020-09-045R**: A Resolution Regarding the Future of the School Resource Program Intergovernmental Agreement with Urbana School District 116 – Laut/Miller

CM Miller said that this resolution is a result brought forth by residents who expressed concerns about the city not releasing the school district from their Intergovernmental agreement regarding the School Resource Officer Program.

CM Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09-045R as presented. Seconded by CM Laut. Discussion ensued.

CM Brown made a motion to add an amendment as follows: In the event that the School District wishes to terminate, suspend or amend the School Resource Officer Program Intergovernmental Agreement, then at such time the City will work with the School District to develop a financial exit strategy that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Seconded by CM Wu, discussion ensued. Some of the comments made by Council Members are as follows: The City should let the School District do their job and not intervene at this time, Mayor Marlin met with School District staff to discuss options, School District and City Staff have a good working relationship, reacting because of rumors is not the proper way to address issues, the amended resolution has enough flexibility to give the City and the School District time to work out the logistics of the SRO agreement, this resolution is merely to give the School District affirmation of the city's willingness to work with them.

UNAPPROVED

After discussion, the motion to approve the amendment was approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

After discussion, Mayor Marlin read the amended resolution prior to the final vote, the motion carried by roll call as follows:

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

12. **Discussion:** Hillard Heintze – Next Steps – City Administrator Carol Mitten and Urbana Police Chief Bryant Seraphin

City Administrator Carol Mitten spearheaded the discussion by laying out the process and plans the city will be take to amend the Use of Force Policy. During this process, the City will create a website page with the purpose of educating the public and put them on notice of the City's intention to rewrite the policy based on some of Hillard Heintze recommendations. Create a devoted email to funnel communication among public and council. After receiving input from the public, create a draft of the policy and make it available for additional public feedback, maintain council involvement during the process. Logistics of the process will be communicated to council.

After introduction of the plan, City Administrator Carol Mitten and Police Chief Bryant Seraphin addressed questions from the council. After extensive discussion, some of the suggestions made by CM's were as follows: Availability of unredacted police policies to council, having public forums, listening session, youth involvement, and moderated conversations. Any ideas or suggestions should be send to City Administrator Carol Mitten.

13. **Discussion:** City of Urbana Membership in the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) – CM Laut/Miller

CM Laut began this discussion and explained that GARE stands for Government Alliance on Race and Equity. She said it was part of a circulating document that came from the City of Evanston, Illinois, which is currently a member of GARE. GARE is a joint project between Race Forward and the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society and for the past 20 years, they have helped city governments' work toward racial equity and advance opportunities for all. More information about [GARE](#) can be found on their website, which includes tools and resources as well as events and training.

Discussion ensued. It was suggested this should be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan to help promote the idea of community as a whole rather than as people in various groups. Including Champaign and Champaign County was also suggested so work could be done collectively to make the entire community better.

14. Additional Public Input via Zoom by the following people: Sara Nixon, Allan Axelrod, Alen Romero, Beau David Barber, Meghan McDonald, Brandi, and Ben Theobald. Some of the comments included: Racial inequity, respect is a two way issue, SRO, utilities moratorium, abused of power by censoring public input, school principal does not represent the school board and community, council is pay to serve the community.

At 10:29pm, CM Wu made a motion to extend the meeting until 11:00pm., seconded by CM Miller and carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, Mayor Marlin adjourned the virtual meeting at 10:41 p.m.

Wendy M. Hundley
Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes Approved:

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Board](#); [City Council](#); [Marlin, Diane](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: UHS student opinion on SRO's
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:55:10 PM

My name is Amari and I'm a Sophomore at Urbana High School. I have been in Urbana since 4th grade at King Elementary School and then UMS and now UHS. I am writing to the Urbana School District and the Urbana City so that you can hear my opinions and my voice. I feel like sometimes other people like our parents or teachers or principal speak for us, but I want to speak for myself.

I live in a neighborhood where just about every face is like mine is black or Hispanic and at my parents have to constantly remind me and my brother how to act if stopped by a police officer, what to say if questioned by a police officer and we watch the countless things happening around the world and it makes us all mad. One thing my parents also taught me is to always remember that there are bad people in every job out there, but that doesn't make everyone bad. Some have more power and can do more to hurt us or on the other side to help us. It is not in our place to label a group for one or two bad apples, but to instead do what it takes to get rid of the bad apples but keep the rest of them.

I was in the car with my brother last summer when he had an accident on our way home from my practice. It was his fault and he was nervous. He did exactly what my mom told him to do and called her right away so that she could come and he kept his hands on the steering wheel like she had trained him to do. The white police officer that came from Urbana was super nice. He could see that my brother was very nervous and asked him if it was his first accident. He told him what would happen and why he had to get the ticket and what to do about court and he talked to him about his first accident and told him he was young and this was going to be okay and ways to stop his foot from slipping next time. He was not at all the police officer we had to be trained to be scared of, but one of the good guys.

When I'm at school I've seen the SRO. When I first got to the school and would see the car, I would say to myself, Who got in trouble today but then I found out that was just the SRO car. I see him in the hallway sometimes and he's not like the cops that walk around with bulletproof vests and stuff going around questioning people. He's just like in the hallways or around the lunchroom like the other people who work at the school. I have never felt nervous around our SRO's at the middle school or the high school like I would if I was stopped by a police on the streets. I think it's good that he doesn't have all of the badge and uniform and stuff on.

The SRO does not make me feel scared. But you know what does make me scared? The kid who said he was bringing a gun to school last year. The bullets that were found in the bathroom made me scared. When I found out my brother had just walked by a kid who was found with a loaded handgun in his trunk in our parking lot. That is what makes me scared. And when I think about that kind of scared, it makes me feel safe that we have an SRO in the school. I know that some of the kids think twice about bringing a gun in the school when they see the SRO car in front of the school. And I read that it is going to cost a lot of money to have a SRO in the school. Maybe you can find a way to save money by cutting out something else we don't need at the school.

I just wanted to share my opinion because I keep reading the ones that say that the black and brown kids are so scared of police, but they didn't ask me. The only ones I know that are scared at our school are the ones that are not doing what they are supposed to do or the ones that had an experience with a police that was not good. But aren't we a school? Aren't you supposed to be educating me? Is it okay for the school to say to us brown kids that all police officers are bad? Can't you pick the good apple and show us that there are some good police?

Signed, Amari

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Public Input - 14 September
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:16:08 PM

Trauma-informed practices – or practices that involve recognizing, understanding and properly **responding to the effects of trauma**. The term complex trauma describes both exposure to multiple traumatic events, often of an invasive, interpersonal nature, and the wide- ranging, long-term impact of this exposure. Whereas, simple trauma, refers to one traumatic event that is definable, such as an assault. As an educator, trauma-informed education practices and approaches are something I have built into my repertoire when working with adult learners from varied cultural backgrounds.

It is heartbreaking to hear a plethora of microaggressions, and false narratives from Urbana’s leadership. Many of us feel that in Urbana that such conduct should not be normalized or accepted.

School Resource Officers (SROs) are not effective in improving school safety, discipline, or climate. SROs do not improve school safety or reduce school violence. There is no clear evidence that the use of school resource officers (SROs) or guards in schools is effective in preventing school violence. A review of 40 years of evaluations of school policing showed no positive impact on school safety outcomes.

The presence of SROs leads to more expulsions and suspensions – particularly for Black students. Studies show that schools with SROs also rely more heavily on exclusionary discipline. The data shows that in Urbana in 2019-2020, 70% of total suspensions were out of school suspensions. Over half of those suspended, both in school and out of school, were Black kids. These punitive discipline measures disproportionately target Black male youth, often for subjective reasons like perceived disobedience or defiance. Most arrests stemming from the school environment and suspensions were the result of peer conflicts or conflicts between students and teachers, based on perceived disobedience or defiance. Furthermore, of those arrested in the community, nearly 85% are Black kids.

Police encounters trigger stress, fear, trauma, and anxiety for Black and Brown youth, which harm mental health and erode educational performance.

So, what works? Relationship building, mental health services, restorative approaches, and social/emotional development. When schools focus on social-emotional development, arrests go down and student outcomes improve. A recent study of high schools found that schools that focused on enhancing social well-being and promoting hard work enhanced students’ self-reported social-emotional development, resulting in fewer school-based arrests and better long-run educational attainment for students from those schools.

It should be glaringly obvious why this is a community-wide issue and not only isolated to the school district to solve alone. We need true leadership to make decisions that are measurable – not for the sake of ‘white flight’ or the perception of economic development. Any transformative leader should understand that investing in people is vital for happy, thriving communities.

Regards,

Ameena Payne, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which I work, and pay my respects to the Elders, past and present.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT 9/14/2020
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:54:16 PM

Hello City Council,

I would like to voice my support for allowing the Urbana school district to remove SROs from schools. Thank you to Julie and Jared for bringing this gto the table. I would also urge city councilors to think about appropriate police behaviors, oversight, and consequences for our city. The officers who responded to the call that resulted in charges against Ale'yah Lewis did not act appropriately. First off, based on the H.H. report they did not try to pat down the two individuals who they suspected of having weapons as they did to the other people they checked before them (according to the H. H. report). This seems like a misstep which resulted in escalation. Both individuals did not present immediate harm to anyone including the officers when they were threatened with being shot. This is not an appropriate response and certainly not de-escalation. Ale'yah was walking away, again not causing harm to anyone when she was grabbed and forced onto the ground. The officers did not conduct themselves in a manner that is focused on protecting the community. I live on Colorado Ave, while I do not anticipate police treating me (a white woman) this way, I am scared to know that they would treat my partner and neighbors with the same disrespect. Please think about not only this incident but the many other incidents that do not get reported similar to this one. Please do not let this happen again in our town. You have the power to ensure that it does not.

I would also like to thank Julie for responding to my email input last week, I felt heard and look forward to you all working to achieve the needs that this community is asking for.

Thank you,

Anne Marie Esposito

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Vote yes on SROs
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:32:54 PM

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> To Whom it May Concern-

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> It is my belief that SROs are an important resource in schools to help ensure safety. Vote yes on keeping SROs in school.

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> -Ashleigh Orton

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for SRO
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:33:31 PM

I urge you to delete Part (a) of the resolution to allow district and city time to explore options.

Respectfully,
Bruce Rummenie, Ph.D

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: SRO OFFICERS
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:36:11 PM

My name is Cheryl Van Ness as resident of Urbana, I am hearing again that the City of Urbana does not want to fund the necessary SRO officers in the middle and high school in Urbana. I am resident of Urbana, but at the time our daughter's were at Edison Middle School and Champaign Central High School we lived in Savoy and can't think of a time that it wasn't a blessing that there were SRO Officers in the schools. While our daughters were in middle school and high school, I was a PTA officer, band parent, served lunch to the staff, mentored in the schools and also was a substitute for 10 years. I saw them break up fights between the students, walk down the halls with students talking and laughing with them and doing their job of making a safe environment for all.. PLEASE don't take them out of the schools here in Urbana

Cheryl Van Ness
1809 A Lydia Court

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Release USD from SRO Contract
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:45:24 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I write to ask that you pass the resolution releasing the Urbana School District from their \$327,000 contract with the city for SROs if they choose to cancel the contract.

There is widespread community support for the cancellation of this contract for SROs and the school district desperately needs those funds to use in ways that will actually support our students this year.

Thank you for your service and for considering this resolution. Please make it clear to school board members that there is no fear of legal retaliation from the city of Urbana if they make the prudent choice to cancel the SRO contract.

Sincerely,

Christine Janak

Christine Janak *(she/her)*

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: SRO vote
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:57:10 PM

Hello, my name is Cord Schroeder and I have lived in Urbana for the past 16 years. My son is a freshman at UHS and I have a daughter that is planning on attending UHS in 2 years.

Please keep the SRO in our school. Do not vote to take funds away from the budget that the school board just approved.

Do not make my son a test dummy to another experiment you want to try. Every other school in the conference has a full time SRO in the high school. Several have more than one. You are trying to do something different because you think you know better than everyone else. Please don't use your ego as a platform to try out a different method than everyone else in a school similar to yours in this area. My children should not be your experiment. Please listen to the school board in its entirety that voted in favor of this and don't try and usurp their authority.

I was at the school board meeting when this vote was taken. Both sides had valid points and the vote was close, but the vote was in favor of the SRO. Please do not try and undercut the proper process.

This school attempted another experiment recently that was a colossal failure. Staff and students were put in danger because people thought they knew a better way than everyone else. Can you please do what everyone else is in the conference is doing? Please do not risk my child's safety because you want to be different or smarter than everyone else.

Thank you.
Cord

Cord Schroeder
[REDACTED]

Please note, this email was sent from my phone and may be short or have silly typos. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Always feel free to text or call me

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: SRO
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:05:31 PM

To whom it may concern;

As a parent of a dist 116 student, I am hoping for the deletion of “part a” of the resolution to be voted on regarding SRO in schools. Are there other possible options? Would like to see further discussion before vote. Thank you

David Bales

CityCouncil@Urbanallinois.us and ask them to delete Part (a) of the resolution to allow district and city time to explore

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09-045R - Please Vote Down
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:42:39 PM

Dear City Council Members,

Please delete line (a) from RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09-045R that expires the intergovernmental agreement with USD116 at the end of this quarter.

I think SROs impact should be evaluated based on data and should be released to the public before a decision is made.

In case the existence of SROs' positive impact cannot be determined, better alternatives should be put in place before eliminating SROs.

Best regards,

Esra Coskun

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Resolution No. 2020-09-045R to end SRO's in schools
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:44:37 PM

I ask that you delete Part (a) of the resolution No. 2020-09-045R to allow district and city time to explore options on the SRO's in the Urbana Schools. I have a sophomore at UHS and have a stake in maintaining the SRO program in the schools.

John Minor

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT: 09/14/2020
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:26:25 AM

Dear City Council and Mayor Marlin

I just want to write in a short note today expressing support for the resolution being put forward by Julie Laut and Jared Miller, the Resolution Regarding the Future of the School Resource Program No. 2020-09-045R.

It seems like this resolution can give a clear path forward for the school district to rethink the presence of SROs, especially during this time of pandemic when even their purported purpose of protection is moot.

I hope very much this resolution can be passed.

Thank you for your time,

Jon Hays

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: REMOVE Part A of RESOLUTION NO: 2020-09-045R
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:55:50 PM

Mayor Marlin and Members of the Urbana City Council,

We urge you to remove Part (A) of RESOLUTION NO: 2020-09-045R and table the discussion regarding the SRO Intergovernmental agreement at this evening's meeting.

It is premature to authorize this resolution to expire the SRO intergovernmental agreement before the District administration, staff, parents, and students have been made aware and/or have opportunity for input.

In addition, we encourage you to read our recent mail below to the Urbana Board of Education in its entirety. It details our oldest child's seventeen incidents of physical assaults and bullying in Urbana's secondary schools.

Thank you for your time and service to our community,

Julia and David Guth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Thoughts on SRO Budget (NOT A CITIZEN COMMENT)

THIS IS AN EMAIL TO THE USD #116 BOARD OF EDUCATION AND IS NOT A CITIZEN COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

Dear Dr. Ivory-Tatum, President Hall, and Members of the Board of Education,

Thank you to Member Patten for reaching out to reassess our thoughts on the **SRO intergovernmental agreement under our current remote learning situation**. We have watched the recent Urbana Board of Education and City of Urbana meetings with great interest and are very aware of the current efforts by UHS alum and resident of Australia, Ameena Payne, in collaboration with our former superintendent, to eliminate the SRO line item from the 2020-21 budget. While we recognize the unprecedented challenges resulting from the pandemic and join the voices passionately advocating for racial justice, we encourage all Urbana stakeholders to listen actively and think critically in order to move forward collaboratively towards safe and equitable outcomes.

In answer to Member Patten's question at the September 3, 2020 board meeting, there are many reasons you may not be hearing from constituents who were vocally in support of the SRO petition last fall. On a macro level, we are collectively exhausted by the effects of the pandemic, traumatized by injustice, and shocked by the increasing divide in our nation. On a micro level, the majority of families and educators enrolled in and employed at UMS and UHS are currently overwhelmed by the challenges of remote learning and are vastly unaware of the current effort to eliminate the SRO line item in the 2020-21 budget. To help put things in historical context, we write to remind you of **the countless hours of public comments, board emails, petitions, and mass exodus of families and educators of all race and socioeconomic backgrounds detailing critical injuries, physical assaults, and thousands of hours of lost instructional time due to the former administration's failure to maintain control of our schools and provide a safe learning environment for all students and educators**. Hence, the impetus to formalize the intergovernmental SRO agreement.

To refresh your memory, below please find our **original email to Member Patten dated October 15, 2019 which details our son's seventeen incidents of physical assaults and bullying he experienced at UMS which**

then later followed him into UHS. Since then, despite five years of interventions with clinical professionals, those same students who assaulted our son succeeded in shutting down Urbana High School with mob action on February 4, 2019 —resulting in the collective **loss of approximately 2400 hours of instructional time and hospitalization of a severely injured and beloved teacher.** Tragically, our local story doesn't end there, as **the sharp increase in incidents of gun violence among youth 16 and under** —and now the related tragic shooting death of a 15-year-old Urbana youth on April 11, 2020 — have continued to traumatize our families and community.

While we vehemently share in the need for police accountability and reform across the country, we are also equally confused by Member Patten and President Hall's disregard for **the administrative recommendation of Superintendent Ivory-Tatum and board recommendation of Member Exum, both of whom have spoken publicly numerous times in favor of the program, not only as leaders of the District, but as mothers of Black sons.** In addition, we respectfully remind Member Patten and President Hall of the professional testimony in support of the program provided by a broad representation of our clinical professionals, social workers, and secondary building administration this past fall.

Ironically, our former superintendent who is guiding the current effort to eliminate the SRO line item, extols the merits of Urbana's "student centered" SRO program in this video from BOE archives on February 20, 2018 here: <https://youtu.be/pltOjSe39bs?t=3358> Over the course of the last few months, our current student resource supervisor at Urbana High School, Jay Simpson, details his own experience with **guns in the hands of youth in Urbana as early as nine years old, and describes student resource officers as "much-needed in every middle school and high school."** Mr. Simpson shares his experience with gun violence in his July 22, 2020 column here: https://www.news-gazette.com/opinion/columns/jay-simpson-gun-violence-is-a-problem-ive-seen-with-my-own-eyes/article_d8f04da8-1587-59fa-87b8-1e962df3e412.html and his support for SROs in his September 9, 2020 column here: https://www.news-gazette.com/coronavirus/jay-simpson-in-my-book-school-officers-are-a-good-resource/article_802e4658-b362-5d1b-a7fd-f6c34ad71dfa.html

With an emphasis on increased accountability measures, we share in Dr. Ivory-Tatum's view that Urbana has an opportunity to establish a national benchmark to educate and model effective relationships with SROs while at the same time making sure all students feel safe and valued. For this reason, **we write to reaffirm our support of the current intergovernmental SRO agreement and believe that eliminating the \$327,000 SRO budget line for 2020-21 is negligent for the following reasons:**

1. Member Patten bases her current reasoning to eliminate the line item for SROs upon the pandemic and that we currently have very few students in our buildings, yet it's our understanding that our current remote learning situation extends through October 16. **Any decision to eliminate the SRO program prior to a definitive date to return to in-school learning is premature.**
2. The intergovernmental agreement was ratified in December 2019 by both USD116 Board of Education and the City of Urbana, after six intensive study sessions and public meetings over the course of several months. Several of us attended all of those meetings in person, totaling approximately 40 hours of our individual time (and countless hours of yours) collectively. As elected public servants, board of education members are expected to adhere to governance agreements. Section 2:82 of the Board Policy Manual dated June 24, 2019 states **"As a board of education, we understand the value and necessity of working together as a governance team. In order to effectively govern the school district, we have established the following expectations for the board and its members. After the meeting: All board members are expected to support the board decision. Once the decision has been made, it is time to move on to the next critical issue. Efforts by board members to revisit previous decisions or secure belated public support will only distract from the future work of the district."** Other than the petition against the SRO agreement disseminated to a very narrow audience in the community, there has been no

formal communication from the City of Urbana or USD116 to families enrolled in Urbana Schools that indicates that the SRO intergovernmental agreement is up for review or elimination.

3. **Amending or breaching the intergovernmental SRO agreement with the City of Urbana could result in additional legal expenses which may significantly lessen or nullify the perceived savings** that Member Patten and President Hall were promoting at the September 3, 2020 meeting. It is our perception that the public discussion generated by Member Patten and President Hall (which pondered the possibility of breaching the intergovernmental contract) not only disregards Section 2:82 of the Board Policy Agreement detailed above, but demonstrates a lack of adequate study and judgement. In our view, the topic of contract law should be slated for consultation with District attorneys before being raised in public discussion. In addition, we recently reviewed the proposed 2020-21 budget resolution and are not seeing evidence of the \$1.5M shortfall being used as the premise by opponents of the program to eliminate the SRO line item.
4. A petition signed by **141 parents, students, and educators who are specifically enrolled in or employed at USD116's Urbana Middle School and Urbana High School** was submitted to the Board of Education on December 17, 2019:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1U6Kd5XkocZZUhWDn55hVPvd7JA9f0YAkYeW8Ha1ncsE/edit#responses>
In contrast, the signatories of the recent petition in opposition to the SRO agreement cited residents from multiple cities, including Urbana. Of those signatures in opposition, less than a handful are from families currently enrolled in or educators currently employed at Urbana Middle School or Urbana High School. Since Member Patten reached out to us to assess whether our support for the intergovernmental agreement has changed, we assume that all 141 signatories in support of the SRO agreement, would also be surveyed before any decision to eliminate the SRO line item from the 2020-21 budget.
5. Review of the intergovernmental SRO agreement and/or elimination of the SRO line item in the 2020-21 budget has not been listed on the agenda since it was ratified in December 2019. It is our opinion that **any effort to eliminate the SRO line item or amend the agreement without formal notice and opportunity for public input from ALL Urbana stakeholders would be in violation of the Open Meetings Act.**
6. Member Patten also bases her proposal to eliminate the SRO line item on the premise that the two SROs we currently employ have been assisting with various support duties while students are not in our buildings, duties that are not specifically related to their training as SROs. However, **an informal survey of UHS admin and UMS admin shared that SROS continue to remain an integral part of the student support team during remote learning.** UHS SRO Chad Burnett is a former teacher and is at the high school every day. He continues to educate and assist with driver's ed classes, work on relationship building and goes to the hub at the high school to support students who come to the gym for academic and tech support, internet, etc. He has also assisted families when their children are missing and helps locate the missing students. He also has been accompanying social workers on wellness checks and home visits with students who are not connecting (and brings families needed resources). It's also our understanding that the UMS SRO Michelle Robinson has continued to remain integral to the UMS team in a very similar fashion.
7. **Despite community efforts to curb gun violence among youth, the number of local incidents involving youth 16 and under with guns continues to rise.** As discussed, in several study sessions in Fall of 2019 and shared by Dr. Ivory Tatum, **youth are bringing their guns onto school campuses for self-protection.** Recently, Tracy Parsons, the Champaign Community Coalition Facilitator, shared that the number of shootings in our community continue to increase, especially among youth. As of July 21, there have been

more than 50 shooting incidents in Champaign-Urbana, compared to only 35 at the same time last year, <https://will.illinois.edu/news/story/as-shootings-rise-champaign-urbana-leaders-grapple-with-gun-violence> Per testimony from study sessions last fall, as long as gun violence among youth continues to be on the rise despite community efforts to curb it, the student resource team will need balanced wrap-around supports of social workers, clinical professionals, and student resource officers in order to appropriately meet the emotional, social, and academic needs of all students.

8. As you may recall, parents formed the Urbana Parent Advisory Group in June of 2018 (now up to 1083 members) shortly after the Board approved dismissal of the deans and the sudden resignation of both UMS and UHS principals. Attached please find the initial mandate and action plan issued to the Board of Education on June 19, 2018. For historical context, the group issued the following **mandate to our former Superintendent and the USD116 Board of Education on September 21, 2018** after continued reports of violence and injuries on district premises during the school day:

"We believe that the working conditions of our staff are the learning conditions of our students. Students deserve a safe environment conducive to learning, and teachers deserve a safe environment free from fear and intimidation. We find the working conditions to be unacceptable and are contributing to unsafe spaces that are counterproductive to learning. **We demand that the Board of Education move immediately to restore safety in Urbana Schools. Failure to take immediate action, beyond what is currently in place, to improve safety within our schools is effectively condoning and permitting a dangerous and hostile environment for students and staff.**"

Since the July 2018 shooting of an Urbana student and ongoing related retaliation among factions, gun violence in our community and gun presence on our secondary school campuses is readily increasing. While we agree we need more clinical professionals and social workers, these professions are in no way qualified or prepared to intervene in the case of gun violence or mob action. Student Resource Officers are not only embedded in school campuses to build relationships with students, but within the community to build trust and communication with families in order to prevent conflict in the community from spilling over into our school campuses. We will never be able to fully measure this prevention because it is based on relationship building and qualitative outcomes. In the case of gun violence or mob action on campus, whom would you rather respond? A student resource officer who knows the students and is trained to prevent or deescalate potential gun violence before it happens? Or unknown officers who respond blindly to a 911 call, are unfamiliar with the individuals involved in the situation, and are trained to shoot-to-kill?

We respectfully submit this communication as historical record of the violence our own son has experienced in Urbana secondary schools along with the collective steps taken by individual members of the Urbana Schools Parent Advisory Group to notify the USD116 Board of Education and former administration of its pattern of failures to provide a safe learning environment within our schools. **For reasons outlined above, we urge the Board of Education to maintain the \$327,000 budget line item for the SRO intergovernmental agreement in 2020-21. We believe that a vote to remove this line item would establish a continued pattern of negligence and is effectively condoning and permitting a dangerous and hostile environment for students and staff.**

Thank you for your leadership, time, and consideration,

Julia and David Guth

From: Peggy Patten [REDACTED]

Date: September 5, 2020 at 5:47:03 PM CDT

To: "J. Loofbourrow Guth" <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SRO budget -- your thoughts

Hello David & Julia,

I'm checking back with you two because of your past support for SROs.

The Board of Education will finalize the budget for the upcoming school year at our Sept. 15 public meeting. The proposed budget includes \$327,000 for two SROs. Those who supported the SRO hiring last fall argued that the increase in SROs was needed to improve safety in our middle & high schools. Because of the pandemic, we currently have very few students in our buildings. It's possible we may not have all our students return to our buildings for over a year or more. I understand that the two SROs we currently employ have been assisting with various support duties while students are not in our buildings, duties that are not specifically related to their training as SROs. I believe our budget should reflect our current reality & priorities. The reality is that this pandemic has presented enormous education, mental health & health challenges for our District which, in my view, should be reflected in the budget we approve for the coming year. I suggested at our last two Board meetings & will do so again at the Sept. 15 meeting that the \$327,007 SRO budget line be eliminated for 2020-21 & that those funds be redirected to pay for personnel—teachers, social workers, counselors, nurses— with qualifications to address our current challenges.

Because of the demands of the pandemic I recognize many families may not be aware of recent School Board discussions. I'm checking in with individuals who expressed strong support for the SROs last fall to see what your thoughts are about including the \$327,000 SRO line item in the budget for this coming year.

Thanks in advance for sharing your thoughts.

Peggy Patten

Urbana School Board

From: "J. Loofbourrow Guth" <[REDACTED]>

Date: October 15, 2019 at 1:40:00 PM CDT

To: Peggy Patten <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: SRO Proposal

Peggy,

Thank you for sharing your very detailed thoughts. As always, we respect your well thought-out decision making processes and methodology. We remain grateful for your wisdom, dedication, and service to our schools.

With a 5th grader about to enter UMS in 6th grade next year, we are paying particularly close attention to the Board of Education's decisions impacting safety and security in Urbana Schools. As you may be aware through our board communications last year, our oldest son, current sophomore at UHS, was the victim of 17 incidents of bullying behavior, including multiple physical assaults at UMS during his 6th grade year. Due to the physical nature of the bullying behavior, he suffered repeated nightmares and debilitating school related anxiety which eventually surmounted in school refusal.

Fast forward three years later, the youth involved in at least 12 of those 17 bullying incidents and assaults was at the center of the mob action which resulted in the injury of a beloved teacher at Urbana High School on February 5, 2019. This is also the same mob action that shut down the school at 1:05 pm that day, resulting in the loss of more than two hours of instructional time for nearly 1200 students, or the equivalent of approximately 2400 cumulative lost hours of learning. This same youth was also present in the shooting of a 14-year-old Urbana High School incoming freshman on the way home from the County Fair in July 2018.

Respectfully, "teachers, counselors & social workers—professionals who know our students best & are to prevent serious conflicts from escalating" did not prevent the seventeen incidents of bullying and assaults that our son incurred four years ago. Fast forward to today, these same "professionals who know our students best"

still did not prevent the shooting of the fourteen-year-old last summer nor the shooting of an Urbana youth just a few weeks ago. Nor did these professionals prevent the 49 rounds of ammunition discovered in an Urbana student's backpack last May, the same student who was later found with a stolen gun used to shoot up a house in Urbana: https://www.news-gazette.com/news/urbana--year-old-gets-years-in-juvenile-prison-for/article_1e82a45f-4ae2-5278-bbb6-01dbafc43b6c.html

This recent incident in Urbana is further evidence of the increasing gun violence among youth that Chief Seraphin referred to during the study session on October 1st. According to Tracy Parsons, head of the Champaign Community Coalition and guest presenter at the University YMCA's Friday Forum Series in February 2019, "This past year, we started to see our shooters become younger and younger," Parsons said." So we're starting to study that data. I don't want to come out and say that we have youth gangs that are doing a huge amount of our shootings, but it's alarming that more and more young people are carrying guns and solving their conflicts."

We encourage the board to pay attention to the signs of the changing needs in our community and heed the caution of Chief Seraphin and Mr. Parsons. As inferred by Mr. Parsons and seen in local headlines even over the past few weeks, more and more young people are carrying guns to resolve their conflicts. We agree that we need "teachers, counselors and social workers who know our students best," but sadly, due to the unfortunate reality of increasing gun violence among our youth, we also need designated SROs who are specially trained to deter local youth who are pushing boundaries and bringing guns and ammunition onto school property: https://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/courts-police-fire/centennial-student-arrested-after-police-find-gun-ammo-in-backpack/article_94a06d62-ea0c-11e9-869e-17b047629e2d.html

Thank you for listening. We respect your opinion and understand we may have to agree to disagree. We also invite you to share this expanded communication with the remainder of the board.

With sincere appreciation for your service,

Julia and David Guth

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: SRO Intergovernmental Agreement---please work to keep our SROs
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:26:22 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I am a teacher at Urbana High School. I can speak to the value of having well trained SROs in our building to make connections with students and to keep our building safe. Please delete part a of the resolution and allow both the district and the city more time to explore more options. This is a very important part to our schools and community.

Sincerely,

Julie Erlinger

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Julie Erlinger, NBCT
Instructional Coach

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [!City Council](#)
Subject: SRO's
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 7:08:17 PM

Hello-I am writing as I was just informed that the subject of SRO's is on tonight city council meeting agenda.

I am quite perplexed as to why this agenda item is included in tonight's meeting. No matter which side you take on this matter, it was openly debated, discussed, and voted on. I do not understand how, because a small group of people disagree on the outcome of this vote, it is allowed to be brought to the forefront of a city council meeting, months later. There is a process and it must be followed. How can district administration even begin to develop plans, policies, and procedures to move our district forward when the target keeps changing. I firmly believe there is a process for a reason, and it must be trusted.

Best regards,
Katie Schroeder

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [!City Council](#)
Subject: vote down RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09-045R
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:17:36 PM

I am asking city council members to delete line (a) from RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09-045R that expires the intergovernmental agreement with USD116 at the end of this quarter.

Given the current political climate, I understand the thought process of the city council to question and reconsider the presence and role of police officers in schools - that is healthy and absolutely appropriate. However, in the current system we live in, SROs are the best short-term solution until we can fix the larger systemic issues at hand. This contract was passed in December 2019, meaning that given the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been less than a quarter where students were in the building with the SRO present. This is not nearly enough time to determine whether or not the SRO's made a positive impact, nor has the school district been asked to provide information or data regarding the effectiveness of the SRO program, and to date there has been no decisions made regarding in-person school for the 2nd quarter, making this a rash decision. It is not healthy nor safe to eliminate with no alternative ready to function in its place. More time is needed for city and district to explore options.

Sincerely,
Lynda Minor
Urbana, IL

From: [REDACTED]
To: [!City Council](#)
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:28:29 PM

I understand that there will be a vote on a resolution tonight to expire the SRO intergovernmental agreement at the end of the current quarter tonight.

I implore you to delete Part (a) of the resolution to allow district and city time to explore options. Losing SRO's in our schools would be a big mistake.

Thanks,

Marcus Johnson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: SRO's
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:00:48 PM

I am absolutely opposed to removing the school resource officers from this budget or any budget. I implore that the city council continues to support the SRO program.

Thanks for your support,

Mary Bunyard

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT 9/14
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:32:02 PM

Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Marlin,

My name is Megan Mericle and I am a resident of Champaign. I am writing today to express support for the resolution being put forward by Julie Laut and Jared Miller, the Resolution Regarding the Future of the School Resource Program No. 2020-09-045R.

This is a significant step toward removing SROs from our schools, and will allow the school board to work toward de-investing in punitive measures that fail to make students safer, while re-investing in supportive measures that address the roots causes of students' struggles in school, including licensed counselors, health staff, individualized tutoring, upgrades in technology, and additional educational resources.

SROs contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline by escalating school disciplinary measures to the level of criminal punishment, and [national peer-reviewed research](#) has shown that SROs are more likely to arrest and use force against students of color. They serve to remove students from the learning environment, and make schools a more stressful and potentially traumatic space, particularly for students of color.

I fully support this resolution, and hope it is the beginning of a larger conversation about how we can remove carceral systems of punishment from learning environments.

Thank you for your time,
Megan

From: [REDACTED]
To: [!City Council](#)
Subject: Do not expire SRO agreement
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:18:23 PM

**I don't agree with cutting the budget or expiring the agreement to have SRO.
Our kids and staff deserve a safe place to learn and teach.
Did you already forget about the big fight at UHS where even other police departments had to collaborate to end the chaos????
My daughter could be attending UMS, but thanks to the unsafe environment, I have to pay a private school for her to learn in a safe place and I can have peace of mind she is not in risk to be jumped or witness a fight.
This email is to ask you, not to expire the SRO intergovernmental agreement and give more time to explore options.
Pilar Ahuerma**

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From: [Rose Merriam](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Public Input, September 14th, 2020
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:52:29 PM

Hello City Council,

After listening in to the last few months of meetings and hearing so much about other citizens' difficulties with FOIA, I decided to try submitting a request of my own. This was a simple, straight-forward request of three parts: information about members of boards and commissions starting or leaving their position in 2020, information about the recent appointment to Ward 2, and information about Urbana city employees leaving their positions in 2020.

This is my first FOIA request to the City, and yet Curt Borman responded by labelling me a "recurrent requester". He also labelled my request as "voluminous" because it asks for records from more than five categories. I asked him to clarify how a three-part request is more than five categories and this was his response:

"Part 1 of your request seeks records pertaining to board and commission applications and resignations in 2020. We have had at least nine applications and three resignations. The records requested for each board member or applicant are separate categories. That makes at least 12 categories for part 1.

Part 2 of your request seeks applications and other records concerning the Ward 2 vacancy. We have had four applications for this vacancy. The records requested for each applicant are separate categories. That makes four categories for part 2.

Part 3 of your request seeks records concerning separations, resignations, and retirements of Urbana employees in 2020. We have had at least six separations, resignations, or retirements. The records requested for each employee are separate categories. That makes at least six categories for part 3.

Therefore, your request totals at least 22 categories of records."

Curt Borman is counting information about individuals as separate categories. This seems like a blatant attempt by the City to withhold information from the public. Imagine a citizen asking for all police complaints received in a given time frame – this would be considered "voluminous" simply if more than five officers received complaints against them. I am now being asked to re-word my request to make it non-voluminous. This would mean splitting it into several smaller requests that ask for the same information. Additionally, since I am apparently a recurrent requester, I must now wait 21 business days for a response. Finally, Curt Borman refuses to address me by name, instead calling me "Dear Requester".

I had a bit of trouble believing that the City could be so obstinate when filling FOIA requests to its citizens. Having submitted my own and seeing to what lengths the City will go to keep its citizens ignorant about the inner-workings of the government, I am quite concerned about what goes on behind the closed doors of the City Building.

Sincerely,

Rose Merriam

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Date: SRO Intergovernmental Agreement
Monday, September 14, 2020 5:56:47 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I'm asking that you delete Part (a) of the resolution to expire the SRO intergovernmental agreement at the end of the current quarter to allow the district and city time to explore options.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [!City Council](#)
Subject: SRO's
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:56:09 PM

What a thoughtless gesture to put this resolution out without the school district even having an opportunity to discuss any changes with their staff, parents and students! Aren't you putting the cart in front of the horse? Your trained SRO's should be a resource for the students, teachers and parents to help with challenges that occur. Table this discussion until the school contacts you.

Sheri and Michael Langendorf

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [!City Council](#)
Subject: Support SRO!
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:20:21 PM

Regarding your vote tonight, I urge you to delete Part (a) of the resolution to allow district and city time to explore options.

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Tami Bajema

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Part A Resolution being voted on tonight
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:05:30 PM

I am writing to ask that you immediately delete part A of the resolution to allow the Urbana School District and the City an opportunity to explore options prior to terminating the Intergovernmental agreement on SROs in Urbana Schools.

I am in agreement that school has changed since the initial agreement. We are not sure when we will resume school as usual. It is premature to make this decision at this time. The school district has had insufficient time to assess the effectiveness of the SRO supports. Has the school district even been asked to supply the data they are using to assess the effectiveness? The issues surrounding the necessity of the SROs have not disappeared. Minimal community supports and opportunities continue to exist even though schools are on remote learning. The community has more gun violence than ever, and this makes it this vote inappropriate. I am in agreement that additional social and community supports and opportunities are needed, but not at the expense of students and staff in our schools.

Reconsider having this be included in the resolution. There has not been enough time to give the public opportunity to weigh in on this issue. Families are trying to get through remote learning and functioning in the midst of the pandemic. Voting in favor tonight effectively pulls the rug out from under them. Give the public time to comment and consider the issue. Get the data from the School District. Give members of this community Grace to be informed and active participants. Please do not be a group that plows forward without input from the people you are trying to serve.

Thank you,

Theresa Sweeney
Urbana Resident
UHS Parent

TRANSCRIPT OF MAYOR MARLIN'S COMMENTS FOR THE FIRST PART OF PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Next item on the agenda is public input and presentations. Before we begin I just wanted to talk to the public for a minute, make a brief statement. I wanted to let you know that the City is moving forward with the number of the policy reforms, the examination of public safety and policing that you've been asking for over the past few months. We've listened to a great deal of input from you and have learned and are taking that into account as we move forward. And I just want to remind everybody that in order to get the work done that you want us to do and you expect us to do and that we want to do; it has to be done in a public meeting to comply with Open Meetings Act and that means that City Council members can't discuss these items among themselves with more than two of them in a room. I can't discuss with two councilmembers or anybody anything like that, so all the work that we do as a Council gets done here at the Council meetings in at our Committee meetings and we need the time to do that because we have a huge, huge task ahead of us.

Our top priority always is to get the business of the City done and that includes addressing and making and working toward the changes that people want to see in our community and we're excited about that. Some of the big issues on our plate going forward are looking at alternative responses to calls for service and that includes the One Door.

We're going to be, I'm looking at the many recommendations from the Hillard Heintze report, as well as others in terms of our use of force policy and that's another big area that people are very, very concerned about. We'll bringing back the racial disparities in traffic stops and actually bringing recommendations that's going to make some changes once and for all.

And I know that there's a great deal of interest of police oversight and accountability and many other things, in addition to all the other types of responsibilities that the Council has. And just tonight alone, we'll be following up on the Hillard Heintze report and we're going to be having a discussion about the possibility of the City joining the Government Alliance on Race and Equity or GARE not to be confused with DARE which some people heard last week - it's GARE. DARE is long gone, for good reason.

But I want to address specifically the issue of public participation public input and here's what we're going to do for tonight. People who want to comment on any of the action items that are listed on the agenda and we have a packed agenda, you'll be invited to speak right after I finish here. If you have general comments to make on anything else, you will be able to speak after the business of the agenda is finished.

I'm going to ask for one or allow one hour total of input tonight and this is in order to let us get the business that we have to get done for the City. In order to get this many people as possible a chance to speak we'll go with three minutes per speaker.

You can also anytime of course email comments to the City Council at CityCouncil@urbanaininois.us. And I'll be making some recommendations for actually changing City code in the future.

The other thing I want to address is the tenor, the tone, and the nature of the comments. I want to ask and I will insist that comments be addressed to the issues and to the City Council as a whole. You cannot direct comments toward individually elected officials, City staff, volunteer members of boards and commissions, or other citizens. It's just not appropriate. And if you engage in this behavior, particularly negative comments, I will, I will mute and we'll move on and you can finish your comments via email. We've had an increasing number of, an intensifying number of comments that are personal they're really abusive; they're really hurtful and that contributes to an increasingly hostile environment in our meetings to the point where people are telling me they are intimidated about joining a meeting they're intimidated about making a comment because they're afraid that they will be attacked. This is not, this is not the environment that we have encouraged at Urbana City Council and it is not the environment that we can have continue.

We need to be able to have respectful and open and discussions directed at the issues. And, and this time when we are all just buried under the layers of dealing with the pandemic and, and, working towards race and social justice and everything else we are dealing with today. The fact that were piling on some people are piling on folks in the city Council meeting just makes it all that hard and I want to especially give recognition to Urbana City staff who have had just performed amazingly well during this pandemic some of them are working two jobs because we're holding some positions vacant.

Everything we do here at the City is harder because of the pandemic. Everything takes longer. We've got people working remotely. We've got bureaucratic hoops to jump through. We are constantly being barraged with changes at the last minute that we have to respond to and people are working incredibly hard as I know people in the community are as well. We're all exhausted. This is an exhausting experience and I'm asking your cooperation in not making it worse, so keep your comments directed toward the issues keep them to three minutes tonight we'll have a total of one hour and we will get to the business of this meeting

Ok. We will move to Public input and this is for agenda items that are action items on our agenda that are action items so that would be through item number eleven on the agenda ...

**TRANSCRIPT OF CHRISTOPHER HANSEN'S PUBLIC
INPUT AT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Next up is Christopher Hansen.

Hi can you hear me OK?

Yes.

Hi Diane. Are there more than 20 persons wishing to speak tonight?

We don't know yet Mr. Hansen. You can begin. You have three minutes

OK. The City code, the laws says five minutes. And my second question is did you guys vote to add an agenda item to the end of the meeting another public input period? Did I miss that?

We've always had the option of distributing public input. The presiding officer has that option so will if you want to speak to an agenda item please do so.

OK. I'm definitely going to speak to an agenda item so I'll speak now.

OK.

OK so can you reset the timer please?

No, you've got 2 minutes and 28 seconds left.

I've got five minutes, actually. OK, so my name is Christopher Hansen and I've lived in Urbana for 18 years. If you'll recall, when I addressed the Council regarding the Ward 2 appointment I described to the Council that there exists a nasty feedback mechanism between the public and the City. And it exists because we're not having honest conversations. City staff and elected officials frequently choose to lie about contentious issues.

Mr. Hansen please address the issue.

Yeah, I'm getting there.

No personal attacks on people.

I haven't mentioned anyone's name. Frequently choose to lie about contentious issues or just ignore the issues instead of acknowledging and correcting misconduct. We've seen this repeatedly in regards to the Freedom of Information Act and repeatedly in regards to the Aleyah Lewis arrest. So when you have dishonest conversations rather than acknowledging and correcting, correcting, the misconduct the result is that you aggravate the public who are much actually much smarter than you give them credit for. So

the public comes back every meeting more upset than the last. And we do this over and over. So now the Mayor is making content-based speech restrictions at public meetings and she thinks this is going to make things better, but it's actually going to backfire and the City's relationship with the public is going to become much worse. It is really the Mayor and the staff that are making things worse because they refuse to recognize misconduct and they refuse to take responsibility for their actions. And just so we're clear about what we're talking about here, for the past few months we've had city staff flagrantly violating public records laws. Their making criminals of themselves.

Mr. Hansen, what is your agenda item?

I'm getting there. SROs. They're making criminals of themselves in an effort to be vindictive and the Mayor cheers them on and scolds the public for pointing out the misconduct. And regarding the SRO situation I want to remind everyone that when the City Council voted on this the Mayor told us how unlikely it is the police officer would ever remove their gun from their holster and we've seen recently that they take their guns out pretty readily so and they don't know how to handle their guns safely so something went wrong with that conversation and we ended up with police officers with guns in our schools. And I know you're going to talk about GARE and this is going to be the same as the Ten Shared Principles where you're going to pass this flowery language and it's not going to have any meaning and no one's going to follow it because I mean even the Ten Shared Principles mentions transparency twice, but then Urbana started violating all the public records laws. So I don't see any meaning in any of this. I think I think you probably shouldn't vote for this GARE thing because I think it probably actually destroys the conversation going forward and you get the feeling

Thank you, Mr. Hansen. Your time is up.

DATE: Monday, March 23, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. March 9, 2020 (Public Hearing)
3. March 9, 2020
3. March 16, 2020 (Special Meeting)

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of The Whole – (Council Member Jared Miller)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-03-009](#): An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate (1107 N. Gregory St. / 2020) [COW 03/02/2020] – CD
- b. [Resolution No. 2020-03-015R](#): A Resolution Adopting Financial Policies – FIN

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Resolution No. 2020-03-016R](#): A Resolution Approving A Solar Facility Ground Lease With Solar Star Urbana Landfill East, LLC – PW
2. [Resolution No. 2020-03-017R](#): A Resolution Approving A Solar Facility Ground Lease With Solar Star Urbana Landfill West, LLC – PW
3. [Ordinance No. 2020-03-016](#): Ratification of Emergency Order 20-01 Delivery of Package Liquor Issued on March 18, 2020 – Mayor

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DATE: Monday, April 6, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

A G E N D A

Chair: *Maryalice Wu, Ward 1*

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. March 16, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Input and Presentations**
5. **Staff Report**
6. **Ordinance No. 2020-03-014:** An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Planned Unit Development (1208 Bradley Avenue / Plan Case No. 2396-PUD-20) - {03/16/2020} – CD
7. **Adjournment**

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DATE: Monday, April 13, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Public Input*
- III. Adjournment

Charles A. Smyth
City Clerk

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DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2020

TIME: 6:00pm

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801 to be held virtually via Zoom*

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC INPUT

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Ordinance No. 2020-04-024:** Reaffirmation of Ordinance No. 2020-03-015 and Reissuance of the Mayor's Authority to Issue Temporary Declaration of Emergency

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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DATE: Monday, April 20, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801 – *to be held
virtually via Zoom

A G E N D A

Chair: *Eric Jakobsson, Ward 2*

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. April 6, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Input and Presentations**
5. **Staff Report**
6. **Ordinance No. 2020-03-014:** An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Planned Unit Development (1208 Bradley Avenue / Plan Case No. 2396-PUD-20) - {03/16/2020, 04/06/2020}
7. **Resolution No. 2020-04-019R:** Resolution Evidencing the Intention of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, to Transfer Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds; and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation – Assist Program, Series 2020)
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9. **Ordinance No. 2020-04-022:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 14, Section 14-7, Regarding Schedule of Fees Subsection A – “Liquor Licenses” (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) – FIN
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TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers (Virtual), 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. April 13, 2020
2. April 13, 2020 (Public Hearing)
2. April 16, 2020 (Special Meeting)

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Police Update and Review of 4/10 Incident – UPD

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Resolution No. 2020-04-019R](#): Resolution Evidencing the Intention of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, to Transfer Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds; and Related Matters (Private Bond Cap Allocation – Assist Program, Series 2020) - CD
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H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Ordinance No. 2020-04-023](#): An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment (205 North High Cross Road - OSF Healthcare – Plan Case 2398-M-20) – CD
2. [Ordinance No. 2020-04-025](#): An Ordinance Approving A Special Use Permit (205 North High Cross Road - OSF Healthcare – Plan Case 2399-SU-20) – CD

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DATE: Monday, May 4, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom

A G E N D A

Chair: Bill Brown, Ward 4

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. April 20, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Input and Presentations**
5. **Staff Report**
6. **Ordinance No. 2020-04-025:** An Ordinance Approving A Special Use Permit (205 North High Cross Road - OSF Healthcare – Plan Case 2399-SU-20) [CC 04/27/2020] - CD
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9. **Ordinance No. 2020-05-027:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of Class C liquor licenses for Mama Tried LLC dba The Rose Bowl Tavern, 106 N Race St, Urbana, IL) - Mayor
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TIME: 7:00pm

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A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. April 27, 2020

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. COVID 19 Financial Impact
2. Business Outreach/Comprehensive Plan Update

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – (Council Member Bill Brown)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

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DATE: Monday, May 18, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: City Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801 *to be held
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A G E N D A

Chair: Dennis Roberts, Ward 5

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. May 4, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Hearing**

To consider an amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan FY 2019/2020 for the City of Urbana to receive and administer \$294,966 in Community Development Block Grant-CV funds (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

 - a. Open Public Hearing
 - b. Public input related to subject of public hearing
 - c. Adjournment of public hearing
5. **Public Input and Presentations**
6. **Staff Report**
7. **[Ordinance No. 2020-04-022](#)**: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 14, Section 14-7, Regarding Schedule of Fees Subsection A – “Liquor Licenses” (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) – Mayor/ Finance
8. **[Resolution No. 2020-05-023R](#)**: A Resolution approving the Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System Annual Budget (Fiscal Year 2020-2021) – PW
9. **[Ordinance No. 2020-05-028](#)**: An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the City of Urbana Consolidated and Annual Action Plan FY 2019/2020 and Citizen Participation Plan - CD
10. **Discussion – Emergency Order status and updates** - Mayor
11. **Adjournment**

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TIME: 7:00pm

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A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. May 11, 2020

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Fehr-Graham presentation - Vine and Main Street Intersection Analysis
2. [Discussion – MCore Phase 5 Green Street Tree Removals](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – *(Council Member Dennis Roberts)*

1. CONSENT AGENDA
2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-04-022](#): An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 14, Section 14-7, Regarding Schedule of Fees Subsection A – “Liquor Licenses” (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) – Mayor/Finance
- b. [Resolution No. 2020-05-023R](#): A Resolution Approving the Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System Annual Budget (Fiscal Year 2020-2021) - PW
- c. [Ordinance No. 2020-05-028](#): An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the City of Urbana Consolidated and Annual Action Plan FY 2019/2020 and Citizen Participation Plan - CD

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-05-029](#): Ratification of Emergency Order 20-03 "Temporary Suspension of Issuance of Special Events Permits" - Mayor

J. ADJOURNMENT

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URBANA CITY COUNCIL
CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2020
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801)

A G E N D A

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- II. **PUBLIC INPUT**
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion – Consolidated Social Service Funding for FY20-21
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Charles A. Smyth
City Clerk

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A G E N D A

Chair: Jared Miller, Ward 7

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 - a. May 18, 2020
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****RECONVENED MEETING from June 1, 2020******DATE:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.**PLACE:** *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

A G E N D A**Chair:** Jared Miller, Ward 7

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. May 18, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Input and Presentations**

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 - b. Capital Improvement Plan Project Presentation
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DATE: Monday, June 8, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

AMENDED AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. May 26, 2020

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. [Budget Presentation](#) - FIN

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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2. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-033](#): Ratification of Emergency Order 20-05 Sale of Cocktails “to go” for off premises consumption, effective Friday, June 5, 2020

3. **Mayoral Annual Staff Appointments**
 - a. **Executive Department**
 1. Carol Mitten City Administrator
 2. Sanford Hess Information Technology Manager
 3. Andrea Ruedi Senior Advisor for Integrated Strategy Development
 4. James L. Simon City Attorney
 - b. **Community Development Services Department**
 1. Lorrie Pearson Community Development Services Director
 2. Sheila Dodd Grants Manager
 - c. **Human Resources & Finance Department**
 1. Elizabeth Hannan Human Resources & Finance Director/CFO
 2. Vacellia Clark Human Relations Officer
 - d. **Fire Department**
 1. Charles Lauss Fire Chief
 2. Kyle Hensch Division Chief
 3. Phillip Edwards Fire Marshal
 - e. **Police Department**
 1. Bryant Seraphin Police Chief
 2. Richard Surles Deputy Police Chief
 3. Jason Norton Police Lieutenant
 4. Joel Sanders Police Lieutenant
 5. David Smysor Police Lieutenant
 6. Matthew Bain Police Lieutenant
 - f. **Public Works**
 1. Vince Gustafson Deputy Public Works Director for Operations
 2. Justin Swinford Interim City Engineer
 - g. **Moved to Civil Service (since last annual appointment)**
 1. Sustainability and Resilience Officer (PW)
 2. Administrative Services Manager (HRF)
 3. Financial Services Manager (HRF)
 4. Principal Planner – replaces Planning Manager (CD)
 - h. **Vacancies Under Active Recruitment**
 1. Public Works Director
 2. Division Chief – Fire (2)
 - i. **City Clerk** – term ending May 3, 2021
 1. Phyllis D. Clark
 - J. **FOIA Officer**
 1. Curt Borman, Assistant City Attorney
4. **Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions**
 - a. **Civilian Police Review Board** – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Patrice Pelmore
5. **Mayoral Reappointments to Boards and Commissions**
 - a. **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission** – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Bill Brown
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- b. **Community Development Commission** – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Abdulhakeem Salaam
- c. **Plan Commission** – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Dustin Allred
 - 2. Chenxi Yu
- d. **Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals** – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. David Seyler
- e. **Tree Commission** – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Marshall Bellville
- f. **Zoning Board of Appeals** – term ending June 30, 2025
 - 1. Matt Cho
 - 2. Nancy Uchtmann
 - 3. Harvey Welch

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****RECONVENED MEETING from June 8, 2020****

DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. May 26, 2020

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. [Budget Presentation](#) - FIN

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – *(Council Member Jared Miller)*

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-03-014](#): An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Planned Unit Development (1208 Bradley Avenue / Plan Case No. 2396-PUD-20) - [COW 03/16/2020; 04/06/2020; 06/01/2020] – CD
- b. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-030](#): An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Union Development Holdings, LLC, and Scion Urbana Land LLC – CD
- c. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-031](#): An Ordinance Approving the City of Urbana and Urbana Home Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – CD
- d. [Resolution No. 2020-06-024R](#): A Resolution Approving the Housing Rehabilitation Program Operational Guidelines Program Years 2020-2024 – CD
- e. [Resolution No. 2020-06-025R](#): A Resolution Approving a Covid-19 Program Manual (Fiscal Year 2020-2024) – CD

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-032](#): Ratification of Emergency Order 20-04 “Temporary Suspension of Certain City of Urbana Ordinances to Allow for Operation of Outdoor Dining and/or Drinking Spaces” Issued On May 29, 2020
2. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-033](#): Ratification of Emergency Order 20-05 Sale of Cocktails “to go” for off premises consumption, effective Friday, June 5, 2020

3. **Mayoral Annual Staff Appointments**
 - a. **Executive Department**
 1. Carol Mitten City Administrator
 2. Sanford Hess Information Technology Manager
 3. Andrea Ruedi Senior Advisor for Integrated Strategy Development
 4. James L. Simon City Attorney
 - b. **Community Development Services Department**
 1. Lorrie Pearson Community Development Services Director
 2. Sheila Dodd Grants Manager
 - c. **Human Resources & Finance Department**
 1. Elizabeth Hannan Human Resources & Finance Director/CFO
 2. Vacellia Clark Human Relations Officer
 - d. **Fire Department**
 1. Charles Lauss Fire Chief
 2. Kyle Hensch Division Chief
 3. Phillip Edwards Fire Marshal
 - e. **Police Department**
 1. Bryant Seraphin Police Chief
 2. Richard Surlles Deputy Police Chief
 3. Jason Norton Police Lieutenant
 4. Joel Sanders Police Lieutenant
 5. David Smysor Police Lieutenant
 6. Matthew Bain Police Lieutenant
 - f. **Public Works**
 1. Vince Gustafson Deputy Public Works Director for Operations
 2. Justin Swinford Interim City Engineer
 - g. **Moved to Civil Service (since last annual appointment)**
 1. Sustainability and Resilience Officer (PW)
 2. Administrative Services Manager (HRF)
 3. Financial Services Manager (HRF)
 4. Principal Planner – replaces Planning Manager (CD)
 - h. **Vacancies Under Active Recruitment**
 1. Public Works Director
 2. Division Chief – Fire (2)
 - i. **City Clerk** – term ending May 3, 2021
 1. Phyllis D. Clark
 - J. **FOIA Officer**
 1. Curt Borman, Assistant City Attorney
4. **Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions**
 - a. **Civilian Police Review Board** – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Patrice Pelmore
5. **Mayoral Reappointments to Boards and Commissions**
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 - 1. Abdulhakeem Salaam
 - c. **Plan Commission** – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Dustin Allred
 - 2. Chenxi Yu
 - d. **Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals** – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. David Seyler
 - e. **Tree Commission** – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Marshall Bellville
 - f. **Zoning Board of Appeals** – term ending June 30, 2025
 - 1. Matt Cho
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TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

A G E N D A

Chair: Maryalice Wu, Ward 1

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. June 1, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Input and Presentations**
5. **Staff Report**
6. **[Resolution No. 2020-06-029R](#)**: A Resolution Approving the Capital Improvement Plan - Exec
7. **[Resolution No. 2020-06-030R](#)**: A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #1147 (Term of July, 2020 through June 30, 2022) – HR/FINANCE
8. **Adjournment**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- II. **PUBLIC INPUT***
- III. **[Resolution No. 2020-06-026R](#):** A Resolution of Protest Against a Proposed Text Amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance (CCZBA-973-AT-20 / Adult-Use Cannabis Regulations)
- IV. **[Resolution No. 2020-06-027R](#):** A Resolution Approving a Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. (Municipal Electrical Aggregation) – PW
- V. **[Resolution No. 2020-06-028R](#):** A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program (Municipal Electrical Aggregation/2020) - PW
- VI. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - a. To consider the purchase or lease of real property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
 - b. To consider Collective Bargaining Issues, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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A G E N D A

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B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. June 8, 2020

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

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- c. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-034](#): An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of class C liquor licenses for Mama Tried LLC dba The Rose Bowl Tavern, 106 N Race St, Urbana, IL) – Mayor

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-035](#): Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget – Finance
2. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-036](#): Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #8 – Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Estimates) – Finance
3. [Mayoral Reappointments to Boards and Commissions](#)
 - a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Annie Adams
 - b. Civil Service Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Tom Betz

- c. Civilian Police Review Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Ricardo Diaz
 - 2. Megan McGinty
- d. Community Development Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Robert K. Freeman
- e. Design Review Board – term ending June 30, 2023
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- f. Firemen’s Pension Board – term ending June 30, 2022
 - 1. Elizabeth Hannan
- g. Historic Preservation Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Trent Shepard
- h. Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Frances Rigberg
- i. Market at the Square Advisory Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Valerie Koress
 - 2. Kent Miles
 - 3. Maryalice Wu
- j. Sustainability Advisory Committee
 - 1. Madeline Garbacz – term ending June 30, 2021
 - 2. Andrew Stumpf, Vice Chair – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 3. Morgan White – term ending June 30, 2023
- k. Urbana Free Library Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Chris Scherer
- 4. **Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions**
 - a. Civilian Police Review Board – Vice Chair
 - 1. Ricardo Diaz
 - b. Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 - 1. Florence Caplow
- 5. **Closed Session**
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- 6. **Discussion:** UPD body camera policy regarding use, access and retention

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2. REGULAR AGENDA

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- b. [Resolution No. 2020-06-030R](#): A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #1147 (Term of July, 2020 through June 30, 2022) – Finance/HR
- c. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-034](#): An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter Three, Section 3-43 (Increasing number of class C liquor licenses for Mama Tried LLC dba The Rose Bowl Tavern, 106 N Race St, Urbana, IL) – Mayor

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-035](#): Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget – Finance
2. [Ordinance No. 2020-06-036](#): Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #8 – Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Estimates) – Finance
3. [Mayoral Reappointments to Boards and Commissions](#)
 - a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Annie Adams
 - b. Civil Service Commission – term ending June 30, 2023

1. Tom Betz
- c. Civilian Police Review Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Ricardo Diaz
 2. Megan McGinty
- d. Community Development Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Robert K. Freeman
- e. Design Review Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Dustin Allred
- f. Firemen’s Pension Board – term ending June 30, 2022
 1. Elizabeth Hannan
- g. Historic Preservation Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Trent Shepard
- h. Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Frances Rigberg
- i. Market at the Square Advisory Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Valerie Koress
 2. Kent Miles
 3. Maryalice Wu
- j. Sustainability Advisory Committee
 1. Madeline Garbacz – term ending June 30, 2021
 2. Andrew Stumpf, Vice Chair – term ending June 30, 2023
 3. Morgan White – term ending June 30, 2023
- k. Urbana Free Library Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Chris Scherer
4. [Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions](#)
 - a. Civilian Police Review Board – Vice Chair
 1. Ricardo Diaz
 - b. Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Florence Caplow
5. **Closed Session**
 - a. To consider the purchase or lease of real property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
6. **Discussion:** UPD body camera policy regarding use, access and retention

J. ADJOURNMENT

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DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2020
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom Urbana City Council Chambers,
400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. [MEETING SUMMARY](#) & MOTION TO SUSPEND [MEETING RULES](#)
- III. PUBLIC INPUT* & DISCUSSION - [EXISTING CONCERNS](#) WITH POLICING IN URBANA
- IV. PUBLIC INPUT* & DISCUSSION - NEW IDEAS ON COMMUNITY ROLE IN POLICING
- V. COUNCIL DISCUSSION - NEXT STEPS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Phyllis D. Clark
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Topic: Special Meeting - Urbana City Council
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DATE: Monday, July 13, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. June 15, 2020 - Special meeting
2. June 22, 2020 – Public Hearing

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation** - City Building Reopening Status
1. **Presentation** – Body worn camera video use, access and retention

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**
2. **REGULAR AGENDA**

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Resolution No. 2020-07-032R](#): A Resolution Approving Orientation, Technical Training and Continuing Education Standards for Civilian Police Review Board Members – City Administrator
2. [Ordinance No. 2020-07-037](#): Ordinance Ratifying Emergency Order 20-06 (Temporary Suspension of Certain Ordinances to Allow for Retail Sales and Services on Sidewalks and Parking Lots) - Mayor
3. [Mayoral Reappointments to Boards and Commissions](#)
 - a. Urbana Free Library Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Barbara Bennett
 2. Jane Williams
4. [Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions](#)
 - a. Police Pension Fund Board – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Ronald Eldridge

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Topic: Cunningham Township Board & Urbana City Council

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DATE: Monday, July 20, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: *To be held virtually via Zoom, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

A G E N D A

Chair: Shirese Hursey, Ward 3

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. June 15, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Input and Presentations**
 - a. FOIA Presentation
5. **Staff Report**
6. **[Ordinance No. 2020-07-038](#):** An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan (Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan / Plan Case 2401-CP-20) - CD
7. **[Ordinance No. 2020-07-039](#):** An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan (Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan / Plan Case 2402-CP-20) - CD
8. **[Resolution No. 2020-07-033R](#):** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant for Market at the Square (LINK Up Illinois Grant – SNAP Double Value Program - 2020) – CD
9. **Discussion:** Future of Public Safety and Policing-Next Steps
10. **Adjournment**

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DATE: Monday, July 27, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. June 22, 2020
2. July 13, 2020

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. City Council Applicant Statements: Christopher Hansen, Julie Laut
2. Census Presentation – Ricardo Diaz
3. Public Input

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion – Future of Public Safety and Policing – Next Steps

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – *Council Member Shirese Hursey*

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-07-038](#): An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan (Urbana Pedestrian Master / Plan Case 2401-CP-20) – CD
- b. [Ordinance No. 2020-07-039](#): An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan (Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan / Plan Case 2402-CP-20) – CD
- c. [Resolution No. 2020-07-033R](#): A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant for Market at the Square (LINK Up Illinois Grant – SNAP Double Value Program – 2020) - CD

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Ordinance No. 2020-07-040](#) : An Ordinance Naming a Street, Avenue, Alley, or Other Public Place (Changing “Plantation Point” to “River Birch Lane”) - Executive

J. ADJOURNMENT

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DATE: Monday, August 3, 2020
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. PUBLIC INPUT
- III. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT
 - 1. Council Member Appointment for Ward 2
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

Phyllis D. Clark
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Topic: Urbana City Council's Committee of the Whole

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****RESCHEDULED MEETING from Monday, August 10, 2020****

DATE: Wednesday, August 12, 2020

TIME: 6:30pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. June 25, 2020 (Special Meeting)
2. July 27, 2020

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

1. [Economic Development Quarterly Report](#) – CD
2. COVID-19 Modeling: Implications for UIUC re-opening and City of Urbana Policy
3. Clarification of Juvenile Arrest and Detention Data – UPD

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [Ordinance No. 2020-07-038](#): An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan (Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan / Plan Case 2401-CP-20)
[CC 07/27/2020] – CD

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – (Council Member Bill Brown)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Resolution No. 2020-08-034R](#): A Resolution Approving a Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System Agreement – PW
- b. [Resolution No. 2020-08-035R](#): A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant for Market at the Square (Farm Credit Illinois Grant – Snap Double Value Program – 2020) – CD
- c. [Resolution No. 2020-08-036R](#): A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to a Subgrantee Agreement for a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (Courage Connection TBRA FY 2017-2018 No. 1718-CC01) – CD
- d. [Resolution No. 2020-08-037R](#): A Resolution Accepting a “Tornado Trees” for Tree Town Grant from Rotary Club of Urbana – Mayor
- e. [Ordinance No. 2020-08-041](#): An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #1 – Omnibus) – FIN

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Information Item – [Emergency Purchase of Overhead Doors](#)

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions](#)

a. Civilian Police Review Board

1. Katrina Marie Kindle – term ending June 30, 2023
2. Tony Allegretti – term ending June 30, 2022

2. Closed Session

- a. To consider pending, probable or imminent litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

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URBANA CITY COUNCIL
CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

DATE: Monday, August 24, 2020
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801)

A G E N D A

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- II. **PUBLIC INPUT**
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion – Consolidated Social Service Funding for FY20-21
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Phyllis D. Clark
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DATE: Monday, August 24, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. August 3, 2020 – Special Meeting

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole

1. CONSENT AGENDA
2. REGULAR AGENDA

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Ordinance No. 2020-08-042](#) : Ratification of Emergency Order 20-08 (Emergency Order Phase 4 Operating Guidelines Governing Seating and Occupancy in Bars and Restaurants and Use of Face Coverings) - Mayor
2. [Ordinance No. 2020-08-043](#): Ratification of Emergency Order 20-09 (Emergency Order Phase 4 Operating Guidelines Concerning Numbers of Attendees, Social Distancing, and Use of Face Coverings at Parties and other Gatherings) – Mayor
3. [Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments to Boards and Commissions](#)
 - a. Traffic Commission Appointment – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Julie Laut
 - b. Arts and Culture Commission Reappointment – term ending June 30, 2023
 1. Stacey Robinson
4. **Discussion** – Extending Governor’s moratorium on evictions and housing and utility assistance, and available housing assistance programs in response to Covid-19

J. ADJOURNMENT

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Topic: Urbana City Council / Cunningham Township Board

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DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: *To be held virtually via Zoom, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801

AMENDED AGENDA

Chair: *Bill Colbrook, Ward 6*

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. August 17, 2020
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Public Input and Presentations**
 - a. [Hillard Heintze Independent Investigation \(Hugger\) 07-08-2020](#)
 - b. [Hillard Heintze Independent Review \(Lewis\) 09-03-2020](#)
 - c. Appendices to 09-03-2020 report (The remaining Appendices referenced in the Hillard Heintze Independent Review are currently being reviewed for material that is not suitable for disclosure in light of pending criminal cases and threatened civil litigation. Once those Appendices have been reviewed, any additional material that can be posted will be posted.
 1. [Appendix J](#)
 2. [Appendix L](#)
 3. [Appendix M](#)
5. **Staff Report**
6. **[Ordinance No. 2020-09-044](#):** Ratification of Extension of Emergency Order No. 20-03 Temporary Suspension of Issuance of Special Events Permits – Mayor
7. **[Ordinance No. 2020-09-045](#):** Ratification of Emergency Order No. 20-10 Temporary Ban of On-Premises Consumption of Food and Beverage within Specific Bounded Area - Mayor
8. **Discussion** – City of Urbana Membership in the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) – CM Laut/Miller
9. **Adjournment**

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DATE: Monday, September 14, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: *to be held virtually via Zoom (400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801)

AMENDED AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. August 12, 2020 (Rescheduled Meeting)

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. *PUBLIC INPUT AND PRESENTATIONS

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole – *(Council Member Bill Colbrook)*

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-044](#): An Ordinance Ratifying Extension of Emergency Order 20-03 Temporarily Suspending the Issuance of Special Event Permits – Mayor
- b. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-045](#): An Ordinance Ratifying Emergency Order No. 20-10 Temporary Ban of On-Premises Consumption of Food and Beverage within Specific Bounded Area – Mayor

G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Resolution No. 2020-09-038R](#): A Resolution Accepting the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support (Cure) Program Funding from the State of Illinois – CD
2. [Resolution No. 2020-09-039R](#): A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana Home Consortium Subrecipient Agreement (Champaign County Regional Plan Commission TBRA FY 2020-2021) – CD
3. [Resolution No. 2020-09-040R](#): A Resolution Accepting a Census Implementation Grant from the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District – CD
4. [Resolution No. 2020-09-041R](#): A Resolution of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois ("Normal"), and Authorizing Normal to Exercise the Powers of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois in Connection with an MCC Program and a Loan Finance Program – CD
5. [Resolution No. 2020-09-042R](#): A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grants Program Subrecipient Agreement with Cunningham Township (FY 2020-2021) – CD

6. [Resolution No. 2020-09-043R](#): A Resolution Approving the Emergency Solutions Grants Program Subrecipient Agreement with CU at Home (FY 2020-2021) – CD
7. [Approval of Consolidated Social Service Fund FY 2020-2021 Allocations](#) – CD
8. [Resolution No. 2020-09-044R](#): A Resolution Approving City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Agreement (Family Service Proj. 2021-CSSP) – CD
9. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-046](#): An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Budget Amendment #2- Omnibus) – CD
10. [Ordinance No. 2020-09-047](#): An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (102 W. Pennsylvania Ave./ ZBA Case No. 2020-MAJ-03) – CD
11. [Resolution No. 2020-09-045R](#): A Resolution Regarding the Future of the School Resource Program Intergovernmental Agreement with Urbana School District 116 – Laut/Miller
12. **Discussion:** Hillard Heintze – Next Steps – City Administrator Carol Mitten and Urbana Police Chief Bryant Seraphin
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**TRANSCRIPT OF CHRISTOPHER HANSEN'S PUBLIC
INPUT AT THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Next up is Christopher Hansen.

Hi, my name is Christopher Hansen. I live in Urbana. It was interesting last week to watch city attorney James Simon deliver a threat against the residents of Urbana and the thing that he or the city may turn to suing people who speak about corruption and misconduct within the Urbana government. I thought to myself, that's exactly what a corrupt government official would do, threaten to shut down free speech. You do not have the power to limit speech in the ways that Marlin and Simon are suggesting.

What Marlin did at the September 14th meeting was entirely illegal. You can't make rules against negative comments or against criticizing public officials. I don't know what you were thinking and you certainly can't invent new time limits that violate the city code. I think the public should keep in mind, especially since so many people are attending the meetings and speaking about issues of policing and the justice system.

We have a police officer on the city council, William Colbrook and Colbrook just sat there and watched as Marlin, broke the law. An opens meeting act open meetings act violation is a criminal offense and Colbrook just let her do it. This is exactly the kind of thing that makes people so upset. One person of a particular skin color who wasn't very wealthy, who hasn't done anything wrong and just wants to go home, gets physically battered and put in jail and has charges piled upon them. Another person of a different skin color and much wealthier, very flagrantly commits crimes against the people. And they just get a free pass. If Julia Rietz was a person of integrity, instead of a vein politician, Marlin would be facing charges for open meetings act violations. So this is the justice system that everyone is so unhappy about, and rightly so. In regards to a Marlin's new ordinance on public input, I thought it was interesting when the council tried to discuss the notions of quote abusive or threatening language. As usual, James Simon had no meaningful answer about this, and he started muttering some nonsense about using Webster's dictionary or something, and he never came to a close to actually settling the issue. And it seems to me that the method of study for this question is pretty obvious. Marlin has alleged that there have been significant quantity of unacceptable comments from the public in the past. What should happen before you consider this issue again is that Marlin and Simon should revisit those meetings and site all of the comments that their new law would disallow and why. We don't have to speak hypothetically because we have probably 30 or 40, 40 hours of very recent data that we can send through this fairly poorly explained filter so we can see how Marlin intends for it to work.

What did surprise me was just how open and pliable the City Council members seemed to be to restricting speech. I don't think that would Marlin did on September 14th or what she is putting forth, pushing forth as new public input rules would have gained any support a year ago. And after some contemplation, what occurred to me is that Urbana has actually normalized corruption. And I think the council hasn't even realized it. We have seen Diane Marlin and James Simon and Curt Borman conspire to defraud the residents of Urbana of thousands of dollars for attempting to view public records through FOIA. We have seen the same city staff make all manner of illegal efforts to thwart the efforts of Urbana residents who seek public records. And when people started complaining publicly, we watched Marlin make a criminal of herself by violating the open meetings act.

And somehow that the Council found that entirely acceptable. So what you've done is normalized corruption instead of making efforts to get rid of it. Instead of talking about ways to limit access to

public records and to public meetings, you should be doing the opposite. Right now is the time that you need to be bolstering the public's right to be involved with their government because it's being threatened. Instead of Marlin giving Marlin more power to mute speakers, we should be making efforts to recall her from the position of mayor because in Urbana, we find it unacceptable for the mayor and her goons to defraud and silence the public. In reality, I have very little confidence that this Council will actually do anything meaningful. You guys mostly prefer to take a passive role and you mostly just follow and believe whatever is placed in front of you.

However, I do predict Marlin will be issuing a public apology to me and to the other people that she's abused and to the public. Corruption only lasts so long before it attracts more attention than it can handle and I think we've about reached that point in Urbana. It is unfortunate that our elected officials are offloading all of that work on to civilians, but we will eventually fix what you've broken. Since I have a little bit of time left putting that closed session meeting at the beginning of a council meeting and then spending an hour and 45 minutes, that was inappropriate. I mean, you guys made the public, wait, you had people giving presentations that you had wait, you should have your close session at the end of the meeting. It was just really inconsiderate. I think in the interest of transparency, you should at least tell the public specifically what you were talking about that whole time. If we, if we actually care about transparency in Urbana, let's talk about it. Alright. Thank you.

**TRANSCRIPT OF CHRISTOPHER HANSEN'S PUBLIC
INPUT AT THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 URBANA CIVILIAN
POLICE REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

Christopher, you're the first one with your hand up. If you'd like to make a contribution, Mr. Hansen, Christopher Hansen. And yes, let's do the clock just as a, as a stepping device. And mic is open for you, I think.

Hi, can you hear me okay?

Yeah.

Okay, great.

My name is Christopher Hansen. I've lived in Urbana for 18 years. Well that presentation was absolutely terrible. I feel like my evening has been wasted and it wasn't clear what anyone might have actually learned here. I think we should all realize that Michael Schlosser is really just a public relations clown for the police. He likes to use stupid little jokes and these dumb videos to try and charm people. But if you really listen to the content of his presentation he is presenting something that either does not represent how police actually operate, or he fails to realize when police are doing something morally wrong. And it's, it's all just a puppet show to distract you from the rampant corruption within our police system. And in Schlosser's get out of the car setup where he engaged with Katrina. That that was really Schlosser being in imagination land. If Katrina repeatedly said no to getting out of the car, the reality is that there's a good chance that she's gonna have her shit smashed up. And that officer is going to get revenge on her for having his ego damaged. I went through this situation with Champaign police and U of I police and in less than 60 seconds, simply for asking them to identify themselves and asking why they pulled me over, they smashed my window and dragged me out of the car. They refused to identify themselves. They refused to tell me why they pulled me over. And even Chief Cobb agreed that the officers did a good job in employing violence before using words and the Aleyah Lewis incident she received no explanation for why she was being attacked. And I didn't see any deescalation there.

The reality is that police love to use violence. That's why they sign up apparently. And the other reality is that Schlosser seems to have no idea how local policing actually works. And that's why tonight's presentation was such a waste of time. All Schlosser did today is show how police frequently escalate a situation from forgetting to pay a traffic ticket, to throwing someone on the ground and charging them with additional crimes. Schlosser actually thinks this is a reasonable and sensible outcome. What, what Schlosser said about, you know, someone possibly, you know, having a false arrest and then, Oh, we'll get it taken care of at the station later, that is absolute horseshit. Once those cuffs go on and you are forcibly taken to jail, that innocent person is now damaged. They're damaged physically and they're damaged emotionally, and they damn well be ready to get damaged financially.

This isn't just some little chat. This is a destructive force in this person's life. The police are actually incentivized to charge an innocent person with a crime, because if they can make something stick, then it will be nearly impossible for that person to sue the police in civil court later. Once those cuffs go on and they go to jail, some charges happen here, and if the charges are completely wrong, they'd better figure tens of thousands of dollars in costs to get the situation fixed. And it's going to haunt them for years and years. That's the reality. Schlosser never talks about accountability because there is no

accountability. So the game we play is that Schlosser can show up and talk about how things might work. And then cops can pretty much violate all those rules and no one will hold them accountable. And we see this all the time. In fact, we almost always see the police help cover up misconduct for their police buddies. So don't let Schlosser's sales pitch trick you into thinking that there are actually checks and balances in policing because there really aren't. I don't think our, I don't think Urbana residents want our CPRB to simply become indoctrinated with the police approach that we know has not been working. We have a civilian board so that we can have a non-institutionalized voice. And so far, my impression is that this hasn't been working. The CPRB as we have it, as well as the police review board in Champaign has had a broad failure to recognize corruption right in front of them. Locally, we have our Mayor Marlin, our city attorney, James Simon, City Administrator Carol Mitten, Vacellia Clark, Elizabeth Kay Meharry, the list goes on Bryant Seraphin.

All just, they're verified liars at this point. And it's been presented over and over. On multiple occasions, these people have knowingly made false statements to the public and to city council members and board members largely regarding police and to the public. It's painfully clear that these people are working contrary to the interests of the public and entirely on their personal interests and in the interest of their friends. And this information has been brought to the CPRB repeatedly, but you just ignore it because I suppose it's, it's easier for you. And so going onto the beginning of the meeting, when Ricardo was talking about people resigning from the CPRP and this has also happened to the CRS in Champaign when these people resign, they always cite time constraints as the reason. And, and what is missing in this explanation is the other side of the equation.

It isn't worth the time because there's almost no chance of any good coming out of serving on a police review board because your hands are tied in every way. And if, if Mikhail thought his presence on the CPRB would really make a meaningful difference, I'm sure he would have stayed. And, and as, as an expression of this, I want to remind you guys that the CPRB does not even have full access to Urbana Police use of force policies. You guys aren't even allowed to see the use of force policies. Have you considered how absurd that is? How are you supposed to do your job? How are you supposed to recommend changes? I think presentations, like this are a huge waste of time. Let's actually get something meaningful, done. The CPRB can set up a list of demands for change to the CPRB ordinance and to policies and present those to the City Council at any time. Are you guys brave enough to do that, or are you going to continue to sit back like you have for the past 13 years and let the establish interest groups just feed you garbage?

Thank you, Chris. Thank you for your contribution, your opinion.

State of Illinois)
) ss. **OMA Request for Review – No. 2020 PAC 64787**
Champaign County)

AFFIDAVIT OF DIANE WOLFE MARLIN

I, Diane Wolfe Marlin, on oath first duly sworn state that if I were to be called as a witness in connection with the above-referenced matter, I would testify as follows:

1. I am over the age of twenty-one (21) years and reside in the City of Urbana, Illinois.

2. The City of Urbana, Illinois (hereinafter, the “City”) is a unit of local government that operates under a mayoral-aldermanic form of municipal government. The City is divided into seven aldermanic wards with the registered voters residing in each ward electing an Alderperson to serve a four-year term on the Urbana City Council. Registered voters in the City elect a Mayor who serves a four-year term concurrently with the elected Alderpersons.

3. I assumed the office of Mayor for the City on May 1, 2017 and have served continuously in that office through the date in which I make this affidavit.

4. Prior to being elected Mayor, I served on the Urbana City Council for 8 years.

5. The City Council typically meets four (4) times each month. The City Council meets as a Committee of the Whole on the first and third Mondays and as the City Council on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. If a City Council or Committee of the Whole meeting date falls on a holiday when the Urbana City Building is closed, the meeting is scheduled to occur on the following Tuesday. Occasionally, a City Council and/or a Committee of the Whole meeting may be cancelled. From time to time special meetings of the City Council or the Committee of the Whole may be convened on an as-needed basis. Further, due to the large number of items on the agenda, the expansiveness of and interest in certain issues, some recent City Council meetings have been recessed and reconvened.

6. One of my duties as Mayor is to serve as presiding officer during City Council meetings. Each meeting of the Committee of the Whole is chaired by an Alderperson with Alderpersons rotating in order of their ward numbers (one through seven) as presiding officer for each successive Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. For purposes of this affidavit, I will refer to the City Council and the Committee of the Whole as the “City Council” since the Committee of the Whole consists of all sitting Alderpersons.

8. At all times relevant to the matters raised in this affidavit, the City has prepared and published a notice of meeting and an agenda for each meeting of the City Council in the manner required by the Open Meetings Act. Meeting notices and agendas are, among other places, posted on the City’s website.

9. Ordinarily, meetings of the City Council are convened in the City Council Chambers in the Urbana City Building located at 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

10. Starting on or about March 23, 2020, due to Governor Pritzker’s shelter in place order, the City Building has been closed to the public and has remained closed since that date.

11. As a result of the closing of the City Building, City Council meetings have been conducted remotely using the Zoom video conference platform. City Council members, City staff, invited guests, members of the public, and I remote in to “attend” City Council meetings and, where appropriate, participate in those meetings.

12. Commencing with March 23, 2020 meeting, City Council agendas have included instructions and rules for members of the public who wish to provide public comment during City Council meetings. A copy of these agendas have been submitted with the City’s response to the Attorney General’s “further action letter” number 2020 PAC 64787.

13. Given that the use of the Zoom remote conferencing platform was new to a number of City Council members and me, the early City Council meetings tended to be a bit cumbersome including how public input was handled. Thus, how the City Council and I have handled public input over the months has been and continues to be an evolving process.

14. Urbana City Code Section 2-4(a)(3) and (4) state:

(3) Subject to subsection (a)(4), public comment is limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person and to no more than two (2) hours per meeting, unless extended by consent of a majority vote of the members present.

(4) If the presiding officer recognizes that more than twenty (20) persons desire to speak, he or she may limit each speaker to comments of no more than three (3) minutes.

15. As the various agendas provided with the City's response to the PAC's "further action" letter number 2020 PAC 64787 indicate, since March 23, 2020, members of the public have been afforded several ways in which to provide public comment during the remotely-conducted City Council meetings. These means have included (a) logging into the Zoom webinar using a computer; (b) logging into the Zoom webinar using a telephone; and (c) e-mailing their public comment to the City Clerk, one or more City Council members, and/or me. E-mailed public comment has been and still is included in the public record of City Council meetings.

16. During the many meetings that I have chaired since March 23, 2020, I have had difficulty determining how many members of the public wish to provide public comment through the Zoom conference platform. At the start of the public input portions of meetings, I have tried to ascertain how many members of the public wish to speak. I have asked members of the public to use the "raise hands" feature provided on the Zoom platform to indicate their desire to speak. However, as public comment has proceeded on a number of occasions, others have decided that they wanted to speak as well. Thus, it has been extremely difficult at the start of each meeting for

me to determine whether more than 20 members of the public wish to speak. There have been occasions when City Council members, while chairing a Committee of the Whole meeting, have experienced the same problem.

17. Given the on and off problems with identifying with certainty the number of members of the public who wish to speak, starting with the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting, meeting agendas have included the following:

Zoom Webinar participant

Click on the link above to join the Webinar. You must provide your name and email in order to join the Webinar. If you wish to speak during the Public Input, “raise your hand” and wait to be called on by the meeting host. You must state your first and last name for the meeting record. Participants will be muted except when they are called on to speak; video will remain off for all members of the public when speaking. You may speak for up to three minutes.

Telephone participant

Call the phone number shown on the agenda. Enter the Webinar ID followed by the # key. All callers are muted by default. If you wish to speak, “raise your hand” by pressing *9 once. When you are called on by the host, you will be un-muted. You must state your first and last name for the meeting record. When you are finished, the host will “lower your hand” and mute you. You may speak for up to three minutes.

Email input

You may email public input between 8 am and 4 pm on the day of the meeting to citycouncil@urbanaininois.us. Please put “PUBLIC INPUT” and the meeting date in the subject line. Your email will be sent to all city council members, the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Emailed public input labeled as such will be incorporated into the public meeting record, with personal identifying information redacted. Copies of emails will be posted after the meeting minutes have been approved. We cannot guarantee that all emails will be read aloud, due to variation in the volume of mail and time available.

Underlined headings in original, emphasis in text added.

18. My understanding of Urbana City Code Sections 2-4(a)(3) and 2-4(a)(4), the five (5) minutes allotted to an individual to provide public comment and the two (2) hours for all public

comment are maximum time limits unless the City Council, by a majority affirmative vote of those members present, wish to extend one or both those time limits. I also believe that Sections 2-4(a)(3) and 2-4(a)(4) contain no language insofar as how the individual and overall time limits for public comment can be shortened from five (5) minutes to three (3) minutes and/or from two (2) hours to one (1) hour. Over the years, based on past practice, total time for public comment has been adjusted according to the volume of items on a specific agenda. Thus, I believe that the presiding officer at the respective meeting (the Mayor at City Council meetings and the presiding Alderperson at Committee of the Whole meetings) have the prerogative to shorten one or both time limits so long as the public is informed of such change in advance of the meeting.

19. At nearly every meeting since the middle of April 2020, Mr. Christopher Hansen and several other members of the public have provided public comment. These members of the public have used their speaking time to severely criticize, attack, insult, abuse, threaten, harass, and defame City Council members, many City staff members and me by name. On one or more occasions, these members of the public have accused one or more City Council members, many City staff members and/or me of engaging in governmental corruption; conspiracy to corrupt government; deceptive practices; conspiracy to deceive the public; unlawful abuse of governmental powers, unethical conduct; intentionally violating state statutes; knowing and intentional lies to cover up illegal activities; distorting the truth; and total incompetence.

20. At least one City staff member and several appointees to City boards and commissions have resigned their respective positions with the City. When speaking to them about their resignations, they told me one of the reasons they resigned was due to the abuse they were receiving from a few members of the public during public input at City Council and/or their respective board or commission meeting, as the case may be. They expressed serious concern

about the hostility these members of the public were bring to the meetings. They have also said that they have been afraid to come forward about their reasons for their resignations out fear that these few members of the public would personally attack or exact some sort of revenge on them.

21. I have also spoken with a number members of the public about the hostile environment that these few members of the public have created during City Council meetings. These individuals have told me that they will not speak during public input at these meetings because they fear that they will become the targets of those members of the public who have created the hostile environment during City Council meetings.

22. I have also spoken with a number of City staff members about the hostility created during public input at City Council meetings. Based on my conversations with those staff members, it is clear that their work morale has been impacted negatively.

23. I have spoken with City Council members and most of them have expressed their concern about the tone, tenor and lack of civility and decorum during the public comment portion of City Council meetings.

24. Because of the ongoing hostility during public comment at months of City Council meetings, I decided to make an effort to restore civility and decorum during public comment starting with the September 14, 2020 meeting. Toward that end and before allowing public comment to commence, I informed the pubic as follows:

The other thing I want to address is the tenor, the tone, and the nature of the comments. I want to ask and I will insist that comments be addressed to the issues and to the City Council as a whole. You cannot direct comments toward individually elected officials, City staff, volunteer members of boards and commissions, or other citizens. It's just not appropriate. And if you engage in this behavior, particularly negative comments, I will, I will mute and we'll move on and you can finish your comments via email. We've had an increasing number of, an intensifying number of comments that are personal they're really abusive; they're really hurtful and that contributes to an increasingly hostile environment in our meetings to the point where people are telling me they are intimidated about joining

a meeting they're intimidated about making a comment because they're afraid that they will be attacked. This is not, this is not the environment that we have encouraged at Urbana City Council and it is not the environment that we can have continue.

We need to be able to have respectful and open and discussions directed at the issues. And, and this time when we are all just buried under the layers of dealing with the pandemic and, and, working towards race and social justice and everything else we are dealing with today.

Appended to this affidavit is a true and correct transcript of the full comments I made before public comment commenced.

25. In addition to trying to restore civility and decorum for public comment, I divided public comment into two parts. The first part of public comment was for the purpose of speaking about specific items included on the agenda. The second part of public comment was for general comments unrelated to any specific agenda item but which was of interest to City-government.

26. On one or more occasions I asked people who sought to speak on a general topic of interest during the first part of public comment to speak during the second part of public comment. In at least one instance, the speaker ignored my request and continued speaking. I did not mute her Zoom link or otherwise prevent her from proceeding to speak.

27. At no time did I attempt to control or otherwise regulate the content of what speakers were saying during public comment. Rather, my sole efforts were directed at the tone and tenor by which individuals spoke during public comment. Everything they tried to say, albeit in an abusive, hostile, threatening, and/or defamatory manner, could have been easily communicated with equal ferocity and passion but in a civil and decorous way.

28. At no time did I witness any City Council member attempt to control or otherwise regulate the content of what speakers were saying during public comment.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Diane Wolfe Marlin
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Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 1st day of October, 2020.

Kathryn Brickman Levy
Notary public.

