CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AUGUST 17, 2020

## 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:** Tari Renner

**City Council Members:**

Ward 1 - Jamie Mathy
Ward 2 - Donna Boelen
Ward 3 - Mboka Mwilambwe
Ward 4 - Julie Emig
Ward 5 - Joni Painter
Ward 6 - Jenn Carrillo
Ward 7 - Scott Black
Ward 8 - Jeff Crabill
Ward 9 - Kim Bray

**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
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
109 EAST OLIVE STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY. LIVE STREAM AVAILABLE AT:**
www.cityblm.org/live

Prior to 15 minutes before the start of the meeting, 1) those persons wishing to provide public comment or testify at the meeting must register at www.cityblm.org/register, and/or 2) those persons wishing to provide written comment must email their comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org.

Members of the public may also attend the meeting at City Hall. Attendance will be limited to the lesser of 50 persons or 50% of room capacity and will require compliance with City Hall COVID-19 protocols and social distancing.

The rules for participation and attendance may be subject to change due to changes in law or to executive orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic occurring after the publication of this agenda. Changes will be posted at www.cityblm.org/register.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call of Attendance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **COVID-19 Update by City Manager**
5. **Consent Agenda**

   Electronic Roll Call Vote

   *A.* Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2020 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 July 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

6. **Presentation, Discussion, and Direction on Future Agenda Topics**

   *A.* **Council Initiatives**

   *i.* Consideration and action on a Council Initiative submitted by Council Member Carrillo to make Indigenous Peoples Day a City holiday, as requested by Council Member Jenn Carrillo. *(Recommended Motion: To (1) have the initiative placed on a future City Council agenda for* *further consideration or action; (2) have staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion; OR (3) deny the initiative being placed on a future agenda and/or having City staff evaluate and analyze the proposed initiative.) (Presentation by Jenn Carillo, Council Member, 3 minutes; and City Council discussion, 5 minutes.)*

**7. City Manager's Report (5 minutes)**

**8. Executive Session - Cite Section**

Clerk-led Roll Call Vote

**9. Adjournment**

Voice Vote

# CONSENT AGENDA

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

# CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A

**FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** August 17, 2020

**SPONSOR:** City Clerk Department

**WARD IMPACTED:** City-Wide Impact

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2020 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 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.

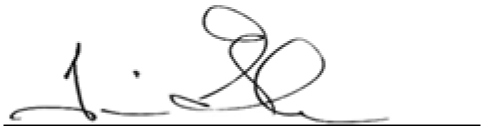
Prepared by: Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant

Reviewed by:

Tara Henry

Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant 8/13/2020

Recommended by:



Tim Gleason, City Manager

**Attachments:**

- CLK 1B DRAFT 06-15-20 COW Minutes

**MINUTES**
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 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 both in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom conferencing at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 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 | Remote | |
| 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, discussed staffing numbers and pointed out that half of those working remotely had returned to in-office work. He explained the Arena Box Offices on the corner of Front St. and Madison St. continued to be open for the public while all other City facilities were open by appointment only. He stated that Administrative Court would also resume this week with additional health safety measures. Outdoor dining would be expanded with various lane closures as staff continued to review the potential for full street closures. He also noted that City Parks and Recreation staff, in conjunction with a local gardening group, would be planting pots to make blockades more decorative. Mr. Gleason ended with an update on City finances during COVID-19. He stated that revenues were better than projected with the potential to end $1 million better than anticipated.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Renner opened the floor for public comment and John Reed, who had registered in advance of the meeting spoke live. Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, then stated that Steven Hass had emailed public comment, which she provided to Council before 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 Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below except Item 5.A., be approved as presented.**

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

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

**Motion carried.**

Item 5.A. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill.

Item 5.B. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2020 Special Session City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 5.C. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

**Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

Item 5.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Crabill, who had pulled the item from the Consent Agenda, proposed that page 2 of the minutes be amended. He read his amendments aloud. Council Member Crabill believed the amendment provided a more accurate summary and reflected important information regarding the City's coverage for COVID-19.

**Council Member Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, to approve the April 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as amended by Council Member Crabill.**

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

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

**Motion carried.**

**Presentation, Discussion, and Direction on Future Agenda Topics**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 6.A. Discussion and direction on an Aldermanic Initiative Proposal to Bring the Downtown Task Force Report Back to Council for Acceptance, as requested by the City Council.

Council Member Mathy asked for clarification on the Aldermanic Initiative process. Mr. Gleason responded accordingly. Mr. Gleason stated that the Downtown Task Force's final Report ("the Report") from 2017 had been included in the Council packet. He addressed a variety of accomplishments that staff had completed from the Report.

Council Member Mathy explained that he wanted to bring the Report back to Council for consideration because he believed there were multiple items to still be addressed that could benefit Downtown. He pointed out that in an effort to save and make best use of funds, development projects should be completed alongside improvement projects. He addressed the importance of providing staff direction and believed the plan could assist staff.

Council Member Carrillo asked whether there would be a staff presentation at a future meeting with the item expressed in such a presentation. Mr. Gleason stated that staff could do a presentation if that was what Council desired.

Council Member Crabill asked Melissa Hon, Economic Development Director, about completed improvements, and asked if she believed a presentation would be beneficial. Mrs. Hon responded that staff could present the projects completed in relation to the Report.

Mayor Renner reiterated the process of Aldermanic Initiatives.

Council Member Mwilambwe expressed interest in a presentation, but believed it was premature to place it on a City Council meeting agenda.

Council Member Boelen stated that before accepting the Report, she wanted the catalyst project removed. She asked Council for clarity on a unified vision for Downtown. She noted that Connect Transit should be included in discussions of redevelopment, and expressed interest in more upscale bus stops.

Council Member Emig believed that Sections 1-3 of the Report should move forward, but that Section 4 should be removed. She stated while Council Member Boelen's comments about design were important, Council should consider implementation plans for the Report first.

Council Member Black pointed out Council’s diverse views and opinions of the Report and how to move forward. He addressed the need for a decision and expressed interest in a staff presentation.

Council Member Mwilambwe left 6:32 p.m.

Council Member Carrillo agreed with Council Member Black and stated that Council should continue Downtown development. She did not favor repeat cycling of reports, but was interested in updating/adopting a plan.

Council Member Crabill wanted to discuss non-controversial items that could be completed, and agreed with Council Member Boelen that a vision for Downtown was needed.

Council Member Mathy stated that the vision for Downtown should focus on it becoming a tourist destination. He noted Bloomington had two of the three top tourist attractions in Illinois: Route 66 and Abraham Lincoln. He believed the City should also focus on preserving Downtown’s historic appearance.

Council Member Painter agreed with her fellow Council Members and asked when Downtown way-finding signage would be installed. Mr. Gleason responded that staff had been waiting on IDOT permits, but that it had recently been received, and signage would be installed soon.

Council Member Mwilambwe returned at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Renner asked Mr. Gleason if he had the direction needed from Council to move forward. Mr. Gleason responded affirmatively.

*The following item was presented:*

Item 6.B. Discussion and direction on an Aldermanic Initiative Proposal to Extend the Waiver of Late Fees and Penalties for the City's Food & Beverage Tax, as requested by the City Council.

Council Member Mathy reminded Council that they had previously waived or prorated many fees or penalties due to COVID-19. He stated that he was recommending that late fees and late charges on food and beverage taxes be waived for 90 days, actual taxes remaining due.

Council Member Boelen agreed that all businesses should be treated the same.

Council Member Mathy concurred with Council Member Boelen.

Council Member Black expressed interest in similar leniency with Administrative Court.

Council Member Carrillo expressed support of the Initiative.

Council Member Mwilambwe expressed support of the Initiative but wanted to understand the financial impact. Mayor Renner addressed the difficulty of providing an accurate financial impact.

Mr. Gleason stated that the City had already waived interest fees and penalties for food and beverage taxes, utilities, parking tickets, ordinance violations, some amusement taxes, and hotel/motel taxes for 30 days beyond the end of the Governor's Emergency Declaration. He asked Scott Rathbun, Director of Finance, to address Council and discuss his recommendation for a period beyond 30 days. Mr. Rathbun confirmed Mayor Renner's comments about the difficulty of projecting the financial impact. He suggested extending the time frame from 30 to 90 days, and the possibility of linking reinstatement to Phase 4 instead of Phase 5 of the Governor's plan.

Council Member Mathy expressed support in tying the Initiative to Phase 4 instead of Phase 5.

**City Manager's Report (5 minutes)**

City Manager Gleason corrected a statement he made on Item 6.A. (Aldermanic Initiative) that a presentation would appear on the next City Council Meeting. He stated that bulk waste pick-up would begin July 6, 2020 and reminded the public to complete the 2020 Census. He also celebrated the success of the recent social distanced Farmer's Market and noted that future Farmer's Markets would follow the same format.

**Executive Session - Cite Section**

No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment**

**Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mwilambwe, that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Motion carried (viva voce).**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON** **ATTEST**

Tari Renner, Mayor

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B

**FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** August 17, 2020

**SPONSOR:** City Clerk Department

**WARD IMPACTED**: City-Wide Impact

**SUBJECT**: Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**
The proposed Minutes be approved.

**STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:**
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**STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:**
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**COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED:** N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** N/A

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT:** N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant

Reviewed by:

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk 8/13/2020 Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant 8/13/2020

Recommended by:

Tim Gleason, City Manager

**Attachments:**

- CLK 2B DRAFT 07-13-2020 City Council Minutes

## MINUTES
## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
## MONDAY, JULY 13, 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 both in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom conferencing at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 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 | Remote | |
| 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, addressed Council. He discussed a McLean County mobile COVID-19 testing center that would be traveling throughout rural areas of the county. He also reported that the Town of Normal had had a few internal COVID-19 positive cases in their Fire Department and that numerous other firefighters were being quarantined. He stated that Bloomington and Normal Fire Chiefs were working closely while staff recovered.

He informed Council that $275,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act funds allotted for resident financial aid had received 150 applications for assistance. He stated that $150,000 of the CDBG Cares Act funds were allotted for business aid, but that staff were working through submission procedures. He explained that staff continued to reach out to community partners about possibly funding job training for potential full-time employees.

Mr. Gleason mentioned the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates to temporary Downtown Bloomington outdoor dining and how funding from the CDBG Cares Act could be used to partner with Downtown businesses to make ADA improvements. He stated that staff continued to track COVID financial impacts and noted that the City continued to trend better than the conservative negative projection.

**Recognition/Appointments**

A. Recognition of the Appointments to the Police Pension Board and John M. Scott Health Care Commission.

Mayor Renner recognized the following Board appointments: (1) Dean Messenger, Police Pension Board; (2) Angie Chasensky, John M. Scott Board; (3) Judy Neubrander, John M. Scott Board; (4) Feli Sebastian, John M. Scott Board; and (5) Karen Stipp, John M. Scott Board.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Renner opened the meeting for public comment and the following individuals had registered to speak live: (1) Dianne Hollister and (2) Zachary Gittrich. Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, then read a list of individuals who had emailed public comment: (1) Justin Boyd; (2) Heidi Zimmerman; (3) Alice Staley; and (4) Rickielee Benecke.

**Consent Agenda**

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**Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 8.I., 8.C., 8.B., 8.F., and 8.K. be approved as presented.**

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

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

**Motion carried.**

Item 8.A. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $12,599,344.25, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 8.B. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill.

Item 8.C. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Carrillo.

Item 8.D. Consideration and action to reject the Bid for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department 2020 or Newer Ford F250 or Equivalent Pickup Truck (Bid #2021-04) so the Purchase can be made using the Northwest Municipal Suburban Purchasing contract (#178, exp. 7/17/2020) at a lower cost, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bid Rejection be approved.)*

Item 8.E. Consideration and action to approve the Annual Maintenance and Support Payment in the amount of $127,536.66 with Tyler Technologies, for the computer-aided dispatch solution used by the Police and Fire Departments, as requested by the Information Services Department and the Police Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Payment be approved.)*

Item 8.F. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mwilambwe.

Item 8.G. Consideration and action to approve an updated Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to participate in a

Federal program to receive supplemental Medicaid payments for Ground Emergency Medical Transports, as requested by the Fire Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 8.H. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with Maurer Stutz, Inc., for the Final Design of the Sugar Creek Lift Station & Force Main Improvements, in the amount of $75,105, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 8.I. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Bray.

Item 8.J. Consideration and action on a Resolution Adopting the Amended Citizen Participation Plan, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.K. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Black.

Item 8.L. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the City Code on Public Indecency, as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

**Items Pulled from Consent Agenda**

*The following item was pulled by Council Member Bray:*

Item 8.I. Consideration and action to approve a Second Amendment to the Settlement Agreement between State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the City of Bloomington, and other taxing bodies in McLean County, Illinois regarding the assessed value of parcels owned by State Farm, applicable to tax years 2020-2024, as requested by the Legal Department.

Council Members Bray and Crabill recused themselves at 6:15 p.m. as the item involved their employer.

**Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carrillo, that the proposed Second Amendment be approved.**

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

**AYES:** Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black

**RECUSED:** Crabill, Bray

**Motion carried.**

Council Members Bray and Crabill returned at 6:16 p.m.

*The following item was pulled by Council Member Carrillo:*

Item 8.C. Consideration and action to reject the Bid for the Police 2020 or Newer Ford F250 Pickup Truck or Equivalent Purchase (Bid #2021-05) so the Purchase can be made using the Northwest Municipal Suburban Purchasing Contract (#178, exp. 7/17/2020) at a lower cost, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Police Department.

Council Member Carrillo expressed interest in voting against the item.

**Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to reject the item.**

Council Member Black asked Council Member Carrillo the reason behind her motion. Council Member Carrillo responded that she was against providing resources to the Police Department that could result in increasing the size of the Department.

Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, asked for clarification on Council Member Carrillo's motion and pointed out that approval of the item would actually result in rejecting the bids. He explained that staff had recommended in the original motion that the bids be rejected because the City was able to make the purchase for less through a joint purchasing agreement.

Council Member Carrillo asked if the purchase from said source would return to Council for a vote. Mr. Jurgens responded the purchase through the joint purchasing agreement would not require it to return for Council consideration.

Mayor Renner confirmed with Mr. Jurgens that the purchase would fall under the City Manager's authority. Mr. Jurgens confirmed.

Council Member Crabill then requested that the motion be amended to require the purchase to return to Council for additional consideration.

Mayor Renner asked the mover if she supported amending her motion. She agreed.

**Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to approve the bid rejection and require the purchase to return to Council for approval.**

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

**AYES:** Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

**NAYES:** Boelen

**Motion carried.**

*The following item was pulled by Council Member Crabill:*

Item 8.B. Consideration and action to approve Re-appointment and Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department.

**Council Member Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carrillo, to approve the appointments as presented with the exception of the re-appointment of Ryan Whitehouse.**

Council Member Crabill asked Mr. Jurgens about the procedure if the motion was approved and whether a Council Member could then motion to approve Ryan Whitehouse separately. Mr. Jurgens responded affirmatively.

Council Member Bray questioned the manner in which the motion was called and asked Mr. Jurgens if Council was able proceed. Mr. Jurgens responded that the motion was in order and reiterated Ryan Whitehouse could be approved separately.

Council Member Bray confirmed the procedural process. Mr. Jurgens stated that if the current motion failed, the floor would then be open to another motion.

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

**AYES:** Emig, Carrillo, Crabill

**NAYES:** Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Painter, Black, Bray

**Motion failed.**

**Council Member Bray motioned, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that the proposed Re-Appointment and Appointments be approved.**

Council Member Crabill was not supportive of the re-appointment of Ryan Whitehouse. He thanked Mr. Whitehouse for his 8 years of service, and provided reasoning as to why he was not supportive.

Council Member Boelen provided a brief history of her involvement with Connect Transit and expressed support for the re-appointment.

Council Member Carrillo discussed her belief that the Connect Transit Board should be led by a para-transit driver.

Council Member Boelen recognized the Mayor for his work in the selections of candidates.

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

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

**NAYES:** Carrillo, Crabill

**Motion carried.**

*The following item was pulled by Council Member Mwilambwe:*

Item 8.F. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for the Groundwater Level Monitoring Program as a limited source, in the amount of $9,506 for Year 1, $9,704 for Year 2, and $9,909 for Year 3, for a total amount of $29,119, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Mwilambwe recused himself at 6:30 p.m. as the item involved his employer.

**Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Painter, that the proposed Agreement be approved.**

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

**AYES:** Mathy, Boelen, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

**RECUSED:** Mwilambwe

**Motion carried.**

Council Member Mwilambwe returned at 6:31 p.m.

*The following item was pulled by Council Member Black:*

Item 8.K. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow Chicken-keeping as an Accessory Use in the R-1C District for the Property at 1610 N. Lee Street, as requested by the Community Development Department.

Council Member Black stated that Council had received multiple concerns from the neighborhood on the location and wished to voice their concerns.

**Council Member Black made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to reject the proposed Ordinance as presented.**

Council Member Boelen asked for additional detail on the concerns. Council Member Black responded that multiple people had expressed concerns in a variety of venues. He stated his continued opinion that chicken coops were okay so long as neighbors didn't care; however, since direct neighbors of the property had expressed concerns, he supported their concerns.

Council Member Crabill stated that he had also heard concerns regarding wildlife that could be attracted to the coops, as well as the applicant's ability to keep animals on the property.

Council Member Carrillo asked what action could be taken if the current motion failed, the permit was approved, and then there were future issues. Mr. Jurgens responded that, if approved, the applicant would have to meet all requirements of the special use permit or it could be revoked. Katie Simpson, City Planner, agreed with Mr. Jurgens and addressed the various factors that would need to be met/maintained in order for the permit to be kept. She also noted other City Code ordinances for enforcement.

Council Member Carrillo expressed her belief that the item should be approved as presented with the understanding the permit could be revoked.

Council Member Mwilambwe confirmed actions of the motion.

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

**AYES:** Mwilambwe, Painter, Black, Crabill, Bray

**NAYES:** Mathy, Boelen, Emig, Carrillo

**Motion carried.**

**Regular Agenda**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 9.A. Consideration and action on the ratification of the Telecommunicators Contract, as requested by the Human Resources Department and the Police Department.

Mr. Gleason stated that the telecommunicators were represented by the Police Benevolent Labor Committee – Telecommunicators group (PBPA). He explained the union ratified the shorter two-year agreement and it allowed for a 2.5% pay increase each year along with a minor adjustment to vacation day accruement. He also noted the union was covered by the IMRF and it was the last collective bargaining agreement to address Sick-Leave Buy-Back (SLBB) program. Mr. Gleason explained none of the current employees in the union qualified for the SLBB program.

**Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the proposed Contract be ratified.**

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

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

**Motion carried.**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 9.B. Presentation on Jamie Mathy's Aldermanic Initiative Proposal to bring back the Downtown Task Force Report, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Renner briefly introduced the item and explained to Council that staff sought direction on next steps.

Mr. Gleason provided a brief overview of the status of Council Member Mathy's Aldermanic Initiative in the review process. He explained the presentation would discuss the Downtown Bloomington Task Force's final report ("the Report) from October 17, 2017. He commented on Downtown and noted potential to formally create a Downtown Commission or Board appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council with the DBA acting as advisors.

Mr. Gleason discussed the Report in great detail and walked through multiple slides noting various recommendations provided within the Report. He made recommendations and discussed multiple projects. He concluded his portion of the presentation and asked Melissa Hon, Economic Development Director, to address Council to present completed projects that had been accomplished since 2019.

Ms. Hon discussed multiple improvements to beatification and walkability in the Downtown area, provided a general update on Downtown including how COVID-19 had impacted the area. She walked through project detail and painted a future for Downtown that included beautifying the area, expanding offerings for businesses, and promoting development. She welcomed any questions or comments from Council.

Council Member Carrillo asked if approving the Report would mean Council had agreed to all projects. Mayor Renner responded by stating that approving the Report would make Council priorities clear, but that the projects would still need Council approval.

Council Member Carrillo asked Ms. Hon what primary barriers kept staff from completing projects. Ms. Hon responded that the biggest barrier was funding. Council Member Carrillo expressed her support in advancing the Report forward, but expressed concern with the age of the Report. Mr. Gleason responded that Downtown was a priority and that the City would be receiving $3.5 million from the State over the next five years for infrastructure, so funding would be more available. He reiterated that staff sought Council's main priorities and direction on projects.

Council Member Mathy pointed out that more had happened in Downtown in the past two years than the past decade. He stated that Bloomington continued to grow as a destination for Route 66 visitors and believed Downtown is an incubator for small businesses. He expressed his priorities as streetscaping, greenspace, conduit for electric vehicle charging, and anything to improve the atmosphere.

Mayor Renner left and returned several times from 7:16 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Emig expressed her support in Strong Towns and her appreciation in the opportunities for larger and creative aspirational changes. She noted the option to rethink the Cataylst portion of the Report and provided alternative suggestions.

Council Member Painter pointed out that thriving downtowns were an economic drivers and noted that with issues of closures in Eastland Mall, Council needed to turn their attention to Downtown. She expressed her support in the Report and encouraged Council to adopt it, set priorities, and then budget for projects to be completed at an accelerated rate.

Council Member Boelen expressed her support in the Report and agreed with Council Member Painter's comments. She expressed concern with adopting the Report as written and also believed Council needed to prioritize projects to give staff clear direction. She cautioned overloading the budget with projects and expressed the need for the historic attributes of Downtown to be restored.

Council Member Bray reminded Council that she had been a part of the Downtown Bloomington Task Force and had assisted with the Report. She explained reasoning behind the Report's suggested improvements. She expressed support in streetscaping, lighting, and parking solutions.

Council Member Mwilambwe thanked everyone who had been involved in the Report and staff for focusing on Downtown. He expressed support of the Initiative and wished Council would select projects which could be addressed in small manageable ways.

*The following item was presented:*

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.

Mr. Gleason pointed out that no updates were suggested at the time.

Mayor Renner welcomed any questions from Council on COVID-19.

Council Member Boelen pointed out that Illinois was in Phase 4 of the Reopen Illinois plan with Phase 5 not in sight. She asked at what point Council would set aside the Ordinance. Mr. Gleason recommended the Local Emergency Ordinance remain on the agenda until Illinois moved into Phase 5.

Council Member Crabill asked about ADA compliance for the COVID-19 Outdoor Dining. Mr. Gleason provided a brief history on the outdoor dining service and consumption opportunities. He noted CARES Act funding being available to local businesses and stated that it could possibly be a source for funding ADA improvements. Deputy City Manager Tyus confirmed staff were analyzing the entire City for ADA compliance and would work with businesses to ensure compliance.

Council Member Mathy commented that the new outdoor dining and service was well received throughout Bloomington and not just in Downtown. He suggested a zoning change to encourage the outdoor dining atmosphere. Mr. Gleason agreed with Council Member Mathy and noted that staff were actively working toward additional Citywide outdoor dining opportunities.

**City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. Gleason recognized the Public Works Department and their great work with bulk waste pick-up. He discussed the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting and a presentation by Ryan Whitehouse with an update on the Connect Transit project. He mentioned the PSCRB (Public Safety and Community Relations Board) Annual report and the Water Master Plan would also appear on the agenda.

**Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Renner made a brief statement about a hate group who had distributed material within the community over the weekend. He noted that while the distribution of materials fell under a First Amendment Right, acting on those suggestions, such as terrorizing, threatening, or murdering, were felonies and would not be tolerated. He stated that Bloomington welcomed all and was proud to be a melting pot of a community. He ended by highlighting Mr. Gleason's upcoming anniversary with the City of Bloomington.

**Council Member's Discussion**

Council Member Carrillo thanked the Mayor for speaking out against the leaflets distributed by white supremacy groups.

Council Member Crabill noted under the Consent Agenda, an Ordinance was amended regarding public indecency and stated that he felt it was important change for the community. He stressed the need for outdoor dining ADA compliance.

Council Member Emig stated that the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Connect Transit would be amended to provide additional direction and increased accountability for policy transactions. She noted her appreciation in the appointment of board members that better represented Bloomington's residents and their needs. She expressed disappointment in the recent distribution of racist leaflets and encouraged the public to continue to prove Bloomington welcomed all individuals.

Council Member Mathy thanked Council Member Emig for her comments and stated that he and Council Member Carrillo had an opportunity to speak with the Next Gen Initiative, a group of future leaders, where they educated attendees on Council's duties. He encouraged Council to reach out to next generation of leaders across the community.

Council Member Black expressed interest in a staff update on the Market Street Plaza project.

Council Member Boelen echoed congratulations to Mr. Gleason on his City Anniversary.

**Executive Session - Cite Section**

No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment**

**Council Member Black made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carrillo, that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Motion carried (viva voce).**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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| **CITY OF BLOOMINGTON** | **ATTEST** |
| Tari Renner, Mayor | Leslie Yocum, City Clerk |

# PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

# PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS
# ITEM NO. 6.A.1

**FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** August 17, 2020

**SPONSOR:** City Council

**WARD IMPACTED**: City-Wide Impact

**SUBJECT**: Consideration and action on a Council Initiative submitted by Council Member Carrillo to make Indigenous Peoples Day a City holiday, as requested by the City Council.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** To (1) have the initiative placed on a future City Council agenda for further consideration or action; (2) have staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion; OR (3) deny the initiative being placed on a future agenda and/or having City staff evaluate and analyze the proposed initiative.

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

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

**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. Upon submission, the form is added to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole for consideration.

At the Committee of the Whole, a majority of the Council Members present can vote to: (1) have the initiative placed on a future City Council agenda for further consideration or action; (2) have staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion; or (3) deny the initiative being placed on a future agenda and/or having City staff evaluate and analyze the proposed initiative. The same agenda initiative cannot be brought forward more than once in a six-month period unless two-thirds of the City Council votes to place the agenda initiative back on the table for consideration.

The attached Council Initiative by Council Member Jenn Carrillo has been timely submitted to the City Clerk for consideration.

**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:**

- ADM IB Carrillo Agenda Initiative Proposal Form_Indigenous Peoples Day

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

# MAYOR & ALDERMANIC AGENDA INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FORM

SPONSOR: Jennifer Carrillo

PROPOSED INITIATIVE:

In light of the recent events, I would like to propose that we replace the holiday known as "Columbus day" with "Indigenous People's Day" on the second Monday of October each year. Indigenous People's Day should be declared a city holiday and we should encourage local businesses to observe, so that their employees and families can both learn about the history of indigenous peoples, grieve the genocide and colonization of indigenous peoples, and reflect on the significance of the contributions that indigenous peoples have made to our society.

Not only in our community, but also in the state and the nation, governmental bodies are moving to eliminate celebrations of Columbus in favor of recognizing the indigenous peoples who inhabited this land long before he "discovered" it. I believe celebrating the spirit and resilience of indigenous people is one of several fitting ways to use recent events as inspiration to lead our community towards a brighter future.

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 at this time but this would be part of the staff's review.

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:

Columbus Day

DATE SUBMITTED: 07/25/20

Jenn Carrillo

SIGNATURE

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