

CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING
JUNE 16, 2025



COMPONENTS OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION

This portion of the meeting recognizes individuals, groups, or institutions publically, as well as those receiving a proclamation, or declaring a day or event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each regular City Council 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. Public comment is a time to give comment. It is not a question and answer period and the City Council does not respond to public comments. Speakers who engage in threatening or disorderly behavior will have their time ceased.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member, City Manager or Corporation Counsel so requests; in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the Regular Agenda, which typically begins with Item No. 8.

The City's Boards and Commissions hold Public Hearings prior to some Council agenda items appearing on the Council's Meeting Agenda. Persons who wish to address the Council should provide new information that is pertinent to the issue before them.

PUBLIC HEARING

Items that require receiving public testimony will be placed on the agenda and noticed as a Public Hearing. Individuals have an opportunity to provide public testimony on those items that impact the community and/or residence.

REGULAR AGENDA

All items that provide the Council an opportunity to receive a presentation, ask questions of City Staff, seek additional information, or deliberate prior to making a decision will be placed on the Regular Agenda.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor - Dan Brady

City Council Members

- Ward 1 - Jenna Kearns
- Ward 2 - Micheal Mosley
- Ward 3 - Sheila Montney
- Ward 4 - John Danenberger
- Ward 5 - Mike Straza
- Ward 6 - Cody Hendricks
- Ward 7 - Mollie Ward
- Ward 8 - Kent Lee
- Ward 9 - Abby Scott

- City Manager** - Jeff Jurgens
- Sr. Deputy City Manager** - Billy Tyus
- Deputy City Manager** - Sue McLaughlin

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 - REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA
GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARDROOM, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM #400
115 E. WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025, 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Attendance

3. Public Comment

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person or remotely may register at www.cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting for in-person public comment and at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting for remote public comment.

4. 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.

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2025, Special City Council 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 April 21, 2025, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

5. Regular Agenda

A. Presentation of a Housing Rehabilitation Program as Part of the City's Larger Neighborhood Revitalization Program, as requested by the Department of Community Impact & Enhancement. *(Recommended Motion: None; Presentation and Discussion only.) (Presentation by Cordaryl Patrick, Community Impact & Enhancement Director, 15 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 20 minutes.)*

B. Presentation of the Bloomington Fire Department's 2024 Annual Report, Staffing Progress, and Updates on Operational Improvements, as requested by the Fire Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; Presentation and Discussion only.) (Presentation by Cory Matheny, Fire Chief, 10 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 10 minutes.)*

C. Presentation of the Arts & Entertainment Fiscal Year 2025 Report, as requested by the Arts & Entertainment Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; Presentation and Discussion only.) (Presentation by Anthony Nelson, Arts & Entertainment Director, and Josh Maubach, Marketing Manager, 10 minutes; and City Council*

Discussion, 15 minutes.)

- 6. City Manager's Report**
- 7. Executive Session**
- 8. Adjournment**

Individuals with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who require reasonable accommodations to observe and/or participate, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 309-434-2468 mhurt@cityblm.org.



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.A.

FOR COUNCIL: June 16, 2025

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2025, Special City Council 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. The Open Meetings Act requires that minutes be approved 30 days after the meeting or at the second subsequent regular meeting whichever is later. The proposed Special Session minutes are being brought forward late due to an oversight in the City Clerk Department. This particular set of minutes didn't make it on the list of minutes maintained by the Department due to it being a non-standard, special meeting date. The issue was caught during the Department's quarterly audit of minutes. The missing minutes were immediately drafted and put on the next meeting for consideration. If approved, the Department will again be in full compliance of the Open Meetings Act regarding minutes. The City Clerk and the Department apologize for the oversight and appreciate the Council and public's understanding.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

[CLK 1B Minutes](#)



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council convened in special session in the Government Center Boardroom 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
Michael Mosley	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Absent
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

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. No emailed public comment was received. Levi Champion provided in-person public comment.

Consent Agenda

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

Item 6.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2025, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Council Member Crumpler noted a small change in the attendance of the roll call.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following Item was presented:

Item 7.A. Presentation and Discussion on Home Sweet Home Ministries Non-Congregate Shelter Proposal, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens provided a brief description of the Item and invited Matt Burgess, Home Sweet Home Ministries (“HSHM”) C.E.O, to present.

Mr. Burgess stressed that HSHM actively sought ways to address unsheltered homelessness and introduced Council to a non-congregate micro-community also known as a shelter village. He noted communities all over the country that utilized similar models and shared how they’d proved to be more effective than other aid efforts. He went on to explain that HSHM was proposing to develop a gated, fully staffed (24/7) non-congregate shelter village with on-site bathrooms in a central building, including 56 beds split between single- and double-occupancy private sleeping cabins. He highlighted that the cabins would be climate-controlled and stressed the safety and security features of the proposed village. Mr. Burgess discussed that the proposed development would be on land currently owned by Connect Transit at the corner of Oakland Ave. and Main St. He talked about the many reasons he believed the location was ideal including easy access to his nearby HSHM services. He discussed efforts to take ownership of or lease the proposed property and the intent to start development immediately. Mr. Burgess shared that HSHM and many of its supporters/partners in the community were eager to move forward.

Mayor Mwilambwe and Mr. Burgess discussed capital development costs being \$2.5 million, with \$1.34 million requested from McLean County through the Mental Health and Public Safety Fund. They then discussed the annual operational budget of \$700,000.

Council Member Ward and Mr. Burgess talked about how a small percentage of the existing unhoused would likely continue to refuse services. They, too, discussed potential barriers to the project, as well as potential opportunities for a second location, possibly in the Town of Normal. They ended briefly discussing how the City could best aid the development.

Council Member Crumpler and Mr. Burgess discussed successful sites in other communities and noted some challenges that could be expected.

Council Member Kearns asked if neighboring businesses had been contacted and if they’d had any feedback. Mr. Burgess explained HSHM’s outreach efforts and that they’d received positive feedback from both businesses and potential residents.

Council Member Mosley and Mr. Burgess discussed current HSHM staff, and additional staff needed for the new development, as well as training of staff. They then discussed proposed emergency services and security considerations for the development.

Council Member Danenberger asked for additional information on the double-occupancy units. Mr. Burgess explained the development would be adults-only, and that the double-occupancy units would be for couples. He noted HSHM hoped once the development was complete to then redevelop a current HSHM building to assist additional families with children.

Council Member Becker expressed concerns based on his research of Denver, Colorado’s non-congregate shelters. Mr. Burgess talked about how he believed Denver’s issues were attributed to security and a lack of staffing. He went on to explain how HSHM planned to learn from other communities to ensure success in the proposed project.

Council Member Hendricks applauded Mr. Burgess’ persistence and expressed support.

Mayor Mwilambwe and Mr. Burgess then discussed how HSHM would pursue local, state, and federal funding to cover the annual operational budget.

The following Item was presented:

Item 7.B. Presentation and Discussion of the Infrastructure Projects Dashboard, as requested by the Engineering Department and the Administration Department.

Jim Karch, Interim Director of Engineering, presented the new Infrastructure Projects Dashboard available to the public on the City's website. He noted the Dashboard showed capital projects that would be completed over the next five years and explained the purpose of the Dashboard was to empower residents to see ongoing or planned capital improvement projects. He noted a project search engine available that provided detailed project information including funding sources, budgets, and who to contact for additional questions. He demonstrated live a variety of features and explained how to use them. He shared that the Dashboard would be expanded with additional infrastructure projects from other departments in the future, as well.

City Manager Jurgens and Mr. Karch clarified that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) projects included in the Dashboard total budgets listed only included the City's earmarked funds, not the total project costs of other fund sources.

Mayor Mwilambwe and Mr. Karch discussed wording on the Dashboard.

Deputy City Manager Sue McLaughlin confirmed with Mr. Karch that approved and planned infrastructure projects were included in the Dashboard and that adjustments would be made as projects progressed or changed. Mr. Karch shared that the Dashboard's internal side would be used for project management.

Council Members Kearns and Ward made suggestions to make the splash screen easier to read for residents.

The following Item was presented:

Item 7.C. Presentation on the Status of and Next Steps for the Downtown Streetscape Project, as requested by the Administration Department.

Billy Tyus, Senior Deputy City Manager, announced that the construction plans for the Downtown Streetscape Project ("Project") were complete, and that the goal was for them to go out to bid later in the week. He explained that Phase 1 would address the 300-600 blocks of Main St. with a focus on pedestrian traffic and event spaces. He stressed how the Project was heavily focused on infrastructure and futureproofing. He then discussed the Phase 1 schedule and construction stages, as well as efforts to reduce Downtown business and resident impact.

Mayor Mwilambwe and Sr. Deputy City Manager Tyus discussed communication efforts.

Council Member Crumpler and Sr. Deputy City Manager Tyus discussed grant plans.

Council Member Ward thanked Sr. Deputy City Manager Tyus for the focus on infrastructure, noting 40 cents of every dollar paid for the project went towards infrastructure improvements.

The following Item was presented:

Item 7.D. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Waving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase from Calgon Carbon Corporation, for Powered Activated Carbon (PAC), in an Amount Not to Exceed \$556,800, as requested by the Water Department.

City Manager Jurgens thanked Water management staff for their continued work in addressing recent water challenges.

Ed Andrews, Water Director, explained the need for the Powered Activated Carbon ("PAC") water treatment and the manual-fed machine. He discussed ongoing water quality testing and how the previous PAC treatments had made a positive impact on water quality.

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

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 051

A RESOLUTION WAVING THE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE FROM CALGON CARBON CORPORATION, FOR POWERED ACTIVATED CARBON (PAC), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$556,800

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Jurgens discussed various events at the Arena and in Downtown over the weekend. He then recognized the work by Bloomington Firefighters' and their vigilance in extinguishing a fire at Interstate Batteries. He, too, recognized Public Works' crews and the Development Services Department.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe echoed appreciation to staff in the response to the fire and expressed appreciation to the Water Department for their continued hard work and regular updates on water quality. He noted receiving feedback from residents on the improved water taste and smell.

Council Members' Discussion

Council Member Ward suggested that the City's representative on McLean County's Behavioral Health Coordinating Council provide a regular report on Home Sweet Home Ministries' non-congregate shelter and for Council to provide feedback.

Executive Session

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to enter into Executive Session per Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120 to discuss the compensation of City Manager, Jeff Jurgens, and per Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120 to discuss collective bargaining.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:22 P.M.

Adjournment

Council returned to Open Session at 8:03 P.M.

Council Member Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mosley, to return to Open Session and adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Dan Brady, Mayor

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.B.

FOR COUNCIL: June 16, 2025

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2025, Regular 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

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COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

[CLK 2B Minutes](#)



**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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
Micheal Mosley	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present, Remote
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	Absent
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to allow Council Member Montney to attend remotely due to work reasons.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Council Member Montney joined the meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Public Comment

No in-person public comment, nor emailed public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

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

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2025, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: That the minutes be approved.)

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation and Discussion on Potential Housing Incentive and Initiatives, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens introduced the Item noting staff had worked on housing throughout the year and would propose a written policy to help attract new housing. He described the policy as a hybrid of standardized incentives for certain projects and developments. He noted that while this presentation focused on getting new developments started in the community, they would discuss neighborhood revitalization policies in the near future.

Billy Tyus, Senior Deputy City Manager, reminded Council of their approved list of priorities and that one focus included a standardized housing incentive. He emphasized that developers preferred to know potential incentives upfront, and how making them available would make the City more business friendly. He discussed how staff were encouraged to develop creative incentives around new projects based off Council's direction to prioritize affordable housing and the City not acting as the financier of projects. He explained that the proposed program aimed to give developers and builders stability while targeting the types of housing the community needed. Manager Tyus used the Downtown Lincoln Lofts project as an example. He then presented data showing significant growth in the employment opportunities in the area, and how disparity in housing pushed workers to live elsewhere. He ended by highlighting opportunities to potentially attract workers back to the community that are commuting and living elsewhere.

Mayor Mwilambwe confirmed with Manager Tyus next steps for approval of the program.

Council Member Kearns appreciated the work done on housing incentives, but expressed concern about the Lincoln Lofts project, noting that while it looked good on paper, residents had experienced frustrating issues. She hoped for mechanisms to ensure better quality housing in future developments.

Council Member Hendricks and Manager Tyus discussed changes to the housing incentive proposal since its January presentation and why it was not brought forward earlier.

Council Member Ward questioned the definition of single-family homes in the proposal, specifically the \$400,000 market value threshold. City Manager Jurgens clarified that the \$400,000 limit was not meant to define affordable housing, but rather to incentivize new subdivision development with the goal of helping people move up the housing ladder and potentially open up other housing opportunities.

Council Member Ward and Kelly Pfeifer, Development Services Director, discussed how projects within the program would be fast tracked to expedite the review process.

Council Member Crumpler and Manager Tyus discussed the 50-unit subdivision minimum for developments to qualify for the program.

Council Member Mosley asked about the infrastructure costs and long-term benefits of new subdivisions, particularly regarding tax exemptions. Manager Tyus explained that developers were typically responsible for building infrastructure, and after a five-year property tax freeze, the City would start capturing growth in property tax value. Council Member Mosley expressed concern with maintaining developer interest beyond the initial five-year incentive period, and noted the need to continually attract builders to the community.

Mayor Mwilambwe, Director Pfeifer, and City Manager Jurgens discussed the various ways the incentives would be marketed.

Council Member Montney asked about the connection of housing incentives to enterprise funds from an infrastructure standpoint. Manager Tyus showed a slide with recent fee collections for water, sewer, and storm infrastructure, and City Manager Jurgens offered to provide more detailed follow-up information from relevant departments.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Presentation of the Bloomington Police Department's 2024 Annual Report, as requested by the Police Department.

City Manager Jurgens praised the Bloomington Police Department ("BPD") and expressed appreciation for their work in serving the community and addressing crime issues.

Jamal Simington, Chief of Police, presented BPD's 2024 Annual Report, highlighting their achievements in public safety. He celebrated the 133 sworn staff, 38 non-sworn staff, and their Emergency Communication Center's excellence, which had handled 30,716 911 calls with an average dispatch time of 1 minute and 19 seconds. Chief noted a 10% increase in calls for service, a 25% increase in traffic stops, and a 16% increase in gun seizures over the prior year. He discussed BPD's accountability, noting 771,707 calls for service with only 27 complaints (0.04%) and 186 use of force incidents (0.27%). He stressed BPD's commitment to community engagement, professionalism, and training with 99.96% of calls handled without complaints and 93% of community survey respondents reporting positive interactions with officers. He highlighted BPD's diversity with more females, African Americans, Hispanics, and bilingual staff than ever before in its 174-year history. Chief emphasized technological advances including 21 public safety camera systems and 275 drone flights, which were used for officer safety and scene assessment. He presented crime statistics including a 1.5% overall crime increase, a decrease in person shots from nine to four, a 16% increase in gun seizures, and a 27% decrease in vehicle thefts. He concluded by recognizing various staff's accomplishments and awards.

Mayor Mwilambwe commended BPD's leadership particularly noting improvements in the community's perception since the George Floyd incident. He highlighted BPD's positive survey results as a testament to the Department's work and emphasized the importance of considering public safety resources as the City grows and develops.

Council Member Becker commended Chief Simington and BPD for the positive feedback he had received regarding BPD's community relationships.

Council Member Ward appreciated the heat map of incidents. She discussed the shots fired incidents with Chief Simington and how they were up 23% yet the number of persons shot had decreased. She then asked for additional information on the Minority and Police Partnership. Chief described the Partnership as an opportunity for community leaders from various groups to engage in open, frank discussions about law enforcement trends. He noted that the Partnership included representatives from organizations like the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Black Lives Matter, and various other ethnic groups, as well as law enforcement partners from local agencies like the McLean County Sheriff's Department and university police.

Council Member Montney asked a few questions of Chief Simington. He shared that BPD had solved eight robbery cases with three involving juveniles and five involving adults. He discussed organized crime groups targeting businesses, warehouses, and high-end vehicles, noting BPD worked with statewide intelligence centers and law enforcement partners to track

and address the mentioned criminal activities. They then discussed the homeless encampment near the Public Works' campus and Chief Simington's suggestions of security measures that could be put in place.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Presentation on the Public Safety & Community Relations Board (PSCRB) Annual Report, as requested by the Administration Department.

Rachel McFarland, Public Safety & Community Relations Chair, presented the 2024 Public Safety & Community Relations Board ("PSCRB") Annual Report highlighting monthly meetings with Police Department reports, review of complaints, and community engagement efforts. She noted that no complaints were received for review in 2024, and highlighted that the Board had held a special meeting to discuss the Sonia Massey murder. She shared that the Board had welcomed two new youth members, and ended by discussing the Board's role in promoting transparency and trust between the community and law enforcement.

Council Member Ward asked if the Board had noticed any trends in the complaints received by the Police Department. Chair McFarland stated that the Board had not noticed anything that would cause them to give a recommendation or suggestion at that time.

Mayor Mwilambwe and Council Member Ward briefly discussed an application for the vacancy on the Board.

City Manager's Report

Senior Deputy City Manager Tyus discussed the City's Lead Abatement Program and encouraged residents to apply.

City Manager Jurgens introduced Cordaryl Patrick, the new Community Impact & Enhancement Director. He expressed excitement about Director Patrick starting and highlighted that neighborhood revitalization was his top priority. City Manager Jurgens also announced the Newly Elected Officials' Swearing-In Ceremony would be held on May 1, 2025 at noon at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts (BCPA).

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Dan Brady, Mayor

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk



REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A.

FOR COUNCIL: June 16, 2025

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation of a Housing Rehabilitation Program as Part of the City's Larger Neighborhood Revitalization Program, as requested by the Department of Community Impact & Enhancement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Presentation and Discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 4b. Upgraded quality of older housing stock
Objective 4c. Preservation of property/home valuations
Objective 4e. Strong partnership with residents and neighborhood associations

BACKGROUND: Over the past year, the City of Bloomington has taken significant steps to address its housing shortage. On July 22, 2024, the City Council approved a resolution establishing key housing priorities, including the development of a comprehensive housing rehabilitation program with a specific focus on addressing vacant properties throughout the community. In response to that directive, this presentation by the City's Community Impact and Enhancement Department will overview a multi-faceted Housing Rehabilitation and Neighborhood Revitalization Program (Program).

The presentation will introduce a multi-part housing rehabilitation strategy aligned with Council priorities, propose a broader framework for neighborhood revitalization that extends beyond individual property improvements, and seek Council input prior to formal implementation. As part of the presentation, a draft of the fully developed Housing Rehabilitation and Neighborhood Revitalization Program document will be provided for Council review.

The Housing Rehabilitation and Neighborhood Revitalization Program is designed to advance Council-approved priorities by addressing vacant and blighted properties, returning underutilized housing units to the market, and supporting both owner-occupied and investor-led rehabilitation efforts. The program will provide targeted incentives, technical assistance, and streamlined permitting guidance to encourage investment and improve housing conditions throughout the community.

Beyond individual housing improvements, the program establishes a more proactive, neighborhood-based strategy for long-term sustainability and engagement. It includes initiatives such as neighborhood clean-up and safety efforts in partnership with residents and local organizations, increased visibility for code enforcement, and support for minor infrastructure repairs. The program also focuses on activating or reactivating neighborhood associations, offering community workshops, and providing micro-grants for block-level

improvement projects. These efforts will be coordinated across departments, to concentrate resources in designated focus areas and maximize impact.

This initiative directly aligns with Section 2(B) of the Council's Housing Priorities Resolution, which calls for a housing rehabilitation program to improve blighted areas, return housing units to productive use, and support development. It also reflects the spirit of Section 5 by proposing additional strategies to meet the city's evolving housing and neighborhood revitalization needs. It should be noted that this is separate from the City's ongoing discussion around missing middle housing and instead focuses specifically on the approximately 300 existing residential properties identified by staff as needing rehabilitation in order to be returned to the housing market.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Leslie Yocum, City Clerk



REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.

FOR COUNCIL: June 16, 2025

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Bloomington Fire Department's 2024 Annual Report, Staffing Progress, and Updates on Operational Improvements, as requested by the Fire Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Presentation and Discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:

Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner
Objective 4a. Residents feeling safe in their homes and neighborhoods

BACKGROUND: The Fire Department will present on the Bloomington Fire Department's 2024 Annual Report, staffing progress, and updates on operational improvements.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Cory Matheny, Fire Chief



REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.C.

FOR COUNCIL: June 16, 2025

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Arts & Entertainment Fiscal Year 2025 Report , as requested by the Arts & Entertainment Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Presentation and Discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:

Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
Goal 3. Grow the Local Economy

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Objective 1a. Budget with adequate resources to support defined services and level of services
Objective 3e. Strong working relationship among the City, businesses, economic development organizations

BACKGROUND: Staff will present a brief update on how Fiscal Year 2025 went for the Arts & Entertainment Department.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Per the A&E Department, an Economic Impact of between \$23,000,000 and \$37,000,000.

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

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