

**CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**



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 - Jenna Kearns
Ward 2 - Donna Boelen
Ward 3 - Sheila Montney
Ward 4 - John Danenberger
Ward 5 - Nick Becker
Ward 6 - Cody Hendricks
Ward 7 - Mollie Ward
Ward 8 - Kent Lee
Ward 9 - Tom Crumpler

City Manager - Tim Gleason

Deputy City Manager - Billy Tyus

Deputy City Manager - Jeff Jurgens

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
BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS (BCPA) AUDITORIUM
600 N. EAST STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Attendance

3. Recognition/Appointments

- A. Proclamation for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day, as requested by the Administration Department. (*Recommended Motion: None; Recognition only.*)
- B. Recognition of Firefighter Vernon Dickey on the Completion of His One-Year Probation, as requested by the Fire Department. (*Recommended Motion: None; Recognition only.*)

4. 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.

5. 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 21, 2023 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (*Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.*)

6. Regular Agenda

- A. Presentation on Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment from Birth to Five Illinois, as requested by the Administration Department. (*Recommended Motion: None; Presentation only.*) (*Presentation by Carol Weisheit, Birth to Five Illinois Representative, 15 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 15 minutes.*)
- B. Update on Public Works Reorganization, as requested by the Administration Department. (*Recommended Motion: None; Presentation only.*) (*Presentation by Jeffrey R. Jurgens, Deputy City Manager, 10 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 5 minutes.*)

7. City Manager's Report

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment

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



RECOGNITION/APPOINTMENTS ITEM NO. 3.A.

FOR COUNCIL: September 18, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Proclamation for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day, as requested by the Administration Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Recognition only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:

Goal 5. Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Objective 5b. City decisions consistent with plans and policies

BACKGROUND: The included Proclamation is a public statement that brings attention to factors that affect our community.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[ADM 1B Proclamation](#)



Mayoral Proclamation
Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a rare and severe neurological disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation on the 18th chromosome; and

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is characterized by developmental delays, moderate to severe intellectual disability, breathing problems, epilepsy or recurrent seizures, gastrointestinal issues, and distinctive facial features; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, however, given the fact that the discovery of the gene happened just a few years ago, there are likely many others out there that remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, given its rarity, online support groups play a pivotal role for individuals, families, and their loved ones to connect and increase awareness; and

WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation celebrates on September 18, 2023, as the tenth annual International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day to raise awareness and funding for Pitt Hopkins research and this date was chosen to bring attention to the fact that it is a disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation on the 18th chromosome; and

WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is an all-volunteer organization of families and professionals dedicated to finding a cure for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome through the funding of research, education and advocacy and its Board of Directors is currently comprised of parents of children and adults with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor of the City of Bloomington do hereby proclaim **September 18, 2023, as Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day** in Bloomington, Illinois and commend its observance to all residents of our community.

Mboka Mwilambwe

Mboka Mwilambwe
Mayor



Leslie Yocum

Leslie Yocum
City Clerk



RECOGNITION/APPOINTMENTS ITEM NO. 3.B.

FOR COUNCIL: September 18, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Recognition of Firefighter Vernon Dickey on the Completion of His 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 5b. City decisions consistent with plans and policies

BACKGROUND: Recognizing the completion of the one-year probationary period on September 6, 2023, for Firefighter Vernon Dickey.

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: Mike Hartwig, Battalion Chief

ATTACHMENTS:

[FIRE 1B Certificate](#)

City of Bloomington



Central Station Circa 1902

Fire Department

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

Hernon Dickey

Having been duly sworn
was appointed and commissioned a

Firefighter/Paramedic

in recognition of their completion
of their probationary year on September 6, 2023
As Evidence thereof, we set our hand and seal

Mboka Mwilambwe

Mboka Mwilambwe
Mayor

Tim Gleason
City Manager

Eric West
Chief

Leslie Vocum
City Clerk



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A.

FOR COUNCIL: September 18, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2023 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

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 Minutes 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 Minutes are available for public inspection and posted to the City's website within ten (10) days after Council approval.

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 Minutes](#)



**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

The Committee of the Whole convened in regular session in the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts at 6:00 P.M, Monday, August 21, 2023. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present
Jenna Kearns	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
John Danenberger	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present
Cody Hendricks	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Kent Lee	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Recognitions/Appointments

The following item was presented:

Item 3.A. Recognition of the Leadership Winners, Cai Grismore and Asher Plump, from the Bloomington Police Department's School Resource Officer Youth Summer Academy, as requested by the Police Department.

Police Chief, Jamal Simington, recognized each of the award winners. He provided a brief background on the Police Department's School Resource Officer Youth Summer Academy, which was funded in part by an Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant. He highlighted various activities and trips taken by participants.

Participants, Cai Grismore and Asher Plump, spoke about their experiences.

Chief Simington recognized various volunteers and School Resource Officers from Bloomington Police Department ("BPD").

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked Chief Simington and his team for their dedication to the Academy and congratulated Mr. Grismore and Mr. Plump on their successful completion.

The following item was presented:

Item 3.B. Recognition of the International City Manager's Association's High Performance Leadership Academy Graduating Class: Bloomington Cohort #1, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, shared a brief background of the International City Managers Association ("ICMA") High Performance Leadership Academy. He noted the significant time commitment required to complete the 12-week program and explained the benefits. He announced Cohort #2 would begin the program in mid-September and concluded by recognizing the following participants: (1) Amanda Papacek, Operations Manager, Information Technologies Department; (2) Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk, City Clerk Department; (3) Amy Overton, Project & Grant Manager, Administration Department; (4) Anthony Nelson, Director, Arts & Entertainment Department; (5) Carla Murillo, Procurement Manager, Legal Department; (6) Chris McAllister, Building Official, Economic & Community Development Department; (7) Daren Wolf, Communication Center Manager, Police Department; (8) John Buttitta, Hub Division Manager, Finance Department; and (9) Mose Rickey, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation Department.

Anthony Nelson, Arts & Entertainment Director and Spokesperson for ICMA Cohort #1, addressed Council and elaborated on the Cohort's collective experience and key takeaways.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment procedure statement. No emailed public comment was received. Mark Adams spoke in person. Janine Toth and Joe Stano registered to speak in person, but were not present at the meeting.

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 Hendricks, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Item 5.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2023 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Regular Agenda

No items were considered.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason highlighted multiple City events and recognized multiple new hires and promotions.

Executive Session

A. Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to enter Executive Session per Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120 to discuss a Personnel Matter involving the review of the City Manager's Contract.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler
Motion carried.

Council left the meeting room at 6:26 P.M.

Adjournment

Council returned to the meeting room at 7:44 P.M.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, to return to Open Session and adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk



REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.A.

FOR COUNCIL: September 18, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation on Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment from Birth to Five Illinois, as requested by the Administration Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Presentation 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: Using a Collective Impact Model, between September 2022 and June 2023, the Birth to Five Illinois: Region 17 staff led the Action and Family Councils through data discussions to identify gaps and barriers for children and families. Staff coordinated focus groups, interviews, and surveys to gather input from community members across the Region. We are eager to share with you our key findings, regional strengths, family- and community-identified needs, and recommendations for how to make our Region's Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) programs more accessible and equitable to children, families, and ECEC providers.

We recognize we could not talk with every community member in the Region prior to completing this report. This summer and fall, staff will work with the Action and Family Councils to share the report's findings throughout the Region, keeping with our mission to capture as much input as possible. If you have any feedback on our community report, feel free to reach out to Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager at 309-270-5408 or email her at cweisheit@birthtofiveil.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Birth to Five Illinois: Region 17

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



REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.B.

FOR COUNCIL: September 18, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Update on Public Works Reorganization, as requested by the Administration Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Presentation only

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: On August 28, 2023, the City Council approved an ordinance reorganizing the Public Works Department. A brief update will be given on the reorganization, including the introduction of new department leaders and next steps.

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: Jeff Jurgens, Deputy City Manager