CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

COMPONENTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

On the third Thursday of each month at 6pm, the City Council meets as a Committee of the Whole. The purpose of this meeting is to present and consider agenda items that may be proposed for Regular City Council meetings, but that require further discussion before going in front of Council for an actual vote. The Committee of the Whole meeting is also a forum that allows the Mayor and Council Members to individually initiate proposed agenda items for discussion.

Council does not vote on any of this meeting's agenda items, outside of voting to approve the minutes of the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. Committee of the Whole agenda items discussed can be moved to a future regular City Council meeting agenda, if a consensus exists.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each regular Committee of the Whole 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 and call names of submitters to come forward to speak.

Public comment is a time for citizens to give comment. It is not a question and answer period and City Council Members do not respond to public comments. Speakers who engage in threatening or disorderly behavior will have their time ceased.

REGULAR AGENDA

All agenda items that provide Council an opportunity to listen to a presentation, ask questions of City Staff, deliberate, and seek additional information prior to making a decision will be placed on the Committee of the Whole Regular Agenda. No final action, beyond action on setting future agenda items and/or Agenda Initiatives, may be taken at a meeting of a Committee of the Whole unless it has been called as a Special Meeting.

A portion of the meeting is dedicated to previewing non-routine items. A non-routine agenda item shall include: (1) the expenditure of money over $250,000; (2) development agreements; (3) amending the City Code and/or (4) the implementation or modification of policies. The failure to preview a non-routine agenda item at a Committee of the Whole meeting shall not prohibit its consideration and/or action at a future meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Mboka Mwilambwe

City Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jamie Mathy
Ward 2 – Donna Boelen
Ward 3 – Sheila Montney
Ward 4 - Julie Emig
Ward 5 – Nick Becker
Ward 6 – Vacant
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 MEETING AGENDA
GOVERNMENT CENTER CHAMBERS, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM #400
115 E. WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
AMENDED

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 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. **Recognition/Appointments**

   A. Recognition of Firefighters Derek Stevens, Christian Stengel, and John Shobe, who have completed one-year probation, as requested by the Fire Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; recognition only.)*

5. **Consent Agenda**

   A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

6. **Regular Agenda**

   A. Presentation and discussion of the proposed Library Expansion, as requested by the Bloomington Public Library. *(Recommended Motion: None; presentation only.)* *(Presentation by Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director; and Julian Westerhout, Library Board President, 15 minutes; and City Council discussion, 20 minutes.)*

   B. **Council Initiatives**

      i. Discussion regarding a Council Initiative proposed by Council Member Ward to provide direct aid to residents in relation to recent storm events, as requested by Ward 7 Mollie Ward. *(Recommended Motion: None; discussion and staff direction only.)* *(Presentation by Tim Gleason, City Manager, 5 minutes; and City Council discussion, 20 minutes.)*

7. **City Manager's Report (5 minutes)**
8. **Executive Session - Cite Section**

9. Adjournment

RECOGNITIONS

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

RECOGNITION/APPOINTMENTS ITEM NO. 4.A

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: September 20, 2021

SPONSOR: Fire Department

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Recognition of Firefighters Derek Stevens, Christian Stengel, and John Shobe, who have completed one-year probation, as requested by the Fire Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; recognition only.

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

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 5a. Well-planned City with necessary services and infrastructure

BACKGROUND: Recognizing the completion of the one-year probationary period for Firefighters Derek Stevens, Christian Stengel, and John Shobe. They will be officially sworn in by the City Clerk.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Eric West, Fire Chief

Reviewed by:

Eric C. West, Fire Chief 8/20/2021

Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant & Records Manager 9/16/2021

Attachments:
- FIRE 1B Derek Stevens_Firefighter Cert
- FIRE 1C Christian Stengel_Firefighter Cert
- FIRE 1D John Shobe_Firefighter Cert

City of Bloomington Fire Department

Central Station Circa 1902

Firefighter's Commission

By authority of the City Manager
of the City of Bloomington,
in the County of McLean, and State of Illinois,
We do hereby certify that

Derek Stevens

Having been duly sworn
was appointed and commissioned a

Firefighter/Paramedic

On
the twentieth of September, two thousand and twenty-one.
As Evidence thereof, we set our hand and seal

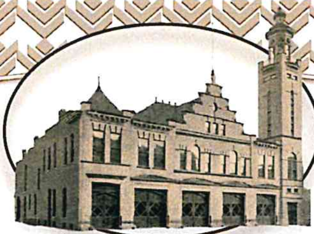
Mboka Mwilambwe
Mayor

Eric West
Chief

Tim Gleason
City Manager

Leslie Yocum
City Clerk

City of Bloomington Fire Department



Central Station Circa 1902

Firefighter's Commission

By authority of the City Manager
of the City of Bloomington,
in the County of McLean, and State of Illinois,
We do hereby certify that

Christian Stengel

Having been duly sworn
was appointed and commissioned a

Firefighter/Paramedic

On
the twentieth of September, two thousand and twenty-one.
As Evidence thereof, we set our hand and seal

Mboka Mwilambwe
Mayor

Eric West
Chief

Tim Gleason
City Manager

Leslie Yocum
City Clerk

City of Bloomington  Fire Department

Central Station Circa 1902

Firefighter's Commission

By authority of the City Manager
of the City of Bloomington,
in the County of McLean, and State of Illinois,
We do hereby certify that

John Shobe

Having been duly sworn
was appointed and commissioned a

Firefighter/Paramedic

On
the twentieth of September, two thousand and twenty-one.
As Evidence thereof, we set our hand and seal

Mboka Mwilambwe
Mayor

Eric West
Chief

Tim Gleason
City Manager

Leslie Yocum
City Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: September 20, 2021

SPONSOR: City Clerk Department

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular 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

BACKGROUND: The minutes of the meetings provided have been reviewed and certified as correct and complete by the City Clerk. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings must be approved thirty (30) days after the meeting or at the second subsequent regular meeting whichever is later. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings are available for public inspection and posted to the City's web site within ten (10) days after Council approval.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by:

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk 9/16/2021 Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant 9/16/2021

Attachments:
- CLK 1B DRAFT 08-09-2021 Council Meeting Minutes

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in-person in Government Center Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present	
Jamie Mathy	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	Present	
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present	
Jennifer Jazmin Carrillo	Council Member, Ward 6	Absent	
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present	
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present	

Recognition/Appointments

No Appointments or Recognitions were presented.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a statement of procedure for public comment and opened the meeting for public comment. The following individuals spoke in-person: (1) Gary Donohue; (2) Coretta Jackson; (3) Marc Welch; (4) Gary Lambert; (5) Kathy Petty; (6) Robert Schultz; (7) Mary Kramp; (8) Judi Davenport; and (9) Winnie Gent. Thomas Larey registered to speak, but was not present at the meeting. Angie Thomas emailed public comment. Kathy Petty and Mary Kramp submitted two petitions in support of accelerating the Locust/Colton project.

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 Becker, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Item 7.D.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 7.B. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 7.C. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $5,563,443.02, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 7.D. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item 7.D. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2022, as it relates to the General Fund Capital Equipment Lease, in the amount of $3,109,902, as requested by the Finance Department.

Council Member Crabill discussed the $3 million payment that would save $200,000 over the lifetime of the lease. He asked if the funds could be better used to aid residents with past due utilities and aid for storm damage.

City Manager Gleason responded that Council had previously instructed staff to reduce capital equipment leases. He went on to explain that staff would follow Council's direction.

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

Council Member Ward asked for confirmation on the amount of damage caused by the storm. She noted that she had heard the figure was $4-5 million. City Manager Gleason stated that he had heard the same from other Council Members, but he was unable to confirm. She then asked how the $200,000 cost savings could be set up to aid residents with storm damage. City Manager Gleason stated that a more in-depth presentation would be given at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. Council Member Ward asked the consequences if the item was tabled. Mr. Gleason responded that no consequences would result. Council Member Ward then recommended that the item be tabled so that Council could understand the full picture before a decision was made.

Council Member Mathy was in support of tabling the item and explained his position on reducing financing of capital equipment purchases. He asked Council Member Boelen if she wanted to withdraw her motion.

Council Member Boelen did not want to withdraw her motion. She supported her position with historical references stressing the importance of the City staying out of debt.

Council Member Emig supported tabling the item. She explained that the two topics of discussion were not mutually exclusive.

Council Member Becker supported the acceleration of infrastructure projects and making fiscally responsible decisions.

Council Member Montney also agreed the two items were not mutually exclusive and did not negate the commitment to infrastructure improvements.

Council Member Ward stated that Council had not made a formal commitment to accelerating the Locust/Colton project. She echoed her preference to table the item.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Crumpler, Becker

NAYES: Emig, Ward, Crabill

Motion carried.

Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on a Petition submitted by Brandon Gray requesting the vacation of an alley between Lot 8 of McDowell Subdivision and Lot 4 of J B Stevensons Subdivision, which will vacate an alley between 508 and 514 E. Jackson Street, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Economic & Community Development Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Kevin Kothe, Director of Public Works, addressed Council. He began with an image of the alley in question. He discussed the policy of compensation to the City for vacating the property and explained that the petitioner (Brandon Gray, "Petitioner") had stated that he was not interested in pursuing the vacation if the fee was not waived. He supported waiving compensation, stating that it would result in one less alley for the City to maintain.

Mayor Mwilambwe asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak on the item. Gary Donahue stated that the City had a policy in place for compensation and if it was waived, then Council should remove the policy.

Council Member Mathy pointed out that the Petitioner had purchased and refurbished the three properties surrounding the alley and that they had previously been considered for demolition. He then asked about the condition of the alley. Mr. Kothe stated that it was not in good repair.

Council Member Ward asked why the Petitioner requested the fee waiver. Mr. Kothe stated that the Petitioner was not interested in maintaining and purchasing the alley.

Council Member Crabill asked about benefits to the Petitioner. Mr. Kothe stated that the Petitioner would maintain the alley as access to the properties' garages along the alley. Council Member Crabill asked about public use of the alley. Mr. Kothe stated that he believed the alley was only used to access the garages for the Petitioner's property.

Mayor Mwilambwe asked the cost to maintain the alley. Mr. Kothe responded that he did not have a definitive number.

Council Member Crumpler asked if there was a precedent to waive the compensation. Mr. Kothe stated that the right-of-way policy was new to the City but that, historically, the City did not receive compensation from a residential area. He noted another recent situation where the compensation was waived for Eastview Christian Church, a not-for-profit. Council Member Crumpler confirmed with Mr. Kothe that the Petitioner's position would be to not move forward if the fee was not waived.

Council Member Montney stated that it appeared to be a mutually beneficial arrangement. She asked for additional details on the point to better understand at which the benefit would be returned to the City. Mr. Kothe stated he could provide those figures.

Council Member Boelen asked when the policy was implemented and why. Mr. Kothe stated that it was created within the last three years. Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, confirmed the policy was implemented in the past three years. He went on to explain that the City implemented the policy due to frequent requests. He advised that at the Council's direction, a condition for residential use could be added to the current policy. Council Member Boelen believed the alley would be a sole benefit to the Petitioner and did not support the waiver of compensation.

Council Member Emig read the conditions of the policy. She stated that the vacation requirements were flexible enough that the alley could be vacated without compensation.

Council Member Montney stated that for future requests, a cost benefit analysis and expenses of labor would aid Council in the decision-making process.

Council Member Mathy stated that since the City did not regularly maintain the alley, and the Petitioner wanted to, he supported the waiver of compensation.

Council Member Ward agreed with Council Member Montney's comments on the cost benefit analysis and was not supportive until she had the opportunity to view a cost analysis.

Council Member Becker stated that he would support a waiver and noted the opportunity cost associated where a resident was willing to maintain the alley allowing City staff to focus their attention on streets.

City Manager Gleason stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to gather public input and facts. He explained that the requested information would appear in the Council memo when the item was brought forward for formal consideration.

Mayor Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 9.A. Presentation and discussion of topics related to City infrastructure and recent storm events, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Administration Department.</u>

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked staff for their commitment and professionalism throughout the storm event progression. He stated that Council relied on staff expertise to make decisions that best impact the City. He went on to state that another presentation would be given at the upcoming Committee of the Whole and that Council had a strong desire to make necessary improvements to infrastructure.

City Manager Gleason introduced the item and noted that the presentation was the 3rd installment of the infrastructure data collection and that it would focus on infrastructure project process. He then discussed the Locust/Colton project and that it could be completed on an expedited timeline but that doing so may require financing outside of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("IEPA") low interest rate. He then asked Kevin Kothe, Director of Public Works, to address Council.

Mr. Kothe provided facts on the storm, noting the 14 inches of rain within two days when the average annual rainfall was 39 inches. He discussed detention basins that were completed and aiding in the reduction of flooding. He noted that a combined sewer overflow

("CSO") system was permitted by the IEPA and showed a graph of the United States cities with CSO systems. Mr. Kothe went on to explain CSOs and how they work. He walked through the Locust/Colton CSO elimination project, the process of sewer and storm water pipe separation, and various project phases. He reported that the IEPA loans the City applied for were approved for funding the next construction season and discussed the potential expedite. Mr. Kothe reported the estimated costs for the remaining phases of the project totaled just over $25.5 million. He discussed how each phase could be shortened by 9 months if the City did not go through the IEPA loan process and went on to discuss additional possibilities to accelerate the project schedule.

Council Member Mathy expressed interest in a topographical map and supported acceleration of the project. He stressed that the project was just the beginning and then he and Mr. Kothe discussed multiple ideas and potential issues.

Council Member Ward asked if the IEPA funded projects besides CSO projects. Mr. Kothe stated the IEPA supported other project types and that grants were very competitive.

Council Member Ward asked for additional details on the Maizefield CSO, as well as details on other combined sewers and plans to address them. Mr. Kothe responded accordingly. Council Member Ward requested a map showing the PMA claims from the flooding, as well as figures on damages and costs to fix all the sewers. Mr. Kothe stated that he planned to present the PMA claims and more at the next presentation.

Council Member Montney asked for additional clarification on the length of the phases. Mr. Kothe responded that it was a generalized depiction. Council Member Montney and Mr. Kothe discussed processes involved in shortening phases of the project.

Council Member Emig made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to extend the Council discussion time by 15 minutes.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Council Member Emig asked if the CSO projects were the solution to the flooding concerns. Mr. Kothe stated that while the CSO projects would aid in the sewage flooding, they may not address stormwater flooding. Council Member Emig asked for additional details on the sewer master plan. Mr. Kothe stated that the master plan was separate from the Locust/Colton CSO master plan and that he would provide additional details in the presentation next week. Council Member Emig encouraged researching green solutions.

Council Member Crabill asked Mr. Kothe about comments made during public comment and Mr. Kothe clarified questions on distinctions of a map presented. Council Member Crabill and Mr. Kothe then discussed the replacement of sewer connections to residences. Council Member Crabill asked that staff consider what other cities with CSOs were doing.

Council Member Crumpler stressed the need to accelerate the phases of the projects. He asked the potential to reduce pre-design or design phases timing. He suggested offering an incentive for completion if on an expedited timeline. Mr. Kothe stated that the bar graphs included in the presentation illustrated a general timeline and that additional funding would be needed to expedite.

Mayor Mwilambwe asked the possibility of any phases, such as design, coming in-house to save on time. Mr. Kothe stated that construction inspections were done in-house, but that if the City expanded the need for inspections, additional staff would be needed.

City Manager Gleason noted the possibility of Council granting him, as City Manager, project-specific approval authority to further reduce the timeline of phases. He noted that the expansion of authority would be more cost-effective than offering an incentive.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Tim Gleason updated Council on the vaccination clinic at Grossinger Motors Arena ending. He then informed the community that the candidates for the Police Chief position had been narrowed to two candidates and that a meet-and-greet reception would be held next Monday before the Committee of the Whole meeting. He provided background on both candidates and then highlighted multiple upcoming events in Downtown Bloomington.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe provided an update on the applications for the Ward 6 position.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Boelen provided an update on the Ferrero Rocher expansion.

Council Member Emig highlighted the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") Youth Council that was celebrated the previous Saturday.

Council Member Ward noted that she would submit a Council Initiative to reintroduce virtual public comment and also noted that emailed public comments are not read to the public. She then read a portion of an email she received from Amy Scott, a resident of Ward 7, discussing combined sewer and storm water systems and the need to modernize systems.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

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

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

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

REGULAR AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.A

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: September 20, 2021

SPONSOR: Bloomington Public Library

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation and discussion of the proposed Library Expansion, as requested by the Bloomington Public Library.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; presentation only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 6. Prosperous Downtown Bloomington
-Goal 5. Great Place – Livable, Sustainable City
-Goal 2. Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 6c. Downtown becoming a community and regional destination
-Objective 5d. Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents
-Objective 2e. Investing in the City's future through a realistic, funded capital improvement program
-Objective 2d. Well-designed, well maintained City facilities emphasizing productivity and customer service

BACKGROUND: The existing Library building was built in 1976, designed for a population of 41,000. While the population has increased 92%, the space has only increased by 25% (with a small addition and renovation in 2006). The community usage and demand has outgrown the facility. Since 2000, the Library has invested time and money in a variety of planning projects to address the community need for a library expansion. In November 2020, the City Council directed the Library Board and staff to proceed with the architectural design of the Library expansion, which included the commitment of approximately $750,000 from the Library's capital reserve funds. $433,668 of that $750,000 has been paid as of the end of August.

The Library Board, Library staff, and Engberg Anderson architects have worked to develop practical designs that will allow the Bloomington Public Library to truly meet the community's current and emerging needs by creating flexible, forward-thinking spaces which address population growth, update the aging facility, and increase accessibility for individuals of all abilities and walks of life.

The presentation and any additional materials will be made available at the meeting.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: A public input session and website survey was conducted in Fall 2015. The new designs incorporate feedback gained since 2015 from the Council, City Staff, Library Staff, and the community. They have been informally reviewed by City Staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A. Presentation purposes only.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director

Reviewed by:

Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director	9/3/2021	Chris Tomerlin, Budget Manager	9/7/2021
Jeffrey R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel	9/8/2021	Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant & Records Manager	9/9/2021

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.B.1

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: September 20, 2021

SPONSOR: City Council

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Discussion regarding a Council Initiative proposed by Council Member Ward to provide direct aid to residents in relation to recent storm events, as requested by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; discussion and staff direction only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 4e. Strong partnership with residents and neighborhood associations

BACKGROUND: Per Chapter 2, Section 18.2A(2): Agenda items and voting, the Mayor and Council Members may put forth agenda initiatives by completing an Agenda Initiative Form and submitting it to the City Clerk. At the August 16, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Member Ward presented the attached Council Initiative to provide direct aid to residents impacted by the June 25-26, 2021 storms. Council voted to continue the discussion and asked staff to provide additional information regarding options for providing such assistance. Since that meeting, many discussions on this topic have continued across multiple presentations during Council meetings. Staff now seek additional direction from Council.

Council Member Ward's Council Initiative is attached for reference.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Leslie Yocum, City Clerk

Attachments:
- CC 1B Council Initiative_Mollie Ward_Financial Assistance for June 2021 Flood

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER AGENDA INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FORM

SPONSOR: Ward 7 Alderwoman Mollie Ward

PROPOSED INITIATIVE:

Direct City Staff to create a plan to provide near-term financial assistance to residents whose property was flooded with sewage during the storms of June 25/26, 2021. This plan should take into account factors such as residents' income levels, eligibility for other assistance, and insurance coverage as well as City collaboration with other officials and entities to draw on resources from the State of Illinois and other agencies as available.

ESTIMATED CITY STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH & PREPARE FULL COUNCIL MEMO ON PROPOSED INITIATIVE, INCLUDING BACKGROUND AND ANY NECESSARY RESEARCH:

_____ Nominal (less than 5 hours)

__✔__ Moderate (5 to 10 hours)

_____ Significant (more than 10 hours)

ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE: unknown

WILL THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE REQUIRE A BUDGET AMENDMENT?

__✔__ Yes

_____ No

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS OR STAFF ACTIVITIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE CUT OR REDUCED IN LIEU OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE, IF ANY:

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
M.C. Ward+
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SPONSOR SIGNATURE

08/09/2021

DATE SUBMITTED