

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 2017; 7:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Auditorium of the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts, 600 N. East Street, Bloomington, 61701, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Jamie Mathy, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray, Karen Schmidt, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: Steve Rasmussen, Interim City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director; Greg Scott, Assistant Chief of Police; Brian Mohr, Fire Chief, Scott Sprouls, IS Director; Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Bob Yehl, Water Director; and other City staff were also present.

Recognition/Appointments

- A. Proclamation, Centennial of the First World War (*Delayed until January 2018*)
- B. Recognition of Trevor Wilson, Fire Fighter on completing his one year probation with the Bloomington Fire Department.
- C. Appointment of Monica Bullington to the Connect Transit Board, and the Reappointment of Amelia Buragas to the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council Board.

Public Comment

Danielle DeWinter	Charlotte Alvarez	John Walther	Rick Phillippe
Ed Neaves	Mason Aberie	Jarel Hall	Gary Lambert
Deanna Frautschi	Andy Shirk	Vicki Tilton	

“Consent Agenda”

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion, and is provided in **BOLD**, and items that Council pull from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed with a notation **Pulled from the Consent Agenda**.*

Motion by Alderman Hauman and second by Alderman Schmidt that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of Item No. 7B.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Black, Buragas, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting. *(Recommend that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of Approving an Appointment and Reappointment to Various Boards and Commissions. *(Recommend Monica Bullington be appointed to the Connect Transit Board and that Amelia Buragas be reappointed to the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council Board.)*

Motion by Alderman Hauman and second by Alderman Painter that Monica Bullington be appointed to the Connect Transit Board and that Amelia Buragas be reappointed to the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council Board.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Black, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Recused: Alderman Amelia Buragas

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of McLean Regulating use of the Police Range Facility. *(Recommend in the amount of \$8,221.98, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of McLean

Regulating use of the Police Range Facility. *(Recommend the intergovernmental agreement with the County of McLean be approved, in the amount of \$8,221.98, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Bloomington City Code Chapter 38, Section 181.2 adding an exception for Brick Streets. *(Recommend an Ordinance amending Bloomington City Code Chapter 38, Section 181.2 adding an exception for brick streets be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 113

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BLOOMINGTON
CITY CODE CHAPTER 38, SECTION 181.2 ADDING AN EXCEPTION
FOR BRICK STREETS

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Bloomington City Code Chapter 29, Section 201 adding brick streets to the list of streets where through trucks are not allowed. *(Recommend an Ordinance amending Bloomington City Code Chapter 29, Section 201 adding brick streets to the list of streets where through trucks are not allowed be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 114

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BLOOMINGTON
CITY CODE CHAPTER 29, SECTION 201 ADDING BRICK STREETS
TO THE LIST OF STREETS WHERE THROUGH TRUCKS ARE NOT ALLOWED

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of an Ordinance approving the dedication of the former Consolidated Rail Corporation Right-of-Way as Public Utility Easement. *(Recommend an Ordinance approving the dedication of the former Consolidated Rail Corporation Right-of-Way as Public Utility Easement and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary*

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 115

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF
THE FORMER CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION RIGHT-OF-WAY
AS PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of:

- A. An Ordinance approving a Contract to Purchase Real Estate located at 717 E. Empire Street in the City of Bloomington

ORDINANCE 2017 - 116

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE
LOCATED AT 717 EAST EMPIRE STREET, IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

- B. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 117

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2018

(Recommend an Ordinance approving a Contract to Purchase Real Estate Located at 717 E. Empire Street in Bloomington be approved in the amount of \$48,000 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of approving an extension to the School Crossing Guard contract for the three years. *(Recommend approval of a three year contract extension with All City Management Services, INC. (ACMS) for crossing guard services at the rates set forth in the agreement, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents. The contract extension will begin July 1, 2018 and continue in effect until June 30, 2021.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7J. Approval of the 2018 Employee Dental Benefit Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois. *(Recommend the 2018 Employee Dental Benefit Services Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois be approved and the City Manager and City personnel be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7K. Consideration of a Resolution to use Tax Increment Financing money to pay for repair of a portion of sidewalk at Front and Center. *(Recommend Council approve a Resolution of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois Authorizing a Redevelopment Project in the Downtown-Southwest Redevelopment Project Area, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE DOWNTOWN SOUTHWEST REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

“Regular Agenda”

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Presentation of the FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as audited. *(Presentation only) (Presentation by Jason Coyle, Partner, Baker Tilly International 5 minutes, Council discussion 5 minutes) (No Motion)*

Mayor Renner provided a brief explanation of the budget, and deferred to Jason Coyle, Partner with Baker Tilly International who provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report is slightly different from last year as they were not able to give a report on the Coliseum due to the activities that occurred there that year. This year they were able to conduct a full audit of the Coliseum and as a result, their opinion is modified. He referenced the section in the audit referred to as MD &A (Management Discussion and Analysis) which highlights and summarizes the activities that occurred during the year. He encouraged Council to review that section.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the FY 2018 Budget for the Grossinger Motors Arena in the amount of \$375,000. *(Recommend approving an Ordinance Amending the FY 2018 Budget for the Grossinger Motors Arena be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to approve the appropriate measures necessary for transfer.) (Presentation by Lynn Cannon, Executive Director 5 minutes, Council discussion 5 minutes.)*

Ms. Cannon provided an overview of this item commenting on the forecast budget that was provided to Council for the remaining of the fiscal year.

Alderman Hauman inquired about the ‘busy season’ that the Arena is expecting. She asked whether it is for three to four months. Ms. Cannon stated it is not that the Arena is much busier in the fall of the year. However, due to some of the other events, i.e. hockey games that did not occur, they were much slower in the fall than they should have been. Generally, they would start becoming busy in September through April. They are looking ahead, and activity is picking up dramatically, beginning at the end of December.

Alderman Mwilambwe stated in referencing the materials within the packet that spoke to unforeseen circumstances that occurred due to sponsorship. He stated the materials did not provide much materials related to those circumstances. He asked Ms. Cannon to elaborate on the statement.

Ms. Cannon stated, they have a new sales manager that recently started in October, who has begun to learn the aspects of his position. Also, getting out into the community to put the Arena out there while

battling some negative press. They do their best to promote so to obtain sponsorship as well as other advertising opportunities.

Alderman Black stated he appreciates the opportunity to have spent with Ms. Cannon to hear of some of the ideas that she has for the Arena. There may be some apprehension to add some \$400,000 to the budget of the Arena. We are willing to do whatever it takes to ensure the Arena is operational—suggesting adding some events to include with the schedule activities.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 118

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2018

Motion by Alderman Black second by Alderman Schmidt approving an Ordinance Amending the FY 2018 Budget for the Grossinger Motors Arena be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to approve the appropriate measures necessary for transfer

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Black, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of a Resolution supporting various infrastructure projects at Miller Park Zoo, including the construction of an additional parking lot, concession stand and replacement of the entrance building roof at a cost of approximately \$900,000. *(Recommend City Council approve the Resolution Supporting the Various Infrastructure Projects at Miller Park Zoo at a cost of approximately \$900,000 be approved, and that the City Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolution.) (Presentation by Jay Tetzloff, Director of Parks, Recreational, Cultural Arts and Miller Park Zoo, 10 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes.)*

Mr. Tetzloff provided a brief PowerPoint Presentation overview of this item and stated they have been looking outside the box in bringing projects to the Council for its consideration. He referenced the Council Retreat in November 2017 relating to its priorities with the Zoo being part of Council priorities. He does not often have an opportunity to come before the Council with projects that will bring forward revenue. The biggest takeaway is, the Department is looking to secure a loan. He thanked the Miller Park

Zoological Society Board for their dedication. Mr. Tetzloff spoke of some of the issues for reasons why the Department is seeking a loan to correct deficiencies at the Zoo including parking, safety concerns, infrastructure (roofing, and other building maintenance) and concession stand.

Council is not voting tonight to extend a loan, rather staff is seeking approval of a Resolution Supporting the Various Infrastructure Projects at Miller Park Zoo. Staff will return at a later date to seek Council approval of a loan and contract for the work to be done at the Zoo.

Alderman Schmidt inquired about the use of staff for the projects, that the Zoo would use existing staff. She asked how Mr. Tetzloff plan to staff the Zoo. Mr. Tetzloff stated that mostly seasonal staffing.

Alderman Mathy stated he was a little concern with staffing as well as he too has some experience in food service. There is a lot that goes into a meal rush. He asked why this project is not a part of a Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Rasmussen stated he could provide a response to Alderman's question. The other projects in the Capital Improvement Plan are unfunded. This is not the case as it is not associated with a Capital Improvement Plan. This project has a funding source and would be able to pay for itself.

Alderman Sage asked whether groups would still be able to bring their own food in after project has been completed. Mr. Tetzloff stated, no outside food would be permitted once there is a concession stand in the Zoo.

Alderman Mwilambwe asked whether Mr. Tetzloff would continue to pursue grants for the department. Mr. Tetzloff stated that he searches daily for grants that could benefit his department. For the record, he does support the project.

Alderman Hauman stated, she likes the idea and applauds the Zoological Society for looking ahead and increasing the overall park experience for our visitors.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 53

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AT MILLER PARK ZOO

Motion by Alderman Schmidt second by Alderman Painter City Council approve the Resolution Supporting the Various Infrastructure Projects at Miller Park Zoo at a cost of approximately \$900,000 be approved, and that the City Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolution.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Black, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8D. Consideration of approving a Resolution to adopt the Downtown Design and Branding Concept recommended by the Downtown Signage Committee and authorize a change order in the amount of \$28,095.10 associated with the contract between the City of Bloomington and Kerestes Martin Associates, Inc. for professional services. *(Recommend approving a Resolution adopting the Downtown Design and Branding Concept recommended by the Downtown Signage Committee and authorize a change order in the amount of \$28,095.10 associated with the contract between the City of Bloomington and Kerestes Martin Associates, Inc. for professional services be approved and that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be authorized to execute the necessary documents.) (Presentation by Kevin Kothe, P.E., City Engineer 5 minutes, Council discussion 5 minutes.)*

Mr. Kothe stated, during the last Council Meeting the design consultant KMA Designs debuted the unveiling of a proto type wayfinding signs that was installed this week across from the Government Center on the right side of East Street. His goal is to follow up on the presentation from the last Council Meeting as well as provide additional information for consideration.

Option 2 recommendation based on public input from the meeting at the Museum and the City's website. While the majority preferred the historical design, teal color, and suggested that the sign has a verta base rather than a steel coloring. The recommendation from the Downtown Signage Committee is to follow the public input. As we go through the design process to decide on the specifications, the will keep in mind those comments offered by the public. Mr. Kothe discussed the timelines for the project stating there are funds already designated within the budget for the design contract to complete the construction documents, but also to do the installation.

Staff is seeking approval of the Council to begin working on the construction documents specifications in January 2018, and finalize the signage locations. The City's goal would be to move forward with the project in March 2018, and bring it back to Council in April 2018. Mr. Kothe provided a recap of the public participation to the Council.

Alderman Black thanked Mr. Kothe and the Commission for all of their hard work and commented on the public outreach that has occurred with this project. He believe it would be prudent to have the new members to weigh in on the design prior to making a decision on the project.

Mr. Rasmussen stated, the members have been appointed, but staff has not had them to attend a meeting of the Committee as yet. That would likely occur at the next meeting.

Alderman Black motioned to delay this item until the new board members have had an opportunity to review the design concept.

Mr. Kothe stated, based on the timeline, the motion offered by Alderman Black will not work. If staff is not able to come back to Council until the end of January the ability to have those documents

prepared, bid and awarded will not meet the City's schedule.

There was no support for the motion offered by Alderman Black.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -54

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DOWNTOWN DESIGN AND BRANDING CONCEPT
RECOMMENDED BY THE DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE COMMITTEE
AND AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,095.10 ASSOCIATED WITH
THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND KERESTES MARTIN
ASSOCIATES INC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Schmidt approving a Resolution adopting the Downtown Design and Branding Concept recommended by the Downtown Signage Committee and authorize a change order in the amount of \$28,095.10 associated with the contract between the City of Bloomington and Kerestes Martin Associates, Inc. for professional services be approved and that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Hauman, Black, Bray, and Schmidt.

Nays:

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8E. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting and Funding the BNEDC and the BN Advantage Economic Development Strategy. *(Recommend a Resolution Supporting and Funding the BNEDC and BN Advantage as a Collaborative Economic Development Strategy for the Bloomington-Normal-McLean County Region be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to prepare the necessary documents. (Presentation by Austin Grammer, Economic Development Coordinator 10 minutes, Council discussion 20 minutes.)*

Mr. Rasmussen provided a brief overview of this item and apologized for the last minute change to the Council Memo as the dollar amount of the enclosed resolution had changed. The City had talked about having the amount set at 1/3 of the yearly proposal for the Economic Development Committee, but did not mention the amount to staff. The amount that is being requested is \$123,867. He explained the change in the amount. In the Economic Development Special Budget Funds for this fiscal year \$390,000 was budgeted. Since the City did not provide any of those funds to the EDC asked for a portion to fund them for the prorated amount for the remainder of the year. The City removed a portion of the amount to assist with the Small Business Development Center amount to \$18,398 leaving a balance of \$371,602 in

that Special Budgeted Fund. If you take a third prorating it until the end of the year, it equals \$123,867 which the City is proposing to pay it out monthly over four months.

Alderman Sage stated, when this was discussed at a recent Committee of the Whole Meeting there was much conversation regarding metrics. He stated that this item continues to lack meaningful metrics given the length of time that BN Advantage has been in operation. He stated that he hopes to receive more meaningful data that supports the operations of the organization.

Mr. Rasmussen stated, the Town of Normal would have also requested the same type of information from this organization, four different type of reports as well as the metrics. He has Kyle to provide the City with the same information that is provided to the Town of Normal.

Mayor Renner stated the Council views the performance metrics are absolutely critical to both communities going forward.

Kyle stated they welcome the opportunity to present to the Council on a regular basis. That BN Advantage is the strategy. In that strategy, there is a multitude of work of which he and Charlie has taken components of that and have woven that into the strategic plan of its respective organization. In their plan, they have metrics measures the work within a strategic plan. The Board request that information of him, as he provides that information to them on a regular basis.

Resolution No. 2017- 55

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND FUNDING THE BNEDC AND BN ADVANTAGE AS A COLLABORATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL- MCLEAN COUNTY REGION

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Bray approving a Resolution Supporting and Funding the BNEDC and BN Advantage as a Collaborative Economic Development Strategy for the Bloomington-Normal-McLean County Region be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to prepare the necessary documents.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Hauman, Black, Bray, and Schmidt.

Nays:

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Rasmussen thanked Jay Tetzloff and the Parks and Recreation staff and the staff of the BCPA with assisting in setting up and preparing the auditorium for the Council Meeting.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner echoed Mr. Rasmussen's comments and thanked all that were involved in the setup of the BCPA for the meeting. He wished everyone a safe holiday season and reminded the public of the Town Hall Meetings.

City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderman Hauman congratulated Jim Karch, Public Works Director for attaining his Master's Degree.

Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Black seconded by Alderman Bray adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Motion carried. (Viva Voce)

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST


Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk

