CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present	
Jamie Mathy	Council Member, Ward 1	Present	
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present	
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present	
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 4	Present	
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present	
Jennifer Jazmin Carrillo	Council Member, Ward 6	Absent	
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present	
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present	

Recognition/Appointments

A. Recognition of a Reappointment to the Connect Transit Board

Staff recognized the re-appointment of Judy Buchanan to the Connect Transit Board.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe opened the meeting for public comment and the following individuals provided in-person public comment: (1) Mary Kramp; (2) Christina ("Tina") Sipula; (3) Darlene Weber; (4) Diane Wuesthoff; (5) Scott Stimeling; (6) Stacey Duracko; (7) Ann Miller; (8) Gary Donohue; (9) Kathy Petty; and (10) Lisa Holland. 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 Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Items 7.E., 7.H., and 7.I.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2021, 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 $6,303,580.40, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 7.C. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of one (1) Caterpillar 440-07 Backhoe from Altorfer Cat of East Peoria, Illinois, using the Sourcewell Contract (# 032119-CAT, exp 5/13/23), in the amount of $194,445, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)*

Item 7.D. Consideration and action to approve the First Amendment to the Contract between the City of Bloomington and Alexander Chemical Corporation, for Liquid Chlorine (Bid #2021-21), in the amount of $655 per ton from July 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract Amendment be approved.)*

Item 7.E. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy.

Item 7.F. Consideration and action to grant Workers Compensation Settlement Authority in the amount of $158,128 to City of Bloomington Police Officer Luke Maurer, claim numbers W002772895 and W002772942, as requested by the Human Resources Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Workers Compensation Settlement be approved.)*

Item 7.G. Consideration and action to approve a Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code, and a Local Public Agency General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs, to allocate State MFT funds for street lighting electrical energy and rental charges through the FY 2022 MFT General Maintenance Program, in the amount of $500,000, for the period May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed MFT Resolution and Estimate be approved.)*

Item 7.H. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen.

Item 7.I. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy.

Item 7.J. Consideration and action to approve a Lease Rescission for Lots 1 & 2 in Block 9 in Camp Potawatomie and a Lake Bloomington Lot Transfer and Supplemental Agreement for Lots 1 & 2 in Block 9 in Camp Potawatomie, from the Estate of Lyle Spaniol, to the petitioner, Jonathon Astroth, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Lease Rescission, Lot Transfer, and Supplemental Agreement be approved.)*

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen:

Item 7.H. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending the City Code to Provide for Certain License and Permit Applications to be Processed and Issued by the City Clerk, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Boelen asked for a list of applications the item would affect. Leslie

Yocum, City Clerk, stated that she could provide Council with a full list if requested. She then explained that the City Clerk department currently managed more than 26 different licenses, listing a few. She reminded Council that as the City Clerk, she currently had permission to approve higher intensity review applications such as video gaming and that many of the other licenses were less invasive not requiring much review. She pointed out that the proposed change, if approved, would streamline the approval process for staff and applicants. Council Member Boelen then noted a scrivener's error where the Clerk was referred to as 'she' and requested it be updated to be gender neutral. Mrs. Yocum explained that the re-codification currently underway in her department would ensure the entire Code was gender neutral and agreed to make the change requested if the Item was approved.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, that the proposed Ordinance be approved.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy:

Item 7.E. Consideration and action to approve an Assignment of Lease Agreement involving the Chateau Conference Center, as requested by the Legal Department and the Economic & Community Development Department.

Council Member Mathy asked for additional detail on a previous issue concerning past due taxes by the Chateau. Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, explained that in 2014, the then owners owed hotel/motel tax of approximately $215,000 plus penalties and interest. Council had approved a repayment agreement, that was not interest free, which brought the total to approximately $288,000. He went on to explain that, before those owners defaulted, the City had collected approximately $307,000, which left approximately $67,000 owed. He stated that the City had not released the tax liens on the property and the potential owner was informed of the liens. Council Member Mathy asked Mr. Jurgens if the owners who incurred the debt were involved. Mr. Jurgens confirmed they were not, that the entity had been dissolved. Council Member Mathy asked how the lien would be affected if Council agreed to assign the lease to the new owners. Mr. Jurgens responded that while the tax lien was separate from the lease assignment, City staff continued discussions with the attorneys of both the buyer and seller to resolve the issue.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, that the proposed Assignment of Lease Agreement be approved.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy:

Item 7.I. Consideration and action on the Request from Bloomington Normal Sunrise Rotary, whose annual Brats and Bags fundraiser will be held in Portions of Downtown

Bloomington on Saturday, August 6, 2021, for a Class LB (Limited/Beer and Wine) Liquor License, and further requesting an Ordinance Suspending Provisions of the City Code Prohibiting the Sale or Possession of Alcohol in the specified portions of Downtown Bloomington, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Mathy recused himself as he was a member of the Bloomington Normal Sunrise Rotary and left the room at 7:11 p.m.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crumpler, that the proposed License and Ordinance be approved.

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

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

RECUSED: Mathy

Motion carried.

Council Member Mathy returned to the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Consideration and action on the 2021-2023 IT Strategic Plan, as requested by the Information Technology Department.

City Manager Gleason explained that Craig McBeath, Information Technology Director, was charged to create an Information Technology ("IT") Strategic Plan ("Plan") for the City.

Council Member Emig made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that the proposed 2021-2023 IT Strategic Plan be approved.

Council Member Crumpler supported the ambitious nature of the Plan and asked the portion that would be completed in-house verses third-party resources. Mr. McBeath explained that many of the initiatives would require a third party and that the coordination and management of them would be a blend of City staff and third-party resources.

Council Member Crabill asked how Mr. McBeath would evaluate progress. Mr. McBeath stated that a series of surveys would be conducted annually to create a trend analysis.

Council Member Montney stressed the importance of modernization and ease of use for users. She listed a few examples, which included search-ability of the City's website and the need to simplify the voluminous amount of information available.

Council Member Boelen asked the intended timeline of the Plan and the total funding costs. Mr. McBeath explained he intended to have initiatives at the creator level by the 2nd year of implementation. He then explained that each initiative would have separate funding components and that a commitment to funding was not needed at this time.

Council Member Ward echoed the importance of ease of use for the City's website.

Council Member Mathy confirmed with Mr. McBeath that the departments were responsible for the content and organization of their portion of the website. He also encouraged training amongst staff that maintained the website.

Council Member Ward reinforced the need for a common standardized process.

Mr. McBeath stated that the City had a content manager that assisted staff in uniformity, but that it was each department's responsibility to act as the content editor.

Council Member Emig expressed interest in a survey or data analysis of how people connect to the City's website. Mr. McBeath explained that the City worked with Granicus, a third party, to understand how the website was being accessed.

Council Member Montney echoed statements of outdated data and search-ability.

Council Member Becker expressed interest in training residents on how to follow up on submitted requests.

Mayor Mwilambwe asked the number of staff in the IT Department. Mr. McBeath reported that while there are 13 staff members in the Department, there was only one other staff member, besides himself, who could complete website maintenance.

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, restated the motion.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason expressed appreciation for McLean County's Administration and willingness to work with City staff to share the Government Center Chambers. He then updated Council on COVID-19, noting that McLean County continued to be in the top 10 counties for vaccination rates. He noted that additional vaccination sites were to be added by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") and St. Mary's Catholic Church. He informed Council that Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, would provide a short presentation on the storm at the upcoming meeting. He then discussed the upcoming Multi-Agency Resource Center ("MARC") to be hosted at the Bloomington Junior High School and explained that special bulk waste pick-up would be conducted as a result of the recent storm. He reported that over 500 cases had been reported to PMA, the City's Insurance Administrator and concluded by highlighting various upcoming Downtown events.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe echoed thanks to County staff for their partnership with scheduling board and commission meetings. He also thanked IT staff for their work throughout COVID-19 and expressed appreciation for City staff for the 4th of July festivities and storm clean up. He reminded the community to remain vigilant against COVID-19.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Emig asked for insight on the timeline of PMA claims, whether claims still be submitted, and what types of resources would be available at the MARC program. City Manager Gleason stated that he did not have timeline from PMA and that claims could continue to be submitted. He noted that staff would promote a list of organizations involved in the MARC program.

Council Member Ward asked for additional details on the PMA initial contact. City Manager Gleason stated that PMA had reached out to residents to confirm receipt of submitted reports. Council Member Ward then expressed interest in both a short- and long-term discussion on solutions to the issues that had caused reports to be submitted. Mr. Gleason reported that a more in-depth conversation on effects of the storm would be had at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council Member Crabill asked for additional information on the MARC program. Mr. Gleason responded that it was just recently announced and that the City was partnering to market the event as it would provide many resources to those impacted. Council Member Crabill commented on a successful 2021 Pride Fest in light of the storm.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk