

**CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING
AUGUST 21, 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, AUGUST 21, 2023, 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Attendance
3. Recognitions/Appointments
 - 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. (Recommended Motion: None; recognition only.) (Presentation by Jamal Simington, Chief of Police, 5 minutes.)
 - 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. (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 June 19, 2023 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)
6. Regular Agenda
7. City Manager's Report
8. Executive Session
 - A. Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120 (30 min.)
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.



RECOGNITIONS/APPOINTMENTS ITEM NO. 3.A.

FOR COUNCIL: August 21, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: 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.

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: The Bloomington Police Department ("BPD") held its first School Resource Officer ("SRO") Youth Summer Academy July 10-14, 2023. This camp was a component of the BPD 2022-2024 Strategic Plan Goal to reduce juvenile crimes across the City by working closely with stakeholders and utilizing SROs in local schools to be a mentor and resource for children. Additionally, funding was made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development Violent Crime Prevention and Reduction program.

Twenty-seven junior high and high school students were served this summer. The Academy included conflict management, team activities and team-building functions, field trips, and mentoring by BPD SROs. The Academy was a success and BPD received numerous accolades for holding this Academy from parents and other community stakeholders.

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: Darcy Hoffman,



RECOGNITIONS/APPOINTMENTS ITEM NO. 3.B.

FOR COUNCIL: August 21, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Recognition of the International City Manager's Association's High Performance Leadership Academy Graduating Class: Bloomington Cohort #1, 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 International City Manager's Association ("ICMA") has a virtual 12-week High Performance Leadership Program through their Professional Development Academy. The Program was developed by General Colin Powell, a highly decorated four-star General, who is known for his 13 Rules of Leadership. In addition to training by General Powell, attendees learned from a variety of industry-leading executives, leadership coaches, elected officials, and professors from top universities.

Typically, the 100+ individuals enrolled in the program are randomly divided into smaller break-out groups called "Cohorts" to discuss the week's lessons through guided questions. When City Manager Gleason selected the first cohort to attend on behalf of Bloomington, it was agreed that the Bloomington participants would remain in the same cohort. This allowed for staff to further foster networking within City Departments and staff could focus their training on City-specific examples while idea-generating improvements.

Bloomington's ICMA Cohort #1 included:

- Amanda Papacek, Operations Manager - Information Technologies Department
- Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk - City Clerk Department
- Amy Overton, Project & Grant Manager - Administration Department
- Anthony Nelson, Director - Arts & Entertainment Department
- Carla Murillo, Procurement Manager - Legal Department
- Chris McAllister, Building Official - Economic & Community Development Department
- Daren Wolf, Communication Center Manager - Police Department
- John Buttitta, Hub Division Manager - Finance Department
- Mose Rickey, Assistant Director - Parks & Recreation Department

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



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A.

FOR COUNCIL: August 21, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: 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.

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:

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**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2023. 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
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

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment procedure statement. Karen Irvin emailed public comment which was provided to Council prior to the meeting. The following provided in-person public comment: (1) Jackie Beyer; (2) Tom Kirk; (3) Deborah Johnston; and (4) Surena Fish.

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 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 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation and Discussion of the Public Works Water Capital Improvement Plan, as requested by the Public Works Department.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced the Item and invited Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, to present.

Director Kothe noted the high-level presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan would result in multiple future discussions on specific projects. He provided a brief overview of the City's water history since 1875, highlighting key milestones, and discussed key water tanks and pump stations that supported the City's water supply. He went on to discuss the 20-year Capital Improvement Studies and the current progress the Public Works ("PW") Department made on the current Master Plan. Director Kothe then discussed the various components of the Capital Improvement Plan, the project timelines, and the anticipated completion. He discussed the water rate study and opportunities for public input noting the City was among the lower rates of municipalities of similar size. He concluded his presentation by listing the next steps.

City Manager Gleason appreciated the well-managed water infrastructure. He noted that both Deputy City Managers have worked with the City's Lobbyist on grants and other funding opportunities to fund the Water Capital Improvement Plan.

Council Member Montney and Director Kothe discussed the average water bill for the past 10 years and the components of the City utility bill. Director Kothe noted there had not been a rate increase for water in the past 10 years. Council Member Montney requested a breakdown of the utility bill over the past 10 years to assist with community education.

Mayor Mwilambwe noted Council made multiple economic developments and expansions. He and Director Kothe discussed opportunities to develop an additional water source and the continuous monitoring of water supply and treatment.

Council Member Hendricks commented on his experience with a private water supplier and appreciated that Bloomington had the public resource.

Council Member Initiatives

The following item was presented:

Item 6.A. Discussion on Council Member Ward's Agenda Initiative Proposal to Create a Special Commission to Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Address the Issue of Gun Violence Locally, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

City Manager Gleason provided a brief overview of the Council Member Initiative's timeline and that staff sought Council direction.

Council Member Ward provided additional background on the need to address gun violence throughout the community. She stated the proposed Commission would pull together scattered data compiled by multiple community organizations. She explained the Commission would propose shovel-ready programs to address crime and gun violence. She did not believe any existing public bodies could fully address all aspects of gun violence, as it could distract from their current objectives. Council Member Ward stated the Commission would not focus on the removal of guns within the community and instead focus on gun safety. She also expressed that she was open to a name change for the Commission.

Council Member Crumpler supported the Commission but commented to the lengthy timeline for public bodies to make progress. Council Members Crumpler and Ward discussed a strict timeline for the Commission and discussed accountability markers.

Council Members Montney and Ward discussed gun or violence initiatives in Peoria and Champaign. Council Member Montney inquired about the success of the programs from Peoria and Champaign. They then discussed how the Commission would determine the causes of gun violence and potential outcomes. Council Member Montney recommended Council consider a simpler route compared to a public meeting body that would save staff time and resources.

Council Member Becker noted everyone supported the reduction of gun violence to zero; however, Council could utilize current resources and organizations that would also reach the result Council Member Ward was working toward.

Council Members Hendricks and Ward discussed the member qualifications and Commission composition.

Council Member Boelen echoed the opinion that the initiative be sent to one of the current advisory organizations that could interpret the data already available. She further expressed that the creation of the Commission was a duplication of efforts.

Mayor Mwilambwe confirmed the Council Member Initiative procedure.

Council Member Ward proposed to move the Item forward.

Council Member Montney reiterated her belief that Council should leverage current resources.

Council's consensus was that five Council Members would like to hear more and four would not. Mayor Mwilambwe confirmed with City Manager Gleason that an Item would appear before Council at the next regular Council meeting.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason recognized multiple newly hired employees. He then noted multiple upcoming community events. He then reported on the reduced public safety statistics from the recent 2023 Tailgates & Tallboys event compared to 2022's event. He updated Council on his efforts to gather information from developers and local labor unions as a result of discussions and feedback that came from the Coachman Development.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was had.

Adjournment

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker to 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 7:24 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

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