



**City of Bloomington  
City Council  
Special Session  
April 23, 2026**



## Components of the City Council Agenda

### Recognition and Proclamation

This portion of the meeting recognizes individuals, groups, or institutions publicly, as well as those receiving a proclamation, or declaring a day or event.

### Public Hearing

Items that require receiving public testimony will be placed on the agenda and noticed as a Public Hearing. Individuals have an opportunity to provide public testimony on those items that impact the community and/or residents.

### Public Comment

Each City Council meeting shall have a public comment period not to exceed 30 minutes. Every speaker is allotted up to 3 minutes to speak. Individuals wishing to email public comment or speak remotely must email comments and/or register online at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person must register up to 5 minutes before the start of the meeting. Speakers will be selected at random.

Public comment is a time to provide feedback. City Council does not respond to public comment. Speakers who engage in threatening or disorderly behavior will have their time ceased.

### Consent Agenda

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council Member, City Manager, or Corporation Counsel so requests; in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the Regular Agenda.

The City's Boards and Commissions hold Public Hearings prior to some City Council agenda items appearing on the City Council's Meeting Agenda. Persons who wish to address the City Council should provide new information that is pertinent to the issue before them.

### Regular Agenda

All items that provide the City Council an opportunity to receive a presentation, ask questions of City Staff, seek additional information, or deliberate prior to making a decision will be placed on the Regular Agenda.

### Mayor and Council

**Mayor** - Dan Brady

#### City Council Members

Ward 1 - Jenna Kearns  
Ward 2 - Micheal Mosley  
Ward 3 - Sheila Montney  
Ward 4 - John Danenberger  
Ward 5 - Michael Straza  
Ward 6 - Cody Hendricks  
Ward 7 - Mollie Ward  
Ward 8 - Kent Lee  
Ward 9 - Abby Scott

**City Manager** - Jeff Jurgens  
**Sr. Deputy City Manager** - Billy Tyus  
**Deputy City Manager** - Sue McLaughlin

### City Logo Design Rationale

The **CHEVRON** Represents:  
Service, Rank, and Authority  
Growth and Diversity, A Friendly and  
Safe Community A Positive, Upward  
Movement and Commitment to Excellence!

#### Mission, Vision and Value Statement

##### Mission

To Lead, Serve and Uplift the City of  
Bloomington

##### Vision

A Jewel of the Midwest Cities

##### Values

Service-Centered, Results-Driven, Inclusive

#### Strategic Plan Goals

- Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
- Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities Grow the Local Economy
- Strong Neighborhoods
- Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City
- Prosperous Downtown Bloomington



**City Council - Special Session Agenda**  
**Government Center Boardroom, 4th Floor, Room #400**  
**115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, IL 61701**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 5:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer and/or Reflection**
- 4. Roll Call**
- 5. Public Comment**

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to [publiccomment@cityblm.org](mailto:publiccomment@cityblm.org) at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person or remotely may register at [www.cityblm.org/register](http://www.cityblm.org/register) at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting for in-person public comment and at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting for remote public comment.
- 6. Consent Agenda**

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by City Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.
- 7. Regular Agenda**
  - A. Overview and Discussion on April 17, 2026, Tornado Response, as requested by the Administration Department.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.) (Presentation by Jeff Jurgens, City Manager, 15 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 10 minutes.)
  - B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Approval of the Proposed Continued Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency, as requested by the Administration Department.** (Recommended Motion: That the Continued Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency be approved.)
- 8. City Manager's Discussion**
- 9. Council Member Discussion**
- 10. Mayor's Discussion**
- 11. Executive Session**
  - A. None planned; although the City Council may go into Executive Session as needed and allowed by law (5 ILCS 120/2).**
- 12. Adjournment**

Individuals with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who require reasonable accommodations to observe and/or participate, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 309-434-2468 or [mhurt@cityblm.org](mailto:mhurt@cityblm.org).



**Regular Agenda Item No. 7.A.**

**For City Council:** April 23, 2026

**Ward Impacted:** City Wide

**Subject:** Overview and Discussion on April 17, 2026, Tornado Response, as requested by the Administration Department.

**Recommended Motion:** None; Presentation Only.

**Strategic Plan:**

**Background:** A presentation will be given regarding April 17, 2026 tornadoes and the City's response.

**Community Groups/Interested Persons Contacted:**

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None



**Regular Agenda Item No. 7.B.**

**For City Council:** April 23, 2026

**Ward Impacted:** City Wide

**Subject:** Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Approval of the Proposed Continued Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency, as requested by the Administration Department.

**Recommended Motion:** That the Continued Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency be approved.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Background:** On April 17, 2026, two tornadoes hit Bloomington. The storm caused significant damage within the City, including downed trees, widespread power outages, and structural damage to multiple properties. These conditions created a serious threat to public safety and welfare, requiring immediate action to ensure the protection of life and property. With the authority from the Illinois Emergency Management Act (20 ILCS 3305), the City of Bloomington, along with the Town of Normal and McLean County, declared Local Disaster Emergencies on April 18, 2026, and it was effective for 48 hours. The Mayor then issued another Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency on April 20, 2026, for an additional 48 hours. City Code Chapter 12 Emergency Management dictates that the Mayor can only approve two consecutive Disaster Proclamations after the initial Proclamation. Council must consent to any continued Declarations of Local Disaster Emergency thereafter.

**Community Groups/Interested Persons Contacted:** N/A

**Financial Impact:** N/A

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Ordinance - Exhibit A

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF  
DECLARATION OF CONTINUED LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 17, 2026, a severe storm caused significant damage within the City of Bloomington, including downed trees, widespread power outages, and structural damage to multiple properties; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions posed a serious threat to public safety and welfare, requiring immediate action to protect life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, a Local Disaster Emergency was declared by City of Bloomington Mayor Brady on April 18, 2026, and extended for additional 48-hour periods on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and April 22<sup>nd</sup>, pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/1 et seq.) and § 12-111 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, additional extensions of the duration of the Local Disaster Emergency is prohibited by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305) and the Bloomington City Code § 12-111 unless authorized by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, while substantial progress has been made in responding to this emergency, the circumstances giving rise to the Declaration remain, and the City continues its activities related to its emergency response and disaster relief efforts, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Bloomington to authorize the Mayor to extend the Local Disaster Emergency until emergency response and disaster relief efforts resulting from the Disaster Event are complete; and

**WHEREAS**, City Staff recommend that the City Council approve this Resolution authorizing the Mayor to extend the Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency until May 12, 2026, or until declared no longer necessary by either the Mayor or Council or, if necessary, further extended by the Council.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are incorporated herein by this reference as if specifically stated in full.

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor is authorized to execute the Declaration of Continued Local Disaster Emergency (attached hereto as **Exhibit A**) extending the period to May 12, 2026, or until a declaration that the emergency no longer exists.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval according to law.

**PASSED** this 23rd day of April 2026.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of April 2026.

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

**ATTEST**

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Dan Brady, Mayor

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Leslie Smith-Yocum, City Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**



**DECLARATION OF  
CONTINUED LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

I, Dan Brady, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Illinois, pursuant to the approval of the Bloomington City Council, hereby declare, pursuant to that authority granted under the, the continued existence of a Local Disaster Emergency within the City of Bloomington.

This declaration continues the activation of the appropriate response and recovery components of all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and authorizes the provision of aid and assistance as necessary.

This declaration shall remain in effect until May 23, 2026, unless terminated sooner by further proclamation. The City will provide prompt public notice of any subsequent actions.

I hereby direct that three copies of this proclamation be posted at the following locations within the City of Bloomington: City Hall, Bloomington Public Library, and the Post Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bloomington to be affixed this April 23, 2026.

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

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Dan Brady, Mayor