



MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The Committee of the Whole convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 6:00 P.M. 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

Recognition/Appointments

The following item was presented:

Item 3.A. Recognition of Firefighter Kyle Cheesman for Completion of the One-Year Probationary Period, as requested by the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Cory Matheny provided a brief background on Kyle Cheesman and his accomplishments. He recognized Firefighter Cheesman for completing his probationary period.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. Surena Fish and Patrick Whitaker provided in person public comment. No emailed public comment was received.

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.

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2024, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 6.A. Presentation and Discussion on the use of Project Labor Agreements, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens provided an update addressing concerns from local unions heard during the Coachmen Redevelopment Project. He stated that the suggested edits follow the City of Springfield's Ordinance addressing apprenticeships, private redevelopment agreements, and overall providing clearer direction on Public Works projects over \$50,000.

Council Member Crumpler expressed support and thanked staff for their diligent work.

Council Member Hendricks echoed support and appreciation. He highlighted the importance of inclusionary language within the Ordinance.

Council Member Boelen expressed concern regarding language used in the Ordinance. She shared suggested revisions.

City Manager Jurgens acknowledged Council Member Boelen's concerns regarding language and thanked her, as well as the rest of the Council for their feedback.

The following item was presented:

Item 6.B. Presentation on Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, as requested by the Administration Department.

Crystal Howard, President and CEO of Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau, gave a presentation on the Bureau's annual report. She shared details regarding marketing efforts, and economic and visitor growth due to hotel tax, meeting and events, sporting events, partnerships, and sponsorships. She shared that the Illinois Office of Tourism had granted \$443,719 for Route 66 promotion, which the Bureau was using for murals and monuments throughout Bloomington, Normal, Chenoa, Lexington, and McLean, as well as collaborating with the Office of Tourism and Rivian Automotive on a new video series. She encouraged the community to visit the Bureau's website and utilize various marketing and advertisement channels to stay up to date on events. She highlighted 2024 events and expressed gratitude to the Council and City departments for supporting the efforts of the Bureau. Lastly, she shared a video that showcased events, facilities, and the community.

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked Ms. Howard for her presentation and the work of her team.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Jurgens shared a brief update on efforts by the coalition working to address homelessness. He expressed appreciation to service providers working to address homelessness issues. He then thanked City staff for their work addressing overnight storm damage and shared an update on increased traffic at the Bloomington Public Library in the month of June, as well as their upcoming community events. He ended by highlighting Bloomington Police Department's Public Safety Summer Academy and updates on the Arena.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, 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).

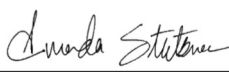
The meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

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ATTEST



Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor



Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

