CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2022

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

COMPONENTS OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each regular City Council meeting shall have a public comment period not to exceed 30 minutes. Every speaker is entitled to speak for up to 3 minutes. To be considered for public comment, please complete a public comment card at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The Mayor will randomly draw from the cards submitted. Public comment is a time to give comment. It is not a question and answer period and the City Council does not respond to public comments. 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 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, which typically begins with Item No. 8.

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

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 residence.

REGULAR AGENDA

All items that provide the 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 MEMBERS

Mayor - Mboka Mwilambwe

City Council Members

Ward 1 - Grant Walch
Ward 2 - Donna Boelen
Ward 3 - Sheila Montney
Ward 4 - Julie Emig
Ward 5 - Nick Becker
Ward 6 - De Urban
Ward 7 - Mollie Ward
Ward 8 - Jeff Crabill
Ward 9 - Tom Crumpler

City Manager - Tim Gleason
Deputy City Manager - Billy Tyus

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

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA
GOVERNMENT CENTER CHAMBERS, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM #400
115 E. WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022, 6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call of Attendance**

3. **Public Comment**

   Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to 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 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.

4. **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 and voted on separately.

   A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

   B. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

   C. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

5. **Regular Agenda**

   A. Council Discussion of the September 9-10, 2022, Strategic Planning Retreat Final Report as prepared by Strategic Government Resources, as requested by City Council. *(Recommended Motion: None; discussion only.) (Presentation by Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor; and Tim Gleason, City Manager, 5 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 30 Minutes.)*

6. **City Manager's Report**

7. **Executive Session**

8. **Adjournment**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.A

FOR COUNCIL: October 17, 2022

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The proposed Minutes be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

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COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:
CLK 1B DRAFT 08-15-2022 COW Minutes - Regular Session

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2022. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance ending with a moment of silent prayer/reflection.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present
Grant Walch	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 4	Absent
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment procedure statement. Chuck Hipsher emailed a public comment. The following spoke in-person: (1) Tim Tilton; (2) John Reed; (3) Scott Stimeling; and (4) Jamie Mathy.

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 and voted on separately.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Urban, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2022Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Mwilambwe, Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Discussion of the 2022 Summer Youth Enrichment Program Recognitions, as requested by the Human Resources Department.

City Manager Tim Gleason provided a brief overview of the 2022 Summer Youth Enrichment Program ("Program") and recognized Nicole Albertson, Human Resources Director, for spear heading the Program. Mrs. Albertson discussed the Program and how it had evolved from its initial partnership with the Jewel Foundation to now include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP"). Each of the youth participants present introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their experiences.

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked all those who had played a part in the Program and its inception. He spoke about his past experiences and related them to the students and their futures. He encouraged young students to participate in internships to help build future careers. He spoke about the need for more diversity in government.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 5.B. Presentation and discussion of the proposed Downtown Streetscape Project - Concept Design, as requested by the Public Works Department.</u>

Mayor Mwilambwe introduced the Item and thanked City Manager Gleason and staff for bringing forth a plan to revitalize downtown Bloomington ("Downtown"). Mr. Gleason spoke about the Downtown Task Force and their reports that focused on the most pressing issues. He was excited to kickoff what would be a community-wide conversation to determine what was funded and how. He spoke to the necessity of the presentation and the next step to build the Downtown Streetscape Plan. He expressed support for the project and noted his job would be to figure out how to pay for it. He pointed out that while expensive, it would not take away from other City projects and priorities. He then provided a rough project estimate and handed the presentation off to Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus.

Mr. Tyus spoke about Downtown's uniqueness and pointing all it had to offer. He asked Council and the public to look beyond the proposal and envision a more walkable downtown with new lighting, outdoor dining, improved ADA (" Americans with Disabilities Act") access, and more. He spoke about improving sign clutter, critical infrastructure above and below ground, revitalization, and enhancing what Downtown Bloomington already had to offer.

Craig Shonkwiler, City Engineer, introduced the team proposed to lead the project and described the roles they would play in the project; Mike Sewell, Project Manager with Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly (CMT); Kent Massie, Lead Designer with Massie, Massie, & Associates; and Chris Stitzel, Project Principal with CMT. Mr. Shonkwiler defined streetscaping and spoke about successful streetscapes, why they are important, and outlined various plan efforts to date. He discussed opportunities and reiterated why staff believed the project was needed. He called out issues with the current Downtown and elaborated on several ideas that could make the City better known and prosperous. He outlined how Professional Services were selected for this project.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Urban, to extend the discussion time by 30 minutes.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Mwilambwe, Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Mr. Sewell provided examples of tools used to engage the public for past projects and explained his team's job would be to validate and update the City's goals for Downtown. He outlined the basis of their project approach and discussed the option of an upfront investment to minimize surprises that may arise. He reported that his team will provide detailed schematics for every block in Downtown to show how progress can be made.

Mr. Massie spoke about the difference between urban planning and urban designing, as well as why accessibility, services, durability and maintenance, and flexibility were important when starting to view such a project. He discussed past projects he'd done. He believed Bloomington had "good bones" for such a project and stated that the project scope would be about 12 months.

Council Member Crumpler asked about previous plans and expressed concerns about public engagement and costs of the project. Mr. Massie discussed the community engaged process and how community input could be done in various settings. He stated that City staff would lead any outreach.

Mr. Tyus discussed social media outreach and suggested ways to get creative to reach as many people as possible. Mr. Massie stated that there would be a lot of opportunity for feedback.

Council Member Walch and Mr. Sewell discussed televising of sewers in Downtown. Mr. Sewell spoke to addressing streetscaping without tearing everything out and stated they would address any critical lines that presented as problematic in the short-term. Council Member Walch asked Mr. Massie for additional information on how CMT planned to make Bloomington more unique than other projects they'd worked on. Mr. Massie spoke about how ideas and processes have changed over the years. He suggested the use of modular paving systems and how they provide flexible repair options. They then discussed initial costs, grant opportunities, public outreach, what made Downtown Bloomington special, as well as ADA accessibility.

Deputy City Manager Tyus spoke to investments in improvements and how they would increase foot traffic and, ultimately, revenue to the City.

Council Member Ward asked about experiences known where communities sabotage or work against similar projects. Mr. Massie responded with examples and encouraged flexibility.

Council Member Urban and Mr. Sewell agreed that public input and ADA compliance were of utmost importance. They discussed growth and economic development being a priority. Mr. Stritzel stated that they would do everything they could to come together and agree on what would make Bloomington stand out. Mr. Massie welcomed public input and spoke about how flexible spaces are great at keeping the community dynamic and successful.

Council Member Montney asked Mr. Sewell about schedules and deadlines being compressed. Mr. Sewell advised against it because it would limit opportunities for public input. She agreed and expressed interest in cost reduction practices. Mr. Sewell believed enough had been done to decide the vision and that now it was time to focus on unexplored opportunities. She asked if CMT had found any elements that could be leveraged or improved rather than starting anew. He reported that, while there were some components that needed updating, they planned to use the technical documents to leverage what had already been done. Council Member Montney and Mr. Tyus then discussed the courthouse square project. She then discussed landscape maintenance with Mr. Shonkwiler, as well as traffic monitoring with Mr. Strizel.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crumpler, to extend Council discussion by 15 minutes.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Mwilambwe, Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Council Member Boelen expressed interest in viewing deliverables including wayfinding signs and asked about monetary and environmental impacts to replace some of the old elements. Mr. Shonkwiler stated that the current signs would remain, but they would not know more until the study was completed. She then asked who would be on the steering committee and Mr. Tyus confirmed that had not been determined. Mr. Massie made suggestions from other communities.

Council Member Crabill spoke about Downtown being the heart of the community and the Westside being the soul. He and Mr. Tyus discussed involving the Westside. They moved on to discussing the importance of ADA compliance. Mr. Shonkwiler commented to how utilizing staff for portions of the project would come at a cost savings. He stated that while the project would not include a full topographic survey, one would be completed when it first began. He assured the end result would be ADA compliant.

Council Member Becker asked about data that could support particular benefits that would result from the investment. Mr. Sewell responded that prioritization of the project would involve determining what would be most impactful for largest immediate revitalization return for the City. Mr. Stritzel explained their history in activating (revitalizing or bringing to life) spaces and how grants have been able to assist in implementing beautification plans in other cities. Mr. Massie discussed the outcomes of a CMT project in Decatur and another on the Square in Jacksonville, Illinois. Council Member Becker asked for data driven reports that could be used to prioritize projects and create a plan to move forward.

City Manager Gleason explained that the project was a priority and expressed appreciation to Council, the community, Deputy City Manager Tyus, and the rest of the team. He suggested the Item be brought for consideration at the October 24, 2022 Council meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked everyone for sharing their ideas and vision and spoke about how the project had been a long-time coming. He was proud of all Council had accomplished.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason highlighted the City's new hires and upcoming events at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts ("BCPA") and Grossinger Motors Arena.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, to adjourn.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Mwilambwe, Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
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Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor	Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.B

FOR COUNCIL: October 17, 2022

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The proposed Minutes be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

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COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: **This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035**: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:
CLK 2B DRAFT 09-09-2022 City Council Retreat Day 1 Minutes - Special Session

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL RETREAT - SPECIAL SESSION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022, 8:30 A.M.

City Council convened in special session for a Council Retreat in a conference room at the Central Illinois Regional Airport at 8:35 a.m., Friday, September 9, 2022. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the Retreat to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present
Grant Walch	Council Member, Ward 1	Absent
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Arrived at 9:47 a.m.
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 5	Present
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

The following staff and facilitators were present: (1) Tim Gleason, City Manager; (2) Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager; (3) Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel; (4) Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk; (5) Melissa Hon, Economic & Community Development Director; (7) Mike Mowery, Strategic Government Resources (SGR) Facilitator; and (8) Andy Duke, SGR Facilitator.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Retreat Activities

Mayor Mwilambwe welcomed Council and briefly discussed his prior experience with Council Retreats, as well as his expectations for the day's retreat.

Each Council Member introduced themselves, stated their job outside of Council, and how long each had served on Council.

Moderator, Mike Mowery, described servant leadership and how it applied to municipalities. Council broke out into small groups to discuss strengths and weaknesses of leadership, after which, all participants returned to one group to review group discussions.

Moderator Mowery presented different qualities of good leadership.

Council Member Boelen arrived at 9:47 a.m.

Council again broke out into small groups to discuss the best leaders they had worked under and the trait(s) they found most challenging, after which, all participants returned to one group to review the small group discussions.

The Retreat had a 15-minute recess at 10:00 a.m. and resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Moderator Mowery presented on effective board governance and strategic visioning.

Council Member Ward left the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and returned at 10:54 a.m.

Moderator Mowery discussed local government challenges. Council broke out into small groups to discuss major governance challenges, after which, all participants returned to one group to review group discussions.

The Retreat recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and resumed at 12:30 p.m.

Council broke out into small groups to discuss reputational drivers and what they would like Bloomington to be known for, after which, all participants returned to one group to review group discussions.

The following staff joined the meeting at 12:30 p.m.: (1) Jeanne Hamilton, Bloomington Public Library Director; (2) Scott Rathbun, Finance Director; (3) Eric West, Fire Chief; (4) Nicole Albertson, Human Relations Director; (5) Craig McBeath, Information Technology Director; (6) Eric Veal, Parks & Recreation Director; (7) Jamal Simington, Police Chief; (8) Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director; and (9) Michael Hurt, Diversity & Inclusion Officer.

Council broke out into small groups with staff to discuss current and future projects, after which, all participants returned to one group to review group discussions.

The Retreat had a 15-minute recess at 2:30 p.m. and resumed at 2:45 p.m.

Council again broke out into small groups with staff to discuss future aspirations of Bloomington, after which, all participants returned to one group to review group discussions.

Moderator Mowery prepared Council for Council Retreat Day 2.

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked everyone for their participation and spoke optimistically about Bloomington’s future.

Adjournment

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, to adjourn.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
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Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor	Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.C

FOR COUNCIL: October 17, 2022

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The proposed Minutes be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

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COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:
CLK 3B DRAFT 09-10-2022 City Council Retreat Day 2 Minutes - Special Session

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL RETREAT - SPECIAL SESSION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022, 8:30 A.M.

City Council convened in special session for a Council Retreat in a conference room at the Central Illinois Regional Airport at 8:35 a.m., Saturday, September 10, 2022. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the Retreat to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present
Grant Walch	Council Member, Ward 1	Absent
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 5	Arrived at 8:37 a.m.
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

The following staff and facilitators were present: (1) Tim Gleason, City Manager; (2) Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager; (3) Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel; (4) Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk; (5) Melissa Hon, Economic & Community Development Director; (6) Jamal Simington, Police Chief; (7) Mike Mowery, Strategic Government Resources (SGR) Facilitator; and (8) Andy Duke, SGR Facilitator.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Retreat Activities

Moderator, Mike Mowery, welcomed the participants and introduced the Tuckman's Model for nurturing a team to high performance. Council then discussed the stages of the Tuckman's Model.

Council Member Emig arrived at 8:37 a.m.

City Manager Tim Gleason commended Council for their accomplishments throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and constant change.

Moderator Mowery lead Council through an exercise where they worked individually to list five strategic priorities for long-term goals. Council then broke into small groups to discuss their selected priorities.

The Retreat had a 15-minute recess at 10:03 a.m. and resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Council returned to one group to review small group discussions to determine the collective categorial Council priorities, which included the following: (1) Infrastructure; (2)

Revitalize Older Communities; (3) Economic Development; (4) Promote Housing Diversity; (5) Improve Efficiency in Service Delivery; and (6) Enhance Public Safety and Wellbeing.

Moderator Mowery divided Council into small groups to determine milestones for each of the collective categorial Council priorities.

Participants returned to one group and Moderator Mowery lead a robust discussion with Council and staff on the milestones for each of the six collective categorial Council priorities. The following were milestones named:

(1) Public Safety and Well Being
(A) Full support of first responders;
(B) Partnerships with other governmental agencies (mental, health, behavioral, and physical);
(C) Partnerships with non-profits;
(D) Continual perspective education and communication (ex: Public Safety Act); and
(E) Reduction of violent crime (including, but not limited to, gun violence).

(2) Improve Efficiency in Service Delivery
(A) Training for all staff in continuous improvements;
(B) Current state assessment;
(C) Classify opportunities as transitional or continuous improvement;
(D) Establish measures and set target for improvements; and
(E) Recognize initial successes and define next steps.

(3) Infrastructure
(A) Water;
(B) Sewer;
(C) Storm Systems;
(D) Roads;
(E) Sidewalks;
(F) Parking structures;
(G) Facilities;
(H) Technology (hardware & software); and
(I) Greenspace.

(4) Economic & Community Development
(A) Business creation, retention, expansion, and Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance;
(B) Incentivize diverse housing;
(C) Incentivize business Economics;
(D) Mixed development; and
(E) Work Force Development.

(5) Revitalize Older Communities
(A) Downtown, Westside of Bloomington, the Warehouse District, and Market Street;
(B) Review of the City Code related to rentals;
(C) Review of the City Code related to waste;
(D) Incentivize infill development;
(E) Reduce vacancies; and
(F) Promote green spaces.

(6) Promote Housing Diversity
(A) Review of the City Code related to zoning;
(B) Incentive infill development;

(C) Reduce/eliminate homelessness;
(D) Consider above garage apartments (ADUs);
(E) Partner to support 1st time home buyer;
(F) Develop Downtown housing options;
(G) Educate public on benefits of diverse housing; and
(H) Develop range ($) of quality rentals.

Moderator Mowery concluded by discussing next steps, and providing a final report on the drivers, pillars, and milestones from Strategic Government Resources. He recommended Council re-evaluate the findings annually.

City Manager Gleason thanked Council for their participation.

Mayor Mwilambwe echoed appreciation to Council, to staff, and to SGR's facilitators. He appreciated the clarity of the plan and agreed it should be revisited every year or two. He liked the informal setting and opportunity for Council members to interact. He expressed his excitement for the future for Bloomington.

Adjournment

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, to adjourn.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor	Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A

FOR COUNCIL: October 17, 2022

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Council Discussion of the September 9-10, 2022, Strategic Planning Retreat Final Report as prepared by Strategic Government Resources, as requested by City Council.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 5. Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 5b. City decisions consistent with plans and policies

BACKGROUND: A discussion will be held regarding City Council's Retreat held on September 9-10, 2022.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: **This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035**: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Leslie Yocum, City Clerk