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City of Bloomington Illinois

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 6:00 p.m. 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

Recognition/Appointments

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation of the City of Bloomington Police Department Police Officer's Commission Certificate to Officers Jose Zavala, Jaime Tabeling, Dakota DeMoss, Tre' Jones, Weston Gresham, and John Gaffney upon Completion of the Probationary Period, as requested by the Police Department.

Police Chief, Jamal Simington, provided a brief background of each Police Officer and then recognized them for completing their probationary period.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Proclamation for EID-UL-ADHA Celebration Day, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation. Faisal Rashid and an Imam/Priest were present to accept the Proclamation.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Recognition of Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments, as requested by the Administration Department.

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk, recognized the following reappointments: (1) Michael Raikes, Building Board of Appeals; (2) Angela Chasensky, (3) Judy Neubrander, (4) Feli Sebastian, and (5) Karen Stipp to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission.

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Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment procedure statement. No emailed public comment was received. The following individuals spoke: (1) Anne Colloton; (2) Mike Matejka; (3) William Bennett; (4) Troy Zeleznik; (5) Jackie Beyer; (6) Gary Lambert; (7) Sarah Breeden; (8) Scott Stimeling; (9) Deborah Johnson; and (10) Surena Fish.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to extend Public Comment by three minutes.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

De Urban was the last to provide public comment.

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.

Mrs. Stutsman notified Council of a scrivener's error to the PIN number included in Item 7.I. noting the associated publications and notices were correct. She asked the Item be considered as amended.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and with the exception of 7.K.

<u>Item 7.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)</u>

<u>Item 7.B. Consideration and Action to Approve Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $10,252,637.11, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)</u>

<u>Item 7.C. Consideration and Action to Approve 1) the Purchase of a 2024 Elgin Broom Bear Street Sweeper from Key Equipment, in the Amount of $239,543, and 2) Authorization to Trade in the 2018 Elgin Broom Bear (R57), for a Credit of $100,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase and Trade-In be approved.)</u>

<u>Item 7.D. Consideration and Action to Approve the Purchase of Three 2024 Titan Leaf Pro Leaf Vacuums from Key Equipment, in the Amount of $190,152, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase and Trade-in be approved.)</u>

<u>Item 7.E. Consideration and Action to Approve 1) the Purchase of six 2024 Chevrolet Trax Compact Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) (to replace Units 54, 66, 52, CD2 and add two new to the fleet) from National Auto Fleet Group, in the Amount of $ 134,181.90 for Building Safety and Community Enhancement Divisions, and 2) the Purchase of one 2024 Chevrolet Trax Compact SUV from National Auto Fleet Group, in the Amount of $22,985.54 for the Parking Division for a total of $157,167.44, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchases be approved.)</u>

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Item 7.F. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements and Approve the Purchase of a 2023 New Ford Maverick Hybrid Pickup Truck from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales, in the Amount of $27,535, as requested by the Public Works Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 017
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVING THE TECHNICAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 NEW FORD MAVERICK HYBRID PICKUP TRUCK FROM BOB RIDINGS FLEET SALES, IN THE AMOUNT OF $27,535

Item 7.G. Consideration and Action to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Miller Park Zoological Society, as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department. (Recommended Motion: The Memorandum of Understanding to be approved.)

Item 7.H. Consideration and Action to Approve the Annual Regional Service Agreement with the McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) for Regional Planning Services for MCRPC's fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the Amount of $54,000, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

Item 7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contract with Dave Capodice Excavating, Inc. for the Demolition of the Building Located at 831 -833 W. Jackson St., PIN # 21-05-478-022, in the Amount of $99,900, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 7.J. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Recognizing the Contributions of the Bennett Family to the Bloomington Community with the Honorary Designation of the 1300 Block of West Taylor Street as Bennett Family Boulevard, as requested by the Public Works Department, and the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 018
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BENNETT FAMILY TO THE BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY WITH THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THE 1300 BLOCK OF WEST TAYLOR STREET AS BENNETT FAMILY BOULEVARD

Item 7.K. was pulled from Consent Agenda by Council Member Ward.

Item 7.L. 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 2603 Wellington Way, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 057
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CHICKEN-KEEPING IN THE R-1B (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE) DISTRICT, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2603 WELLINGTON WAY

Item 7.M. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Specialty Food Shop with a Drive-Through in the M-1 (Restricted Manufacturing) District, for Property Located at 1601 G.E. Road, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 058
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SPECIALTY FOOD SHOP WITH A DRIVE-THROUGH IN THE M-1 (RESTRICTED MANUFACTURING) DISTRICT, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1601 G.E. ROAD

Item 7.N. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit to allow Multiple-Family Dwellings in the B-1 (General Commercial) District, for Property Located at 1234-1236 E. Empire Street, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 059
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE B-1 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1234-1236 E. EMPIRE STREET

Item 7.O. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Single-Family Attached Dwellings in the B-1 (General Commercial) District, for Property Located at 1418 Woodbine Road, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 060
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED DWELLINGS IN THE B-1 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1418 WOODBINE ROAD

Item 7.P. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Renewing Approval of the Final Plat of the Sixteenth Addition to Hawthorne Commercial Subdivision, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 061
AN ORDINANCE RENEWING APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF THE SIXTEENTH ADDITION TO HAWTHORNE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION

Item 7.Q. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Empire Business Park Fourteenth Addition, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 062
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF EMPIRE BUSINESS PARK FOURTEENTH ADDITION

Item 7.R. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving the Partial Vacation of a No-Access Area along Keaton Place near the Intersection of G.E. Road, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 063
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PARTIAL VACATION OF A NO-ACCESS AREA ALONG KEATON PLACE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF G.E. ROAD

Item 7.S. Consideration and Action on 1) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024, and 2) an Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Agreement with J Spencer Construction, LLC, for the Government Center Boardroom Dais Construction (Bid #2024-03), in the Amount of $181,940, as requested by the Public Works

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Department, and the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinances be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 065
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 064
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH J SPENCER CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARDROOM DAIS CONSTRUCTION (BID #2024-03), IN THE AMOUNT OF $181,940

Item 7.T. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Approve Vehicle and Equipment Purchases Using an Expedited Process through April 30, 2024, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 066
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES USING AN EXPEDITED PROCESS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024

Item 7.U. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 of the City Code Regarding Amusement Tax, as requested by the Legal Department, and the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 067
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING THE AMUSEMENT TAX

Item 7.V. Consideration and Action on a Joint Ordinance Amending the Operating Structure of the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (Connect Transit), as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Joint Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 068
A JOINT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING STRUCTURE OF THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM (CONNECT TRANSIT)

Item 7.W. Consideration and Action on an Application from LKH II, Inc., d/b/a 1107 West Bar & Grill, located at 1107 W. Locust St., Requesting Approval of a Change of Ownership for their Class TAPS (Tavern, All Types of Alcohol, with Package and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The Application be approved.)

Item 7.X. Consideration and Action on an Application from Keg Grove Brewing Company, LLC, d/b/a Keg Grove Brewing Company, Requesting the Creation of a Class FM (Farmer's Market) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The Application be approved.)

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

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The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Ward:

Item 7.K. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and Hoerr Construction, Inc., for the Fiscal Year 2024 Sewer Rehabilitation and CCTV Inspection Program (Bid #2024-01), in the Amount of $2,016,828, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Ward asked City staff to provide additional background on how the Item addressed sewer issues.

Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, explained various types of sewer lines and the various repairs that were used to prolong the life of sewer lines.

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

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 056
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND HOERR CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE FY2024 SEWER REHABILITATION & CCTV INSPECTION PROGRAM (BID #2024-01), IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,016,828

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Establishing a Special Commission for Safe Communities, as requested by City Council.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, provided background on the Item sharing that it was a result of a Council Initiative submitted by Council Member Ward. He explained the Special Commission for Safe Communities would be a temporary Commission active for two years. He explained its purpose, outlined expectations, and pointed out that after two years Council could vote to extend its life or dissolve it.

Council Member Ward reiterated her support of the Item and stressed the importance of addressing gun violence in the community.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crumpler, to approve the Ordinance as presented.

Council Member Montney discussed similar Commissions created in Champaign and Peoria stating that they were not successful. She provided alternative deterrents to crime and further expressed not supporting the Item.

Council Member Becker stressed the importance of safety in the community and listed multiple community organizations, as well as Police and Fire Departments that work regularly to reduce violence. He stressed his focus on achieving the best possible outcomes in the most efficient ways and shared that he could not support the Item in its current state.

Council Member Boelen discussed her time on a local mental health board and then echoed the statements of Council Members Becker and Montney. She did not support the Item.

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Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Danenberger, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

NAYES: Boelen, Montney, Becker, Lee

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 069
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES

Finance Director's Report

Chris Tomerlin, Budget Manager, provided a timeline for future budget presentations and then discussed major tax revenues comparing year-to-date figures to projected budget figures. He presented General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, as well as Enterprise Funds noting the City was trending positively. He ended by sharing online budget resource locations.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed multiple upcoming events Downtown and then recognized new hires, internal promotions, and retirements.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe highlighted the Farmer's Market and complimented staff's work at the Market. He reported that he would be out of the country to participate in a celebration of life recognizing the one-year anniversary of his father's passing and thanked Council Member Boelen for acting as Mayor Pro Tem in his absence.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Boelen was excited to fill in for the Mayor at the 4th of July Holiday Spectacular. She thanked Deputy City Manager Jurgens for his significant work on the Connect Transit Intergovernmental Agreement, as well as Public Works for resurfacing Macarthur Ave.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

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 7:33 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Mboka Mwilambwe

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST

Amanda Stutsman

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk