City of Bloomington Illinois

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 8, 2022. 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
Grant Walch	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 5	Present
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a statement of procedure for public comment. Elizabeth Pierce, Scott Stimeling, and Gary Lambert spoke in person. No emailed public comment was received.

Recognition/Appointments

No recognitions or appointments were made.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2022, 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 Bills and Payroll in the amount of $4,426,542.62, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 7.C. Consideration and action to approve 1) the Purchase of three (3) Labrie Expert (T) 2000 Helping Hand Single Arm Automated Side Loader bodies from Key Equipment, in the amount of $472,440, using the Sourcewell Contract (#091219-LEG, exp. 11/15/23), 2) the Purchase of three (3) 2023 Crane Carrier Model LDT2-30 chassis from Cumberland Servicenter, in the amount of $578,541, using the Sourcewell Contract (#060920-CRN, exp. 8/1/24), and 3) Authorization to trade in the surplus units, three (3) 2012 Crane Carrier LGT2-26 Automated Collection Trucks (R15, R40, R44), for a total credit of $84,000, for a total purchase of $1,050,981 for three (3) automated collection trucks, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase and Surplus Trade-in be approved.)*

Item 7.D. Consideration and action to approve the 2022 Supportive Housing and Continuum of Care Grant Agreement (IL0288L5T122114) in the amount of $26,433.00 with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 7.E. Consideration and action on a Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Approving the Necessary Agreements with Decision Optimization Technology - United States to Provide Decision Optimization Technology Transportation Module and Bridge Module Software and Associated Services, in the amount of $23,300, with future annual subscription services, in the amount of $23,300 (renewable annually for an additional two (2) years), as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 7.F. Consideration and action 1) on an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30,2023, to Utilize Fund Balance and Increase the General Fund budget by $12,000, and 2) to approve a $12,000 Contingency to cover Ford OEM Chassis for two (2) Horton Ambulances purchased through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (NWMC) #174 (exp. 12/31/22), as requested by the Fire Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance and Contingency be approved.)*

Item 7.G. Consideration and action 1) on an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2023 in the amount of $95,899.34, and 2) to approve a Design Agreement with Farnsworth (A&E RFQ #2022-25) for a Ewing Park II Shelter-Restroom Facility in the amount of $38,800.00, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance and Agreement be approved.)*

Item 7.H. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Chicken-Keeping in the R-1C (Single-Family Residence) District, for the Property Located at 19 Aberdeen Way, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.I. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Chicken-Keeping in the R-1B (Single-Family Residence) District, for the Property Located at 217 Magnolia Drive, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.J. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Chicken-Keeping in the R-2 (Mixed Residence) District, with a Variance, for the Property Located at 601 S. Livingston Street, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.K. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Chicken-Keeping in the R-1C (Single-Family Residence) District, for the Property Located at 2813 Chesapeake Lane, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.L. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Rooming House, with Variance, in the R-2 (Mixed Residence) District, for the Property Located at 709 Douglas Street, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.M. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Personal Care Services in the R-D (Downtown Neighborhood Residence) District, for the Property Located at 701 E. Washington Street, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.N. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Dwelling Unit, Two-Family, in the B-2 (Local Commercial) District, for the Property Located at 802 E. Grove Street, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.O. Consideration and action to approve an Application from Around the Corner II, Inc., d/b/a JP's Wheel & Alehouse, located at 409 N. Hershey Rd., requesting a change of ownership for their Class TAS (Tavern, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed License and Change of Ownership be approved.)*

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Walch, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following was presented:

Item 8.A. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Rowe Construction - A Division of United Contractors Midwest, for the FY 2023 General Resurfacing Program, in the amount of $5,220,438.92, as requested by the Public Works Department.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, introduced the Item. Council had pledged $7 million to asphalt and concrete projects. The Item represented $5.2 million of the $7 million pledged, not including $2 million in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds pledged. He reminded the community of Council's commitment to maximize taxpayer dollars in that Council had adopted a 3-year plan to repair streets within close proximities to one another.

Kevin Kothe, Director of Public Works, presented Fiscal Year 2023 ("FY23") Asphalt and Concrete projects. He presented a color-coded map listing streets to be completed.

Council Member Montney and Craig Shonkwiler, City Engineer, discussed per mile paved costs. She requested that staff annually track cost per miles paved and cost per miles of sidewalks completed. She believed that Council could best assess progress through accurate metrics. Mr. Shonkwiler committed to providing metrics and explained various metric skewing factors such as costs. They then discussed patching processes ("pavement preservation"), as well as steps taken to determine when a street needs to be replaced versus repaired.

Council Member Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to amend Council discussion time by 15 minutes.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Walch, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Council Member Boelen confirmed with Mr. Kothe that concrete patching was a separate contract from resurfacing asphalt projects.

Council Member Ward and Mr. Kothe discussed funding details on portions of streets to be completed in FY23. Council Member Ward and Mr. Shonkwiler talked about how pavement color, and how color is not relative to pavement strength. She requested a color-coded sidewalk map showing current and future projects.

Council Member Walch asked Mr. Kothe if staff intended to request bids from any new vendors in an effort to increase the number of available contractors. Mr. Kothe explained obstacles the City had faced in the past and noted staff's intent to cast a wider net during the upcoming bidding process. Council Member Walch proposed entering longer-term contracts to empower vendors to hire more full-time staff. Mr. Shonkwiler stated that vendors were well-informed of future projects. He explained the larger issue being the major swing of the supply and demand chain and that it made it difficult to lock-in prices in contracts. Council Member Walch asked if Council could do anything to aid City crews to complete more paved miles per year. Mr. Shonkwiler stated that increased funding and additional staff to manage projects would be most helpful. He also discussed requiring developers to install quality infrastructure that would keep issues from falling on the City to repair.

Council Member Emig and Mr. Shonkwiler discussed the brick street program and how it fit into street repair. Mr. Kothe noted that brick streets requiring infrastructure repairs were costly and required brick replacement. Council Member Emig encouraged staff to share project timelines and suggested multiple grant opportunities that could offset costs. Mr. Shonkwiler commented to how grants factored into projects.

Council Member Crabill and Mr. Kothe celebrated the funds allocated and that it was the most spent on roads in recent years. They then discussed City Leadership's direction to make street and sidewalk repairs a top priority for all staff. Council Member Crabill asked if staff would have time to finish construction projects before winter. Mr. Kothe reported that FY22's resurfacing projects were wrapping up and, with the approval of the proposed contract, FY23's projects would begin immediately.

Council Member Becker requested an updated color-coded map showing FY24 projects including the additional funds allocated. He believed it would help keep momentum going.

Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, to approve the Item as presented.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Walch, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8.B. Consideration and action to approve a City of Bloomington Resolution of Adoption of the McLean County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan, as requested by the Public Works Department.

City Manager Gleason explained that the Item would make Bloomington part of the McLean County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan ("Mitigation Plan"), which spanned multiple jurisdictions and had a FEMA component.

Mr. Kothe discussed hazard mitigation planning and compared hazardous events over the past 10 years. He presented a list of organizations that would be part of the Mitigation Plan, including but not limited to school districts, fire departments, and other municipalities. He went on to discuss the benefits of a Mitigation Plan and highlighted that organizations that became part of a Mitigation Plan were eligible for federal hazard mitigation grants. Mr. Kothe then presented a list of projects named in the Mitigation Plan for Bloomington, some of which the City had already begun. He noted that the Mitigation Plan required updates every 5 years.

Council Member Crabill asked for clarification on the timeline for the Locust Colton project listed in the Mitigation Plan. Mr. Kothe explained that to expedite the Locust Colton project timeline, the projects listed in the report had been submitted prior to Council's vote. They discussed specific actions that Bloomington had taken to aid special needs residents during hazardous events. Council Member Crabill and Fire Chief, Eric West, discussed the need for continued work on Bloomington's Emergency Management Plan.

Council Member Walch asked about the possibility to combine Metcom and Bloomington's 911 Dispatch into one consolidated service for all of McLean County. Chief West stated that a consolidation had not been discussed for the Plan.

Council Member Crumpler and Mr. Kothe discussed potential grant and funding opportunities for City projects.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve the Resolution as presented.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Walch, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed upcoming Downtown events and concerts.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe discussed his recent trip to Canada, including Canada's significant housing challenges and interesting public transportation system. He commented to a recent local community event that he attended and complimented the comradery of the residents.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Crabill discussed his experience at the recent Cultural Fest at Miller Park, as well as East Gate's Block Party. He commended City Police and Fire.

Executive Session

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Urban, to enter into Executive Session per Section 2(c)(11) of 5 ILCS for pending litigation.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Walch, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:06 P.M.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:00 P.M.

Return to Open Session and Adjourn

Council Member Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to return to open session and adjourn.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call the roll:

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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