

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

February 3, 2026

(To be held in the Training Room on the 3rd Floor of the Municipal Building)

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- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of Minutes:** Urbana City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026
- **Communications:** None

Board of Control:

1. **(Mr. Bumbalough)** The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to True Inspection Services, LLC in the amount of \$7,027.00 for additional inspection services on the CHP-Urbana Bike Trail Project (PID 115978). The original PO was approved by Board of Control on 4/16/2025 and Council on 4/22/2025 in the amount of \$83,372.12 which was funded through various Grant Sources for \$68,621.10 with a Local Share of \$14,751.02. Due to some extended wait time on electrical items, the inspection period has been lengthened and the additional Local Share amount of \$7,027.00 is needed. This would bring the inspection cost of the project \$90,399.12 (See BOC Attachment #1) **VOTE: 3-0**
2. **(Mr. Wellbaum)** The Board of Control recommends Council authorize changing health insurance providers from Anthem to United Health Care which would decrease premiums by 16.7% with a savings of \$322,055. The Health Care Committee recommended keeping our current carrier, Anthem which presented the City a 5% decrease with a savings of \$96,215. After lengthy discussion, Board of Control felt that the additional savings of \$225,840 was in the best interest of the City. The total amount of Health Insurance expense is estimated at \$1,602,216. There was also a 3% increase in our Dental Insurance (Delta Dental), which will be an approximate increase of \$2,300 for the year. (See BOC Attachment #2) **VOTE: 3-0**

Citizen Comments: (In Person Only; Must Sign-in)

Ordinances and Resolutions

Old Business:

Third Reading: None

Second Reading: None

New Business:

First Reading:

Resolution 2655-26: (Mr. Mitchell) A resolution confirming the re-appointments of Neil D. Evans and R. Paul Waldsmith to the City of Urbana's Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. (One reading required)

- **Department Liaison Reports:**
- **Miscellaneous Business:**
 1. Council
 2. City Staff
 - Mayor Bill Bean
 - Director of Administration Spencer Mitchell
 - Director of Finance Matt Wellbaum
 - Director of Law Mark Feinstein
 - Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb
 - Interim Police Chief Josh Jacobs
 3. Council Clerk
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026
- **Adjourn**

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

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, Interim Police Chief Josh Jacobs, Grimes Airport Manager Drake Huffman and City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough

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

Mrs. Bean moved to put the minutes of January 6, 2026 on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Scott mentioned a typo of a couple of improper pronouns. Council Clerk Steffan also mentioned the correction of President Paul calling roll.

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

Communications: None

Administrative Reports – Board of Control:

1. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize the blanket purchase order list for 2026. **SNF Polydyne** is the vendor the City utilizes for polymer for use in water treatment and is paid from the Sewer Fund. **EJ Prescott Inc** is a vendor the City utilizes for various parts and inventory items for the Water Department, is paid from the Water Fund. **Smart Bill** is the vendor the City utilizes for our Utility bill printing and mailing services and is paid from the General Fund. **VOTE: 3-0**

Mr. Thackery moved to put this request on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Mrs. Collier seconded.

Mr. Wellbaum went over the blanket purchase order amounts and how they compared to last year.

Council did not have any questions/comments.

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

BOC #1 passes 7-0.

2. The Board of Control recommends Council authorize a purchase order to Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc (BF&S Inc) in the amount of \$174,415 for engineering services to include government applications, design, bidding, construction administration, construction observation, construction testing and miscellaneous service for the proposed FAA AIG & AIP project at the Urbana Grimes Airport. The project consists of the design, contract documents, permitting and bid package for a new taxi lane as well as the construction of a new 6-unit T-Hangar building. This expense will be charged to the FAA Grants Fund. **VOTE: 3-0**

Ms. Truelove moved to put this request on the floor for discussion and possible approval. Ms. Jumper seconded.

Mr. Huffman stated there are two separate engineering agreements: one for the taxi lane and one for the t-hangar construction. He added that this covers two different FAA grants. He stated this expense will include putting together the application itself.

Mrs. Collier asked where the new hanger will be. Mr. Huffman answered just south of the current newest hangar

Mr. Thackery asked the estimated cost of project. Mr. Huffman stated the total estimated cost is \$609,000, of which 95% covered by grants.

Roll call on approval: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Thackery, yes; Ms. Truelove, yes; Mrs. Collier, yes; Mrs. Bean, yes; Ms. Jumper, yes; and Mr. Scott, no.

BOC #2 passes 6-1.

Citizen Comments:

Brad Winner Sr (670 E. Ward St.)

Mr. Winner wanted to know if there is a data center in the pipeline. He stated he has asked that to a couple of elected officials and has gotten vague answers. Mr. Winner added that the issue has created a firestorm in different municipalities. Mr. Winner stated that he is opposed to the lack of time and ability to those who live in the town to voice their opinions if there is something in the pipeline.

He added that if the City doesn't know what's going on, he would highly consider a three-year moratorium on data centers so the City can study the effects on the local towns that have them.

Mr. Winner stated that downtown looks great as well as High street. He added there are a lot of positive things going on.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third 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. Thackery moved to put this ordinance on the floor for discussion. Mrs. Bean seconded.

Mr. Feinstein stated that this ordinance allows an agreement to provide attorneys to indigent individuals who violate City code while facing a potential jail time. He added that this is a housekeeping we do every year.

Mrs. Bean asked about jailable offenses. Mr. Feinstein explained that constitutionally only offenses that carry jail potentially are attorneys required to be provided.

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.

Ordinance passes 7-0.

Second Reading: None

First Reading:

Resolution 2437-26: A resolution confirming the appointments of Matthew Wellbaum and Audra Bean to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for calendar years 2026-2028. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Mitchell stated that the TIRC review committee is established to review each CRA agreement each year. He explained that previously Ms. Bean and Ms. Boettcher served at the Mayor's selections.

Mr. Thackery asked who else was on the committee. Mr. Mitchell responded that there is also Township and Village representation, with representation from any impacted area.

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.

Resolution 2646-26: A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Victims of Crime Act ("VOCA") Grant as authorized by the Ohio Attorney General, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Feinstein stated that Marsy's law requires victim advocacy assistance in the State of Ohio. He stated that the Law Department has two victim advocates to assist with that. He stated that the Attorney General has provided the City a grant in the same amount as last year. Mr. Feinstein

explained that the grant acceptance requires Council blessing due to the requirement of a 20% matching dollar amount from the City.

Council did not have any comments/questions.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Resolution 2726-26: A resolution declaring the necessity of constructing sidewalks, curbs, and/or gutters, along at least portions of Bon Air Drive, Camelot Drive, Pine Tree Drive, Cambridge Drive, New Haven Drive, Parkway Boulevard, Players Circle, Bentwood Court, Pro Circle, South Jefferson Street, and declaring an emergency. (One reading required)

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

Mr. Bumbalough stated this resolution is the annual sidewalk, curb and gutter program. He stated that this program proceeds the paving program for the year. He explained that if this resolution passes, the City sends a certified letter out to those who have not responded or whose permit is not quite done yet. Mr. Bumbalough added that those who opted in, would not get the letter.

Mr. Bumbalough handed out the specifications to Council members. He stated the response rate is pretty good. He further explained that the project also includes City work: catch basins to repair or replace; ramp work, and work in front of City property. He stated the timeline to reply is April 24th. He explained the timeline with the City going out to bid in February, with potential construction work to be completed in May and June. Afterwards, bills would be sent out to those who opted in.

Ms. Truelove asked Mr. Bumbalough to explain what a necessity was. Mr. Bumbalough responded that a resolution of necessity follows ORC 729, which states that these items must be kept in good repair. He explained that there are two standards: sidewalk and curb disrepair. If there is crumbling or it is cracked too heavily, it would become a necessity is in getting it fixed.

Ms. Truelove asked about places where there were no sidewalks or curbs. How determined. Mr. Bumbalough responded that there would be no changes. The City would not add anything new.

Mr. Scott asked if the City was going to pave the Parkway condos. Mr. Bumbalough stated the City would be repairing the asphalt that is in front of the curb. He added that it was overcut by a foot to get the formboard in.

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

Resolution passes 7-0.

Department Liaison Reports:

Mr. Scott stated that we all heard Mr. Winner speak of a potential data center. He urged anyone who is objecting to this, to start attending Planning Commission. He added that as it sits now, there is nothing Council can do unless it comes to Council for an abatement.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ms. Truelove stated her church sponsored an MLK event on Sunday. She added that she is disappointed when she doesn't see dignitaries from the City. She stated that Mr. Bean explained why he wasn't able to attend.

Ms. Truelove also took a moment to reconfirm that she voted yes to the resolution of necessity.

Ms. Jumper stated she has heard the chatter about a data center. She wanted to clarify that the issue has not come in front of Council to be voted on. She reminded Council that she asked for an amendment to the CRA for wording that was said to be unnecessary.

Ms. Jumper stated she was concerned about the issue for citizens and about a lack of transparency.

Mayor Bean thanked Council for passing the resolution of necessity. He stated the City has been doing this now for nine years. He added that people come in from outside the community and think how nice everything looks because of this program.

Mr. Mitchell stated the City received a letter about an Oak Dale cemetery employee who went above and beyond to help out with the location of grave sites. Mr. Mitchell stated it is a credit to the quality of who Bob Jumper is. He added the City doesn't get a ton of these types of letters.

Chief Ortlieb stated the Fire Division has been onboarding a new probationary firefighter, with the swearing-in to occur on Friday at 1 pm.

President Paul stated that somehow his grocery envelope was dropped in the Kroger parking lot. He thanked Brittany for finding it and ensuring its safe return. He also thanked Judge Harvey for swearing-in the Council members at the last meeting.

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

ADJOURNED AT 6:35 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President



**Construction Inspection
CHP-Urbana Bike Trail (PID 115978)
Purchase Order #2 (2026 Season)**

Below shows the proposed cost for inspection services for project work that has extended past the original construction schedule. The estimate is based on onsite inspections and documentation of remaining bid items and punch list items. Although project work would be done during the 2026 construction season, TIS will use 2025 inspection rates. Remaining onsite inspection includes Item 625 electrical installations, monument assemblies, mast arm installation, final/repair seeding, final punch list inspection, and final project inspection. Remaining project documentation includes generating a final estimate, finalizing materials, and general close-out.

ESTIMATED COST:

Project Inspector..... \$3,795.30
 \$126.51/hr x 30 hrs = \$3,795.30
Construction Engineer 1 -Overtime\$2,937.44
 \$183.59/hr x 16 hrs = \$2,937.44

Vehicle Expense – Project Inspector \$49/day (for days worked only).....\$294.00
 \$49 x 6 days = \$294

Estimated Total Cost.....\$7,026.74

CITY OF URBANA ENGINEERING DEPT TRUE INSPECTION SERVICES, LLC

Principal Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Name: (Please print) _____ Name: (Please print) _____

Title _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

SM 1/21/26
BB 1/21/26
MV 1/21/26



CITY OF URBANA, OHIO

205 SOUTH MAIN
PO BOX 747
URBANA, OH 43078

PURCHASE ORDER

Page: 1
P.O. Number: 2025-00655
P.O. Date: 04/28/2025
Req. Number: 2025-ENG-000034
Requested By: Chris Boettcher
Ship Via:
Terms:

Deliver (104/ENGINEERING)
To CITY OF URBANA, OHIO
205 SOUTH MAIN ST.
URBANA, OH 43078

Vendor 7580
TRUE INSPECTION SERVICES LLC
605 MIAMI ST
SUITE 200
URBANA, OH 43078

THIS P.O. NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES, BILLS OF LADING,
PACKAGES, PACKING SLIPS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

THIS ORDER IS EXEMPT FROM OHIO SALES TAX AND FEDERAL TAX.
THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION REGISTRY NUMBER IS

FID# 34-6401492

Line	Description	Account	Qty	Unit	Price/Unit	Amount
001	Bike Trail Crossings Inspection Service - LUC STBG Grant	243-150-557-205				\$14,512.00
002	Bike Trail Crossings Inspection Service - Small City - TRC	248-150-557-205				\$3,628.00
003	Bike Trail Crossings Inspection Service - Safety FHWA	247-150-557-205				\$50,481.10
004	Bike Trail Crossings Inspection - local share	401-102-553-242				\$14,751.02

/
+ 7,027.00
= 21,778.62
Local

Purchase Order Total: \$83,372.12

Approved by BOC 04/16/2025 & Approved by UCC 04/22/2025

AN AMOUNT HAS BEEN LAWFULLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE ABOVE EXPENSES AND IS IN THE TREASURY OR IN THE PROCESS OF COLLECTION TO THE CREDIT OF AN APPROPRIATE FUND FREE FROM ANY PREVIOUS ENCUMBRANCES.

4/28/2025

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Date

4/28/2025

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Date

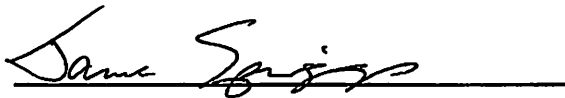
To: Mayor Bill Bean
Spencer Mitchell, Director of Administration
From: Health Insurance Committee
Date: January 27, 2026
Re: 2026 Medical Insurance Renewal Recommendation

The Health Care Committee reviewed and discussed the medical insurance renewal options for the 2026 plan year.

The Committee considered the renewal proposal from Anthem, which reflects a 5% premium decrease resulting in an estimated savings of \$96,215, as well as a competing proposal from United Healthcare reflecting a 16.7% premium decrease and estimated savings of \$322,055.

After discussion, and in consideration of prior service issues experienced with United Healthcare, the Health Care Committee unanimously voted to remain with Anthem for the 2026 medical insurance plan year.

Based on this unanimous vote, the Health Care Committee respectfully submits this recommendation to the Board of Control and City Council for consideration and approval.



James Spriggs
Health Insurance Committee

1-27-26

Date

Benefit Outline	Current		Revised Renewal		Option 2	
	Plan A	Plan B	Plan A	Plan B	Plan A	Plan B
Carrier	Anthem	Anthem	Anthem	Anthem	UHC	UHC
Plan Type, Name, Network	Blue Access PPO 1500 OH-LG-Rx T2 9CKW	Blue Access PPO HSA 3400 OH-LG-Rx T8 9CP3	Blue Access PPO 1500 OH-LG-Rx T2 9CKW	Blue Access PPO HSA 3400 OH-LG-Rx T8 9CP3	EFX7 Open Access PPO Rx C24	EQ3J Open Access HSA Rx C24
Deductible (Individual / Family)	\$1,500 / \$3,000	\$3,300 / \$6,600	\$1,500 / \$3,000	\$1,400 / \$2,800	\$1,500 / \$3,000	\$3,400 / \$6,800
Non-Network Deductible (Individual / Family)	\$4,500 / \$9,000	\$9,900 / \$19,800	\$4,500 / \$9,000	\$10,200 / \$20,400	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$6,000 / \$12,000
Deductible Embedded / Non-Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded	Embedded
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Individual / Family)	\$3,800 / \$7,600	\$4,000 / \$8,000	\$4,000 / \$8,000	\$4,500 / \$9,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000
Non-Network OOP Max (Individual / Family)	\$11,400 / \$22,800	\$12,000 / \$24,000	\$12,000 / \$24,000	\$13,500 / \$27,000	\$10,000 / \$20,000	\$10,000 / \$20,000
Coinsurance (In / Out)	80% / 50%	100% / 70%	80% / 50%	100% / 70%	80% / 50%	100% / 70%
Wellness / Preventive Care	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Primary Care Office Visit	\$35 copay	Ded, 100%	\$35 copay	Ded, 100%	\$25 copay	Ded, \$25 copay
Specialist Office Visit	\$70 copay	Ded, 100%	\$70 copay	Ded, 100%	\$40 copay	Ded, \$50 copay
Walk-In / Urgent Care Visit	\$75 copay	Ded, 100%	\$75 copay	Ded, 100%	\$50 copay	Ded, \$75 copay
Emergency Room	\$400 copay, 80%	Ded, 100%	\$400 copay, 80%	Ded, 100%	\$250 copay, 80%	Ded, \$250 copay
Outpatient Lab / X-Ray	Office: \$0 copay OP Hospital: Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Office: \$0 copay OP Hospital: Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%
Complex Imaging (MRI, CAT, PET, et.al.)	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%
Outpatient Surgical Facility	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%
Inpatient Hospital Facility	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%	Ded, 80%	Ded, 100%
Retail Prescription Drug Copays	PN: \$10 / \$40 / \$70 copay N: \$20 / \$50 / \$80 copay	PN: Ded, \$10 / \$40 / \$70 copay N: Ded, \$20 / \$50 / \$80 copay	PN: \$10 / \$40 / \$70 copay N: \$20 / \$50 / \$80 copay	PN: Ded, \$10 / \$40 / \$70 copay N: Ded, \$20 / \$50 / \$80 copay	\$10 / \$40 / \$85 copay	Ded, \$10 / \$40 / \$85 copay
Mail Order Prescription Drug Copays	PN: \$20 / \$100 / \$175 copay N: Not Covered	PN: Ded, \$20 / \$100 / \$175 copay N: Not Covered	PN: \$20 / \$100 / \$175 copay N: Not Covered	PN: Ded, \$20 / \$100 / \$175 copay N: Not Covered	\$25 / \$100 / \$212.50 copay	Ded, \$25 / \$100 / \$212.50 copay
Specialty Prescription Drugs	PN: 25% up to \$350 copay N: 25% up to \$450 copay	PN: Ded, 25% up to \$350 copay N: Ded, 25% up to \$450 copay	PN: 25% up to \$350 copay N: 25% up to \$450 copay	PN: Ded, 25% up to \$350 copay N: Ded, 25% up to \$450 copay	\$250 copay	Ded, \$250 copay

Employee Contributions Summary with Anthem

Executive Summary:	2025	2026	\$ Change	% Change	2026 % of Total
Employee Total	\$ 192,429	\$ 182,806	\$ (9,624)	-5.0%	10.0%
Employer Total	\$ 1,731,841	\$ 1,645,250	\$ (86,591)	-5.0%	90.0%
Total	\$ 1,924,270	\$ 1,828,056	\$ (96,215)	-5.0%	
				2025 EE % of Total:	10.0%

2025 Monthly EE Contributions

	EE	EE + Sp	EE + Ch	Fam
PPO	\$ 104.50	\$ 229.70	\$ 176.40	\$ 322.60
HDHP	\$ 80.66	\$ 177.28	\$ 136.16	\$ 248.98

2026 Monthly EE Contributions

	EE	EE + Sp	EE + Ch	Fam
PPO	\$ 94.12	\$ 206.87	\$ 158.87	\$ 290.54
HDHP	\$ 78.14	\$ 171.75	\$ 131.90	\$ 241.21

2026 Monthly Total Premium

	EE	EE + Sp	EE + Ch	Fam
PPO	\$ 941.19	\$ 2,068.72	\$ 1,588.72	\$ 2,905.44
HDHP	\$ 781.37	\$ 1,717.45	\$ 1,318.95	\$ 2,412.08

Employee Contributions Summary with United Healthcare

Executive Summary:	2025	2026	\$ Change	% Change	2026 % of Total
Employee Total	\$ 192,429	\$ 160,222	\$ (32,208)	-16.7%	10.0%
Employer Total	\$ 1,731,841	\$ 1,441,994	\$ (289,847)	-16.7%	90.0%
Total	\$ 1,924,270	\$ 1,602,216	\$ (322,055)	-16.7%	
				2025 EE % of Total:	10.0%

2025 Monthly EE Contributions

	EE	EE + Sp	EE + Ch	Fam
PPO	\$ 104.50	\$ 229.70	\$ 176.40	\$ 322.60
HDHP	\$ 80.66	\$ 177.28	\$ 136.16	\$ 248.98

2026 Monthly EE Contributions

	EE	EE + Sp	EE + Ch	Fam
PPO	\$ 80.56	\$ 177.07	\$ 135.98	\$ 248.69
HDHP	\$ 69.05	\$ 151.77	\$ 116.56	\$ 213.16

2026 Monthly Total Premium

	EE	EE + Sp	EE + Ch	Fam
PPO	\$ 805.59	\$ 1,770.69	\$ 1,359.84	\$ 2,486.86
HDHP	\$ 690.51	\$ 1,517.74	\$ 1,165.58	\$ 2,131.60

To: Health Insurance Committee
From: Bill Bean, Mayor of Urbana
Spencer Mitchell, Director of Administration
Matt Wellbaum, Director of Finance
Date: January 29, 2026
RE: Board of Control- Health Insurance Recommendation

On Tuesday, January 27, 2026, the Director of Administration and Mayor received a recommendation letter from the Health insurance Committee ("Committee"), signed by Committee Member James Spriggs (*See Memo of January 27, 2026, attached*). That letter reflected the fact that the Committee had considered a renewal proposal from Anthem, the City's current carrier, as well as a competing proposal from United HealthCare. The savings to the City for renewal with Anthem is 5%, or \$96,215.00. The savings for switching to United HealthCare is 16.7%, or \$322,055.00. Despite this large gap in savings, the Committee voted unanimously to stay with Anthem. It cited, as a basis, that there were "prior service issues experienced with United HealthCare", but did not elaborate as the nature, extent, or impact of those service issues.

On Wednesday, January 28, 2026, the Board of Control ("BOC") met to discuss the City of Urbana's options for continued health care coverage. In doing so, the BOC considered the recommendation letter of the Committee. The BOC also considered the financial differences between the quotes/options, how same would impact the City, as well as the impact the options/quotes would have on the City staff. The BOC additionally used a comparative analysis when reviewing the options/quotes to see how each would impact costs associated with emergency room visits, prescription drug co-pays, deductibles, and other outlined benefits. Documentation as to these differences is attached (*See Benefits Outline, attached*).

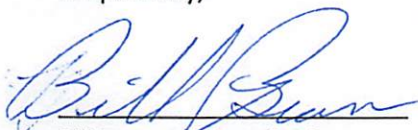
Pursuant to Section 6 of Ordinance 4399-25 (The "Central Staff Ordinance"), the City is to review the Committee's recommendation(s) prior to entering into new contracts for insurance coverage, and is to "endeavor to adhere to the Committee's recommendation(s) unless there is a documented business reason for opting to deviate from the Committee's recommendation(s). In the latter case, the City is to provide the Committee with a written explanation of the City's reason for declining to follow the Committee's recommendation(s)."

Upon review, the City has determined that there is a documented business reason for opting to deviate from the Committee's recommendation that the City remain with Anthem for the 2026 medical insurance plan year. Specifically, this business reason is the financial differences between the quotes/options, how same would impact the City, as well as the impact the options/quotes would have on the City staff. The BOC additionally used a comparative analysis when reviewing the options/quotes to see how each would impact costs associated with emergency room visits, prescription drug co-pays, deductibles, and other outlined benefits, as documented by the *Benefits Outline*, attached.

The BOC voted, unanimously, in favor of moving forward with United HealthCare as the City's health insurance option for the 2026 plan year.

The City wishes to thank each member of the Committee for their involvement in discussions on this issue.

Respectfully,


Bill Bean, Mayor of Urbana
1/29/26


Spencer Mitchell, Director of Administration
1/29/26


Matt Wellbaum, Director of Finance
1-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2655-26

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF NEIL D. EVANS AND R. PAUL WALDSMITH TO THE CITY OF URBANA'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL. (One (1) reading required, no public hearing required)

Department Requesting: Community Development Sponsor: Councilman Pat Thackery

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana's Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council was established by Ordinance 4348 (as amended) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.69 as part of the City of Urbana's Community Reinvestment Area program; and

WHEREAS, the City's CRA Housing Council shall make annual inspections of properties granted an exemption through the Community Reinvestment Area program under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67 and shall also hear appeals under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70; and

WHEREAS, each person appointed to serve under this legislation shall possess the full authority of a member of the Housing Council, serve without compensation, and shall serve for a term of three years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.69(A), the legislative authority shall appoint two (2) residents of the City of Urbana to the City's CRA Housing Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Urbana, County of Champaign and State of Ohio:

SECTION ONE:

Council hereby reappoints Neil D. Evans of 17 Laurel Bend to the CRA Housing Council through December 31, 2028.

SECTION TWO:

Council hereby reappoints R. Paul Waldsmith of 226 Lincoln Place to the CRA Housing Council through December 31, 2028.

SECTION THREE:

That all formal actions of this City Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this City Council, and that all deliberations of the City Council and any decision-making bodies of the City of Urbana which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Urbana, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION FOUR:

This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by law.

President, City of Urbana Council

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

This Resolution approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor, City of Urbana

REVIEWED: *[Signature]* 1/9/2026
Director of Law Date

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| Jumper: | _____ Yay | _____ Nay | _____ N/A |
| Scott: | _____ Yay | _____ Nay | _____ N/A |
| Davis: | _____ Yay | _____ Nay | _____ N/A |
| Truelove | _____ Yay | _____ Nay | _____ N/A |
| Thackery: | _____ Yay | _____ Nay | _____ N/A |
| Collier: | _____ Yay | _____ Nay | _____ N/A |
| Bean: | _____ Yay | _____ Nay | _____ N/A |