

URBANA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025



APPROVED

President Paul called the Public Meeting to order. This sole topic discussed was adopting the Planning Commission recommendation to repeal and replace Chapter 1137 of the Urbana Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the changes were recommended by Planning Commission in order to have all the sign rules and regulations in one location. He went over the proposed changes to the sign code, which included size and duration of postings.

Mr. Thackery asked if enforcement would be primarily complaint driven. Mr. Mitchell confirmed it would.

Mrs. Collier asked if citizens would need permission for signs. Mr. Feinstein stated that some signs require permits, while others don't. He added the code expressly states which signs fall into which category.

The general public did not have any comments/questions.

President Paul called the Public Hearing closed at 6:03 pm.

URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

President Paul called the City of Urbana Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

City Staff attending: Director of Law Mark Feinstein, Director of Administration Spencer Mitchell, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Finance Matt Wellbaum, Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb, and Interim Police Chief Josh Jacobs

President Called Roll: Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Davis, present; Ms. Truelove, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Mrs. Collier, present; and Mrs. Bean, present.

Minutes

Mr. Thackery moved to put the minutes of November 4, 2025 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded.

No comments/questions from Council regarding the minutes.

Voice vote on approval of the minutes: all ayes; nays none.

Communications:

1. Safety Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2025 (See attached)
2. Urbana Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2025 (See Attached)

3. Communication from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control dated November 12, 2025, regarding the new liquor permit application for The Event Vault, LLC, 1 Monument Square. (See Attached)

Council did not move to remove the communication from the consent agenda.

Administrative Reports – Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments:

Ken Wright (560 East Lawn Avenue) – Mr. Wright had heard that a company from New York had bought land on the outskirts of town with the potential intent to develop a data center. He was inquiring as to what City or County officials were involved with the process.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading:

Resolution 2433-24: A resolution to appropriate money for the several objects and purposes which the City of Urbana, Ohio must provide for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. (Three readings required)

Mrs. Bean moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion and possible passage. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Wellbaum passed out binders to Council members. All of the information had been previously provided. These binders sorted the figures into different categories.

Mr. Wellbaum added that next year, the supplemental appropriations would be quarterly as opposed to yearly.

Mrs. Bean asked when the City would know the exact insurance increase. Mr. Wellbaum stated the negotiation is still ongoing. He added that while the City budgeted for a 10% increase, it hopes the figure will be close to the 6% increase the City incurred last year.

Mr. Thackery thanked Mr. Wellbaum for all his hard work.

Roll call for passage: Mr. Scott, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; and Ms. Jumper, yes.

Resolution passes 7-0.

Second Reading:

Ordinance 4632-25: An ordinance to adopt the Planning Commission recommendation to repeal and replace Chapter 1137 of the Urbana Codified Ordinances. (Three readings required, public hearing required)

Mr. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Mitchell stated he did not have anything to add from the public hearing.

Council did not have any additional comments/questions.

President Paul declared this ordinance to have had its second reading.

First Reading: None

Department Liaison Reports:

Ms. Jumper stated the cemetery board recently met. She stated there have been 82 burials for the year. She added that fall clean-up is complete and the next meeting will be in January.

Mrs. Bean stated that Planning Commission approved a new Wawa gas station at 848 Scioto Street.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Thackery stated the Monument Square District annual gala would be held December 13th. Mrs. Collier added the gala would be a speakeasy with games of chance and appetizers.

Mrs. Bean asked if the compost facility was closed. Mr. Mitchell stated he would find the answer. Ms. Truelove stated she heard it would close on December 6th. Mrs. Bean also stated she didn't understand where the data center information was coming from as nothing was happening regarding such a facility.

Mayor Bean was informed that the Finance Department received an award from the State Auditor's office for a very good audit. He gave a shout out to retired Finance Director Chris Boettcher. Mayor Bean stated he was pleased with the tree lighting ceremony last Friday at the Square. He also informed Council that retired Airport manager Elton Cultice recently had a stroke. Mrs. Collier added that he was doing well and doctors were amazed at all of his tests. She stated that he was able to get to the hospital and receive the appropriate medication within the three-hour window for a stroke.

Mr. Mitchell applauded the Street department for handling the recent, significant snow fall.

Mr. Wellbaum stated the Finance Department was presented award last weekend. He jokingly informed Council that his contribution consisted of uploading one document. He stated this award was for excellence in financial reporting. Mr. Wellbaum explained that the audit is generally done by end of June and the City has achieved this award 8 of the past 10 years.

Interim Police Chief Josh Jacobs thanked Council and all the citizens of Urbana on behalf of Chief Lingrell and his family, who paid thanks to Chief Lingrell during his retirement. Interim Chief Jacobs stated Chief Lingrell was really touched.

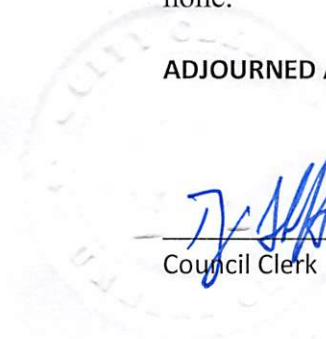
President Paul informed Council he will not be here for the December 16th meeting. Mrs. Bean, as President Pro Tempore, will run the meeting.


Mrs. Collier stated she appreciated Park Supervisor Ryan Lantz putting out extra trash receptacles in Monument Square for the horse parade. Even though the parade didn't happen, they were appreciated.

Ms. Jumper moved to adjourn. Ms. Truelove seconded. Voice vote on approval: all ayes, nays none.

ADJOURNED AT 6:24 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President *Pro Tempore*