CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 §6, which was reissued and extended by Executive Order 2021-05. The Order, implemented in response to COVID-19, suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The City Council convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with the City Manager, Tim Gleason, and City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

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

COVID-19 Update by City Manager

City Manager Gleason updated Council on City operational changes made in response to recent rulings by the CDC (Center for Disease Control) highlighting that vaccinated residents or staff were no longer required to wear face masks in City buildings with the exception that masks were still required inside buildings at the Miller Park Zoo. He also discussed that City departments would move to 60% capacity limits for non-vaccinated staff working in-office and noted that the vaccination clinic located at Grossinger Motors Arena remained open.

Recognition/Appointments

No recognitions or appointments were made.

Public Comment

No 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 Becker, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Item 8.M.

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

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

AWAY: Carrillo

Motion carried.

Item 8.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2021 Special City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 8.B. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 8.C. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $10,435,839.35, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 8.D. Consideration and action to approve Appointments and Reappointment to the John M. Scott Commission, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Appointments and Reappointment be approved.)*

Item 8.E. Consideration and action to approve Updates to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission's By-Laws, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bylaw Revisions and Updates be approved.)*

Item 8.F. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of Neptune Water Meters and related accessories from Ferguson Enterprises, as a limited source, for the FY 2022 Water Meter Installation Program, in the amount not to exceed $1,000,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)*

Item 8.G. Consideration and action to approve the Annual Maintenance and Support Payment in the amount of $134,621.56 with Tyler Technologies, as a limited source, for the computer-aided dispatch solution used by the Police and Fire Departments, as requested by the Information Technology Department and the Police Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Payment be approved.)*

Item 8.H. Consideration and action to approve the 2021 Supportive Housing Program/Continuum of Care Grant Agreements (IL0283L5T122012, IL0289L5T122013, IL0288L5T122013), in the amount of $260,963 with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreements be approved.)*

Item 8.I. Consideration and action to approve a three-year Agreement for the Annual Maintenance and Support Payment in the amount of $69,237.50 with Active Network, for the Recreation, Registration and Payment Management Solution used by the Parks and Recreation Department, as requested by the Information Technology Department and the

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 8.J. Consideration and action to approve a three (3) year Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Normal, the County of McLean, the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the City of Bloomington regarding the Funding of a Soil Conservationist through the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District, in the amount of $70,000 for year one (1) of the agreement and $90,000 for years two (2) and three (3) of the agreement, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement be approved.)*

Item 8.K. Consideration and action on a Resolution to Approve Additional Expenditures for Veterinary Services and Amend the Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for Veterinary Services, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution and Amendment be approved.)*

Item 8.L. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding II Between the City of Bloomington and Illinois Wesleyan University to Support the Marketing and Redevelopment of the Properties in the 800 Block of North Main Street and Authorizing Execution of the Related Listing Agreement Extension, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.M. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy.

Item 8.N. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment from B-2, Local Commercial District, to M-2, General Manufacturing District, for the Property Located at 1300 W. Washington Street, 1.23 Acres More or Less, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.O. 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 1612 W. Locust Street, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.P. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment from B-1, General Commercial District, to M-1, Restricted Manufacturing District, for the Property Located at 2441 S. Main Street, 6.00 Acres More or Less, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.Q. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the City Code to Add Provisions on the City's Entertainment Facility Contracts and Agreements, as requested by the Legal Department and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.R. Consideration and action on the Request from Miller Park Zoological Society, whose event will be held at the Miller Park Zoo, located at 1020 S. Morris Avenue, on June 11 and 12, 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 Parks at the Zoo During the Event, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed License and Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.S. Consideration and action to approve a Lake Bloomington Lot Transfer and Supplemental Agreement for Lots 23 & 25 in Block 3 in Camp Kickapoo, from Joel K. and Constance R. Bankes, to the petitioner, Jeffrey J. and Susan E. Roloff, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Lot Transfer and Supplemental Agreement be approved.)*

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Item 8.M. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Lease Extension Agreement between the City of Bloomington and the United States Postal Service for the Postal Substation located at 400 N. Center Street in the Market Street Parking Garage, as requested by the Facilities Department.

City Manager Gleason noted that the item addressed a long-standing lease agreement with the USPS (United States Postal Service). He explained that the lease extension term was originally for 36 months, but that after the agenda had been posted staff recommended the lease term be shortened to 18 months. He reported that USPS was agreeable to the change and requested that Council approve the item with the amendment to the term length.

Council Member Emig made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that the amended 18-month term agreement and the amended 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

AWAY: Carrillo

Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for the 2021 Annual Action Plan, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. and then opened the floor for public comment. Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, confirmed that no individuals had registered to speak, nor had any emailed public comment been received.

Jennifer Toney, Grants Coordinator, presented the City's 2021 Annual Action Plan, as required by the City’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. She explained that the plan included a 30-day time period to allow for public input. She then went over the Consolidated Plan goals and noted that the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) would focus on homeless services, housing discrimination services, renter assistance, and senior services in 2021. She discussed high priority areas of focus for 2021 under the Public Facilities, Infrastructure Improvements, and Housing Improvements sections as accessibility improvements, affordable housing preservation, business support, demolition of blighted structures, homeowner housing rehabilitation, and sidewalk improvements. Mrs. Toney moved on to the grant selection process and a performance timeline for 2021. She broke down the program's revenues and their total funding amounts, highlighting various aspects of each segment.

Council Member Crabill asked for additional details on funding to serve homelessness.

Mrs. Toney responded that the Recycling Furniture for Families program provided furniture and housewares for homes. Council Member Crabill questioned the housing discrimination program and involvement of Prairie State Legal Services. He asked for additional details on the number of houses to be rehabilitated and Mrs. Toney responded accordingly.

Council Member Ward asked for further details on demolitions and how they compared to previous years. Mrs. Toney reported the number of demolitions was comparable. She noted that additional funding sources could be used for approximately 6 to 7 demolitions annually. Council Member Ward asked where the demolitions were located. Mrs. Toney responded that she would provide additional details to Council.

Council Member Emig asked for additional detail on the process of awarding CDBG funds. Mrs. Toney responded that staff used grant management software that allowed them the ability to track applications from submission to grant issuance. She noted that other City departments were encouraged to apply for grant funding as well.

Mayor Mwilambwe closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 10.A. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Rowe Construction - A Division of United Contractors Midwest, for the FY 2022 General Resurfacing Program, in the amount of $5,129,185.05, as requested by the Public Works Department.

City Manager Gleason explained that the item typically appeared on the Consent Agenda but, with so much community interest in road conditions, staff felt it was beneficial to provide a brief presentation on the Resurfacing Plan. He expressed appreciation for the funds that Council had dedicated to upgrading roads and then asked Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, to provide additional detail on progress.

Mr. Kothe presented a map of the Fiscal Year 2022 ("FY 22") Resurfacing Plan. He mentioned the map was available on bloomingtonstreets.com. He explained that last year, the City had focused on arterial roads, whereas this year they would focus on residential roads. He continued his presentation and noted that staff would continue to present regular updates of progress throughout the year.

Council Member Montney asked the total number of City streets that were rated at a 4 or below by street rating software. Mr. Kothe responded that he would collect that information and provide it to Council. Council Member Montney and Mr. Kothe discussed data regarding repairs needed. Council Member Montney asked additional questions on street traffic and Mr. Kothe responded accordingly.

Council Member Crabill, on behalf of his Ward 8 residents, thanked staff for their work on Hershey Road.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to extend the discussion by 10 minutes.

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

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Mathy stressed the importance of staff taking into consideration future plans when preparing for currently planned projects. He asked if staff could provide Council with a list of underground infrastructure that required future repair to better aid residents in understanding street repair selection processes. Mr. Kothe responded that staff would provide that information and make it available at bloomingtonstreets.com.

Council Member Ward asked the total amount of funds designated to the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. Mr. Kothe responded that it typically ranged from $50,000 to $60,000 for private participation with roughly $100,000 in total work completed. She stated that the vast majority of the funding was dedicated to commercial contracts and asked if a map of such work was available online. Mr. Kothe stated that staff did have a map online, but that it was not updated as frequently as the published street repair map. He explained that when streets were repaired, the City was required to also bring sidewalks up to Code at the same time. Council Member Ward expressed interest in a sidewalk repair map.

Council Member Becker discussed his opinion of the budgeted $7.2 million for City roads being insufficient. He asked Mr. Kothe for additional clarification on limiting factors such as time or resources. Mr. Kothe stated that time, resources, and funding are all contributing factors in addition to competing interests, such as the Town of Normal, etc. for local contractors. He noted a potential to increase the amount of street repairs. Council Member Becker expressed interest in additional data and background on street projects that required cutting into streets including reasoning for said projects.

Council Member Montney asked if Public Works tracked sidewalk injury reports. Mr. Kothe stated that injuries were not always reported but, when they were, staff used the reported area as a focus for repairs. Council Member Montney and Mr. Kothe then discussed opportunities for improvement.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, that the technical bidding requirements be waived, and the proposed Agreement be approved.

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.B. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Authorizing a Lease Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and the Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for the Lease Space at the Arena, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Gleason provided a brief history on the item and explained that the Bloomington Normal Area Convention and Visitors Bureau ("BN-CVB") was located at the Central Illinois Regional Airport. He believed that the BN-CVB would benefit greatly from relocating to the Grossinger Motors Arena and explained that the potential lease space had been previously occupied by the VenuWorks. He welcomed questions from Council.

Council Member Boelen asked for confirmation on the proposed lease space. Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, stated that the conference room would be shared. She then asked for additional details on the BN-CVB's availability to use suites. Mr. Tyus responded that the BN-CVB would have the ability to use unsold suites as a selling point. Mr. Tyus also confirmed that the BN-CVB lease would include retail space near the Arena's main entry.

Council Member Montney asked how the lease agreement would affect the future availability and marketability of the Arena. City Manager Gleason responded that both parties considered the long-term viability and explained that if the City chose to contract a managing company to operate the arena, there was additional space that could be converted into offices if needed.

Council Member Mathy expressed support for the item and believed it would be beneficial to the area.

Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, 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

AWAY: Carrillo

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.C. Consideration and potential action regarding Ordinance 2020-18, An Ordinance Declaring a Local Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Virus & Enacting Various Emergency Measures, as requested by the Legal Department.

No modifications were recommended.

City Manager Gleason referenced recent guidance issued by the CDC and State of Illinois. He discussed the Illinois' Bridge Phase of the Reopen Illinois Plan and mentioned that as a result, the City's Local Emergency Ordinance ("EO") would need to be repealed in the future. He explained that the EO was used to streamline processes and that staff were working on ways to maintain these processes, specifically for businesses post-COVID. He then discussed hybrid-style public meetings.

Finance Director's Report

City Manager Gleason provided a brief overview for the newly seated Council Members. He noted that while the City was negatively impacted by COVID-19, it continued to trend positively compared to other communities.

Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, addressed Council and reported that the City had received the first installment of the American Rescue Plan. He stated the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022 Adopted Budget would be available online by May 31, 2021. He presented the FY21 financial summary and explained that it included preliminary numbers as some tax revenues were delayed from the State of Illinois. He discussed the FY21 major tax revenues through April 30, 2021, highlighting key factors as well as the month to date variance compared to the FY21 budget. He then presented FY21 general fund revenue and expenditures by category and provided an update on the projected variance He concluded with an overview of FY21 enterprise funds by category.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed upcoming Downtown events and informed Council that the City had just completed Public Works Appreciation Week.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked City Manager Gleason and staff for their quick work navigating recent changes by the CDC and encouraged residents to become vaccinated. He noted that the City would not have a parade to celebrate Memorial Day but asked everyone to take time out of their weekend to honor those who died for our freedom.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Mathy reported that Council Member Carrillo had emailed staff and Council that she was experiencing internet and connectivity issues. She would be unable to remain in the meeting. He thanked Finance and Administration staff for their work during COVID-19 to provide Council with accurate data. He expressed interest in the ability to continue to use Zoom to attend meetings when traveling once Council returned to in-person meetings.

Council Member Crumpler asked what the process would be to return to in-person meetings. City Manager Gleason responded that Council was able to return to in-person meetings already, but that the decision to remain remote was Council's preference. He explained various ways staff could accommodate Council Members if they chose to attend in-person.

Council Member Crabill reminded the community of his upcoming virtual Town Hall and recognized the upcoming 1-year memorial of the death of George Floyd. He also recognized the recent on-duty death of a Champaign Police Officer and encouraged the community to work together. He concluded his statements with an overview of the events for Juneteenth.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was had.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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