CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 6:00 P.M.

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 25, 2019.

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

Council Members: Jamie Mathy, Donna Boelen, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Joni Painter, Scott Black, Jeff Crabill, Kim Bray, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Council Member Jenn Carrillo was absent from the meeting.

Staff Present: Tim Gleason, City Manager; Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel; Nicole Albertson, Human Resources Director; Scott Rathbun, Finance Director; Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director; and other City staff were present.

Recognition/Appointments

Mayor Renner called forward Michael Hernbrott, Bloomington Ice Center Manager, and Bloomington Ice Center staff members, Dani Lamb and Sam Rosenbaum. Mr. Hernbrott was not present, but he was recognized by all in attendance for his recent completion of the Certified Ice Rink Manager Program. Miss Lamb and Mr. Rosenbaum came forward and were honored by all in attendance for successfully performing lifesaving measures while on duty at the Bloomington Ice Center.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment, and the following individuals provided comments to the Council:

Renee Martin	Sheila Montney
Scott Stimeling	David Kobus
Janis Lancaster	

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed separately.

Council Member Painter made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the Consent Agenda, including all the items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Items 7L, 7M, 7I, and 7F.

Item 7A. Consideration and action to Approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Minutes be approved.*)*

Item 7B. Consideration and action to Approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Minutes be approved.*)*

Item 7C. Action to Approve Minutes of the October 28, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Minutes be approved.*)*

Item 7D. Consideration and action to approve Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers, and Procurement Card Purchases in the amount of $7,614,516.71, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers, and Procurement Card Purchases be approved.*)*

Item 7E. Consideration for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Clearwater and Wittenberg Woods Parks, in the amount of $103,520.76 from Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation through the U.S. Communities Joint Purchasing Cooperative, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department and the Cultural District. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Purchase be approved.*)*

Item 7F was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill.

Item 7G. Consideration and action to approve payment to CDWG, Inc. in the amount of $176,166.17, for the annual renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) for City-wide software licensing for maintenance and support, utilizing the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS6945110) Joint Purchasing Cooperative, as requested by the Information Services Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Purchase be approved.*)*

Item 7H. Consideration and action on an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bloomington Election Commission to provide Information Technology related services and support, as requested by the Information Services Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Agreement be approved.*)*

Item 7I was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Emig.

Item 7J. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for the design of a water main replacement project, in an amount not to exceed $58,621.25, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Agreement be approved.*)*

Item 7K. Consideration and action on a Resolution Allowing the Closure of State Highway Business 51 for the Jaycees Christmas Parade on December 7, 2019 at 10 a.m., as requested by the Economic Development Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Resolution be approved.*)*

Item 7L was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen.

Item 7M was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen.

Item 7N. Consideration and action on the Application of Amazing Space Venue, LLC d/b/a Pure Sterling, located at 11 Currency Drive, requesting a Class EAS (Entertainment, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) liquor license, which would allow for the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed License be approved, contingent upon compliance with all building, health and safety codes.*)*

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen.

Item 7L. Consideration and action on a Resolution in Support of the Dimmitt's Grove Neighborhood Plan, as requested by the Administration Department and the Community Development Department.

Council Member Boelen made a few comments regarding the Dimmitt's Grove Neighborhood Plan and recognized former Alderman Karen Schmidt for her hard work in getting the plan together.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Black, that the proposed Resolution be approved.

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen.

Item 7M. Consideration and action to approve an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2020, to pay for recycling fees, in order to account for the price per ton increases for recycling in the amount of $150,000, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Boelen pointed out that funding had increased and made a few recommendations for monitoring contracts and processes surrounding recycling.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, that the proposed Ordinance be approved.

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Emig.

Item 7I. Consideration and action to approve a three-year Intergovernmental Agreement with the Ecology Action Center for a Solid Waste Program, in the amount of $58,356 for the first year, with a three percent increase in years two and three, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Emig pulled the item so she could recuse herself.

Council Member Mwilambwe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement be approved.

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Recused: Council Member Emig (6:27 p.m.)

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill.

Item 7F. Consideration and action on a Bid and Contract from Otto Baum Company, Inc. for $99,935, for masonry work including tuck-pointing and sealing through BID #2020-14, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department and the Facilities Department.

Council Member Crabill complimented staff in their work to finetune the agreement.

Council Member Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Black, that the proposed Bid and Contract be approved.

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8A. Consideration and action on awarding the Request for Proposal (RFP# 2020-21) for the FY2019 Taxable Capital Equipment Lease to J. P. Morgan for $4,629,023, as requested by the Finance Department.

Mr. Gleason provided a brief introduction and background of the item, discussed the item as presented and staff's renewed position to move away from leasing equipment.

Council Member Boelen asked Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, to come forward and discuss how leasing equipment works. Mr. Rathbun came forward to address Council and discussed leasing in detail.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mwilambwe, that the proposed Request for Proposal be awarded.

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement by and between the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, and Mala, LLC and Carmala, LLC (Lu Lu's Pizza - 802 East Washington Street), as requested by the Economic Development Department.

City Manager Gleason discussed the item briefly and stated that Melissa Hon, Economic Development Director, was available if necessary.

Mayor Renner asked Ms. Hon to come forward and briefly discuss the development agreement.

Ms. Hon came forward to address Council. She talked about the agreement, as well as the developers.

Council Member Bray asked Ms. Hon if the business intended to have five terminals. Ms. Hon confirmed.

Mayor Renner pointed out that the business determines how many terminals the business has and can sustain from a financial perspective so long as the number of terminals is five or less per the City's ordinance.

Council Member Crabill pointed out that the business owner has worked with the City on the business name and hours of operation. Mayor Renner concurred.

Council Member Emig pointed out that the business will be subjected to the City's Code, which allows for reprimand should it be necessary. She also clarified how the video gaming license will work in the event no license remains when the business is ready to open. Ms. Hon clarified the State and City application process.

Mayor Renner asked City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, to provide an update on video gaming license. Mrs. Yocum stated that her department currently has no video gaming applications on file and that six video gaming license remain available.

Council Member Mathy mentioned that he was contacted by a lot of Dimmitt's Grove residents excited about the building and its placement on a corner in need of development. He also discussed some residents who had expressed concern as well. He stressed that he and the neighborhood would be watching closely. He was not in favor of making special rules for the business to obtain a license.

Mayor Renner mentioned that the Liquor Commission will be taking the review of receipts with the business very seriously.

Council Member Boelen asked a couple clarifying questions regarding the business' application and thanked Ms. Hon for her dedication in seeing through Council's wishes. Ms. Hon answered her questions, clarifying that if the current cap of 60 video gaming license has been met at the time the business applies, then the ordinance will have to be amended to allow the additional license. She also stated that if similar requests are made in the future, they too will be vetted and evaluated in consideration of economic impact.

City Manager Gleason pointed out, with confirmation from Ms. Hon, that the business owner intends to begin construction immediately following Council approval.

Council Member Black made a motion to approve Items 8B and 8C together as presented. Jeff Jurgens, Corporate Counsel, agreed that was permissible.

Council Member Mathy asked one clarifying question regarding whether limitations on the liquor license also limit video gaming. Mayor Renner confirmed that liquor service hour limitations also limit gaming.

Council Member Mwilambwe seconded Council Member Black's motion to approve Items 8B and 8C together as presented.

Council Member Black made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mwilambwe, that the proposed Ordinance be approved.

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: Council Member Boelen.

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration and action on the Application of Mala, LLC, d/b/a Lu Lu's Pizza, to be located at 802 E. Washington Street, requesting a Class RBS (Restaurant, Beer and Wine Only, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

This item was voted on along with Item 8B.

Council Member Black made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mwilambwe, that the proposed License be approved contingent upon compliance with all building, health and safety codes with the condition that the hours of the establishment be only from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight).

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

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: Council Member Boelen.

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Gleason asked Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, to come forward for the monthly Finance Report. Mr. Rathbun discussed the budget, general fund revenues and expenditures by category, and moved onto a summary of the Enterprise Funds. He also discussed online tax in greater detail at the request of Council Member Crabill.

Mr. Gleason stated that the Finance Director's monthly report will be live via the link on the agenda by noon on the day of the meeting. He showed the event calendar and pointed out a lively downtown this holiday season. He also discussed the City focusing on downtown this coming year.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner complimented the holiday decorations at City Hall and in the downtown area.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Bray thanked the citizens in attendance for coming out during a holiday week and for their participation in the City. She also thanked those who spoke at public comment regarding cannabis and encouraged those of all viewpoints to come forward to be part of the conversation. She went on to compliment the City on the focus put on City parks and pointed out that the City has opened four parks in 2019.

Council Member Crabill asked for an update on Connect Transit's update and request for funding. Mr. Gleason stated that an update was in progress.

Council Member Black mentioned the upcoming Ugly Sweater Run. He also asked about the recording of the meeting as there were issues during the meeting. Mrs. Yocum, City Clerk, confirmed that a recording had been made and would be posted online as planned. Council Member Black went on to remind Council he would not be attending the first council meeting in December as he was getting married the weekend before.

Council Member Emig thanked Council Member Bray for her comments and pointed out that the documents that resulted from the Cannabis Task Force are available on the City's website. She discussed a recent meeting that she had recently regarding recycling and mentioned that she would be bringing something forward to Council soon to address best practices for recycling.

Council Member Boelen complimented the recent park openings and discussed the Connect Transit Working Group.

Council Member Mathy discussed the Jaycees Christmas Parade on December 7, 2019.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Emig made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk