CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, Section 6 implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The City Council convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with the City Manager, Tim Gleason, and City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 12, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tari Renner.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Mayor	Remote	
Jamie Mathy	Ward 1	Remote	
Donna Boelen	Ward 2	Remote	
Mboka Mwilambwe	Ward 3	Remote	
Julie Emig	Ward 4	Remote	
Joni Painter	Ward 5	Remote	
Jennifer Jazmin Carrillo	Ward 6	Absent	
Scott Black	Ward 7	Remote	
Jeff Crabill	Ward 8	Remote	
Kim Bray	Ward 9	Remote	

COVID-19 Update by City Manager

Tim Gleason, City Manager, stated that the Police Department had continued performing COVID-19 compliance checks in the Downtown area with no violations resulting in the past few weeks. He let Council know that State Farm recently donated 5,000 masks to the City and he expressed gratitude on behalf of himself and staff. He then updated Council on the status of Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds used for the Small Business Grant Program and the COVID-19 Direct Aid to Residents Program. He went on to state that, through multiple assistance programs in the community, almost $1 million dollars had been distributed to those in need, helping approximately 1,600 households. He concluded by noting possibilities of additional future use of CDBG funds.

Recognition/Appointments

<u>A. Presentation of the City of Bloomington Police Department Police Officer's Commission Certificate to Officers Linden and Hallatt, upon their completion of an eighteen-month probation.</u>

Greg Scott, Interim Police Chief, addressed Council and provided brief backgrounds on Officers Jeffrey Linden and Taylor Hallatt.

Mayor Renner gave the floor to Officers Linden and Hallatt to address Council.

Officer Linden addressed Council where he named and thanked his Training Officers.

Mayor Renner thanked Officer Linden for his service.

Officer Hallatt addressed Council where he named and thanked his Training Officers and stated that he looked forward to a long career with Bloomington.

Mayor Renner thanked Officer Linden for his service.

B. Recognition of Appointments and Re-Appointment to various Boards and Commissions.

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, recognized the appointments of Beck Altic, Citizens' Beautification Committee, and Willie Holton Halbert, John M. Scott Health Care Commission. She also recognized the re-appointment of Robert Fazzini to the Public Building Commission.

Mayor Renner thanked the individuals for volunteering their time for the community.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting for public comment and the following individuals spoke in-person: (1) Surena Fish; (2) Katherine Hoy; (3) Ed Neaves; (4) Meghan Reha; (5) Krystle Able; (6) Trevin Gaffney; and (7) Robert Garcia. City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, ended by reading the names of individuals who had emailed public comment prior to the meeting: (1) Kate Brunk; (2) Jacqueline Beyer; (3) RAK Jones; (4) Krystal Lewis; and (5) Cecelia Long.

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 Crabill, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the exception of Item 8.A.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Item 8.A. was pulled by Council Member Mathy.

Item 8.B. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $7,774,531.59, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 8.C. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with P.J. Hoerr, Inc. for construction of a building for local, state, and federally mandated evidence storage at the Police Training Facility, in the amount of $194,998.00, as requested by the Facilities Department and the Police Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 8.D. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving a Contract with Williams Architects for the Design of the O'Neil Park & Pool, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Item 8.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Mathy made a correction to Section 9A of the draft Minutes, noting the minutes stated, “Route 9” instead of “Route 150.”

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the Minutes be approved as amended.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 9.A. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending the Bloomington City Code, including Chapter 10 Relating to the Adoption of the 2018 Editions of the International Code Council Building, Residential, Swimming Pool, Mechanical, Fire, Fuel Gas, Existing Building, and Energy Conservation; Chapter 15 Relating to the Adoption of the 2020 Edition of the National Electric Code; Chapter 34 on the Plumbing Code; and Chapter 45 of the City Code Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition , as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved as recommended by the Building Board of Appeals and Property Maintenance Review Board. Alternate Motion 1: That the Ordinance be adopted as presented, with the inclusion of Section 1103.5.1 of the International Fire Code requiring installation of sprinkler systems in Group A-2 occupancies where alcoholic beverages are consumed having an occupancy load of 300 or more persons. Alternate Motion 2: That the Ordinance be adopted as presented, with the inclusion of Section 1103.5.1 of the International Fire Code requiring installation of sprinkler systems in Group A-2 occupancies where alcoholic beverages are consumed having an occupancy load of 300 or more persons by January 1, 2024, to be shown as an amendment to Section 10-901.)*

Mr. Gleason stated that the information provided was a follow-up to an item presented at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. He then asked Melissa Hon, Director of Economic & Community Development (ECD), to address Council.

Ms. Hon provided a brief history of the Code updates that had been presented at the September 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting and then discussed the recommended motion and the alternative motions.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the Ordinance be adopted as presented, with the inclusion of Section 1103.5.1 of the International Fire Code requiring installation of sprinkler systems in Group A-2 occupancies where alcoholic beverages are consumed and having an occupancy load of 300 or more persons by January 1, 2024, to be shown as an amendment to Section 10-901.

Council Member Mathy expressed concern that Alternative Motion 2 would impose a burden on existing businesses, including veteran and fraternal organizations. He suggested the City look into a cost sharing program with businesses to assist with the sprinkler updates.

Council Member Boelen explained the reasoning behind her motion, which included offsetting expenses for businesses through grant programs.

Council Member Crabill agreed with Council Member Boelen and noted an email that Council had received from Fire Chief Brian Mohr regarding sprinkler systems. He also addressed gender-neutral single occupancy bathrooms and asked about enforcement provisions. Chris McAllister, ECD Building Official, responded accordingly. Council Member Crabill then asked if Bloomington would be responsible for enforcing the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code once it was published. Mr. McAlister stated that they would.

Council Member Emig echoed comments made by Council Members Boelen and Crabill regarding safety.

Council Member Mathy also agreed that safety was important, but recognized the significant hardships that would be placed on businesses to comply.

Council Member Black asked Mayor Renner for confirmation on procedure if the motion failed. Mayor Renner responded. Council Member Black then asked for clarification on Alternative Motion 1 (see the above stated motions for detail). Council Member Mathy responded.

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

AYES: Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, Bray

NAYS: Mathy

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 9.B. Consideration and action on a Resolution to Commit to Financial Support and Administration of Funds to Construct the Constitution Trail Southeast Extension: Lafayette Street to Hamilton Road Project with a 2020 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*</u>

Mr. Gleason asked Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, to address Council.

Mr. Kothe pointed out that the grant would allow an extension of the Constitution Trail from Lafayette Street to Hamilton Road and then introduced Craig Shonkwiler, City Engineer.

Mr. Shonkwiler stated that in order to fund the extension mentioned, the City would apply for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program ("ITEP") grant that provides funds for walking, biking, and trail projects. He then provided background on the ITEP application scoring process and walked Council through how the extension would occur. He mentioned multiple benefits including the connection of outer parts of Bloomington to Downtown Bloomington.

Council Member Boelen asked for clarification on how project funds would be received. Mr. Shonkwiler responded that, if selected, the City would enter into an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT and then be reimbursed. She then asked how the community score affected grant eligibility and Mr. Shonkwiler responded accordingly.

Council Member Crabill supported the item, but expressed concern with funding given the uncertainty of COVID-19 impacts on the budget.

Council Member Mathy discussed the funding process and emphasized the importance of a safe bicycle path in area.

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

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 9.C. Consideration and potential action regarding Ordinance 2020-18, An Ordinance Declaring a Local Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Virus & Enacting Various Emergency Measures, as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommended Motion: No modifications recommended at this time.)*</u>

No recommended updates were presented.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Gleason reminded the community to complete the 2020 Census and mentioned upcoming Halloween events. He stressed the importance of social distancing during festivities and went on to recognize multiple newly hired employees. He concluded by highlighting upcoming Downtown events.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner thanked City staff for their continued hard work and dedication and then discussed the recently announced resignation of Ward 7 Council Member Scott Black. He talked about the application and selection process that would be used to fill the Ward 7 seat.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Crabill thanked multiple staff members for their correspondence on his questions before the meeting and reminded the community of his upcoming Town Hall. He concluded with comments on the cost and value of the services being provided by Williams Architects in their assistance with the O' Neil Pool remodel.

Council Member Boelen recommended Ward 7 applicants reach out to current Council Members to ask questions and then encouraged citizens to get a flu shot.

Council Member Painter discussed the McLean County Triage Center and encouraged citizens who experience a mental health crisis to utilize the Center.

Council Member Mathy thanked Public Works for their work during the free fall bulk waste pick-up and recommended citizens review the map available on the City's website for collection dates. He stressed the importance of participating in the 2020 Census and the benefits it would have on the community.

Mayor Renner echoed the comments about the 2020 Census.

Executive Session - Cite Section

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
Tari Renner, Mayor	Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk