



APPROVED

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025**

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

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 December 2, 2025 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Scott seconded.

No comments/questions from Council regarding the minutes.

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

Communications:

1. Communication from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control dated December 2, 2025, regarding the transfer liquor permit application for Shivaya 1 Ltd, 1273 S US 68. (See Attached)

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

Administrative Reports – Board of Control: None

Citizen Comments: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third 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 and possible passage. Mr. Scott seconded.

Mr. Mitchell stated this ordinance involved the Planning Commission recommendation to replace the City ordinance chapter regarding signs. He also stated he would answer any questions.

Mrs. Bean stated she believed it brings everything together and makes sense. She also liked how it showed the penalties.

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.

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Ordinance 4388-26: An ordinance authorizing the Indigent Defense Agreement with the Champaign County Commissioners to allow the City and County to receive partial reimbursement from the Ohio Public Defender Commission for the indigent expenses in the Champaign County Municipal Court. (Three readings required)

Mr. Scott moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Feinstein stated that this ordinance was standard housekeeping, as Council sees it every year. He explained that if a defendant is indigent, it is their constitutional right to counsel for a jailable offense. He further explained that the Court appoints an attorney and the County pays for the services. Mr. Feinstein stated that the City reimburses any portion of those services that are not covered by the State Attorney General regarding violations of City ordinances. He added that the City has never needed to do so in the previous years.

Mr. Thackery asked if the Court has a pool of attorneys for such occasions. Mr. Feinstein responded that while there is not a public defenders' office, there are a list of ten local attorneys that offer their services, from which the Court will randomly assign cases.

President Pro Tempore Bean declared this ordinance to have had its first reading.

Resolution 2623-25: A resolution to amend Resolution 2433-24 to modify or increase appropriations within various funds of the City of Urbana, Ohio for current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. (Supplemental Appropriations) (Suspension of rules required)

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

Mr. Thackery moved to suspend the rules to allow passage on the first reading. Mrs. Collier seconded.

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

Suspension passes 7-0.

Mr. Wellbaum stated this resolution was for annual supplemental appropriations. He indicated he takes the budget passed at the end of last year and modifies with what actually spent.

Mr. Wellbaum indicated that there was a difference of approximately \$2.1 million. He explained that the majority of this was the resolution passed regarding the curb, gutters and sidewalk fund and perpetual investment fund. He also explained that the budget was passed before the salary contracts, which increased figures, and that four senior employee retirements included their sick-leave payouts. Mr. Wellbaum informed Council that the “normal” City spending was different from planned by approximately \$250,000.

Mr. Thackery asked for confirmation that the money for the sidewalks would eventually come back in. Mr. Wellbaum confirmed that it would.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Resolution 2725-25: A resolution to authorize final approval between the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio and Ohio Department of Transportation for pavement planing and resurfacing of State Route 55 from S.L.M. 15.02 (the western corporation limit) to S.L.M. 16.53, S. Main Street (U.S. 68), including partial depth pavement repair, pavement planing, asphalt concrete surfacing, and pavement markings, lying within the City of Urbana. reference PID no.: 111949, county/route/section: CHP-55-15.02, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Mitchell stated this resolution was for final approval, as the preliminary approval occurred in October of 2024. He explained that this would involve resurfacing of State Route 55 from the bike trail parking lot to US 68. He added that the project would also include installation of a new loop monitor for the turn lane.

Ms. Jumper stated she was excited for the loop monitor to be moved further back to hopefully prevent fifteen cars from waiting to turn.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mrs. Bean stated that there would not be a Planning Commission meeting next week.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Jumper asked how many police officers the Division was trying to hire. Interim Chief Jacobs stated they are currently at 18. He added that the Division is looking to hire three officers, with one of those three eventually being trickled down from Chief's retirement.

Ms. Jumper asked the same regarding the fire division. Chief Ortlieb stated they were at twenty, and were bringing on another person on January 12th. He added the Fire Marshall started on Monday.

Mr. Thackery thanked Mayor and Mrs. Bean for bartending at the annual Monument Square District Gala. He added they still had a decent turnout with the bad weather.

Mayor Bean thanked the Street Department for the snow removal. He encouraged everyone to drive safely and hoped everyone would have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also thanked Council for everything they did this year.

Mr. Mitchell reiterated that the Fire Marshal started on Monday, Chris Jones. He added that the City has also filled the receptionist position for the first floor. Mr. Mitchell also echoed his appreciation for the Street Department.

Mr. Wellbaum wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated he was happy to be here.

Interim Chief Jacobs thanked Mark Muirhead and the Street Department, who made things easier for his guys patrolling. He added that Officers will also be doing their annual gift delivery on the twenty-third or twenty-fourth, with this being the sixteenth year.

Council Clerk Steffan informed Council that the next meeting would have all the organization matters, including swearing in the members that were recently re-elected, discussing the department liaison assignments, selecting a President Pro Tempore for the new year, and reaffirming the Council Clerk position.

Mrs. Collier stated she would like to add a work session after the January 6th regular meeting. She indicated the topic she would like to discuss is potential zoning changes.

Voice vote on holding a work session: all ayes, nays none.

Council did not have any additional topics to add for a work session.

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

ADJOURNED AT 6:20 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

January 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President