SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017; 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer

4. Roll Call

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Jamie Mathy, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Karen Schmidt, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk; Brendan Heffner, Chief of Police; Brian Mohr, Fire Chief; Scott Sprouls, IS Director, Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; and other City staff were also present.

Staff Absent: David Hales, City Manager and Cherry L. Lawson; City Clerk.

5. Recognition / Appointments

A. Proclamation in Recognition of Lucy Sanchez.
B. Recognition of Cub Scout Pack 3905 Webelos (5th Graders from Pepper Ridge Elementary) on completing their Arrow Light Badge.
C. Appointment of Robert Bradley to the Citizens Beautification Committee.
D. Reappointment of Erica Larkin to the Citizens Beautification Committee.
E. Appointment of Ronald Crick to the Cultural District Commission.
F. Reappointment of Loreto Delgado III to the Cultural District Commission.
G. Reappointment of Thomas Whalen to the Fire and Police Commissioners.
H. Reappointment of Nicole Chlebek and Ryan Scritchlow to the Planning Commission.

I. Elizabeth Kooba be appointed to the Citizens Beautification Committee.

6. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No individuals provided comments during the meeting.

7. Consent Agenda

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion, and is provided in **BOLD**, and items that Council pull from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed with a notation **Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, that the Consent Agenda be approved, with the exception of Item Nos. 7H and 7J.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Black, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B: Consideration of Approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of $8,216,696.02.

The following was presented:

Item 7C: Consideration of Approving Appointment to Various Boards and Commissions.

The following was presented:

Item 7D: Consideration of entering into a four year agreement with Motorola Solutions Services to protect the City's first responder radio system, in the amount of $291,382.78.

The following was presented:

Item 7E: Consideration of approving an agreement with Tyler Technologies for various MUNIS modules and payment for software maintenance in the amount of $171,521.58.

The following was presented:

Item 7F: Consideration of approving a Resolution Waiving the Formal Bid Process to Purchase through limited source Ferguson Waterworks for Neptune Water Meters and related accessories for the Water Department FY 2018 Water Meter Installation Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 23

A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEPTUNE WATER METERS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FROM FERGUSON WATERWORKS FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT FY2018 WATER METER INSTALLATION PROGRAM PURCHASE PRICE NOT TO EXCEED $800,000

The following was presented:

Item 7G: Consideration of: a) Resolution approving a cost modification to the Agreement with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for Professional Engineering Design Services for Lutz Rd. Improvements: Morris Ave. to Luther Oaks, RFQ No. 2014 – 25; and

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER
IN THE AMOUNT OF $18,867.01 IN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND MAURER-STUTZ, INC

b) Approving an Ordinance Budget Amendment in the amount of $18,867.07.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2018

The following was presented:

Item 7H: Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a Petition from Core III, LLC, for a final plat for Airport Park 18th Addition Final Plat, located East of Ekstam Drive and south of Cornelius Drive.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 37

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF AIRPORT PARK
SUBDIVISION EIGHTEENTH ADDITION

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the Resolution authorizing a change order with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for Profession Engineering Design Services for Lutz Rd., improvements: Morris Ave. to Luther Oaks in the amount of $18,867.01; adopt an Ordinance amending the budget; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents, and the City Manager to take all actions, including execution of documents, necessary to authorize the work.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Painter, Black, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Recuse: Alderman Buragas.

Nays: Alderman Mwilambwe.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7I: Consideration of approving a petition for the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 1, Block N/A of Camp Eagle Point, from Nancy McCriskin Trust to Doris Jean Ward.

The following was presented:

Item 7J: Consideration of an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code to Allow Possession of Open Alcohol on Public Property in a portion of Downtown Bloomington during the WGLT Outdoor Concert on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 38

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE BLOOMINGTON CITY CODE TO ALLOW POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN A PORTION OF DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON DURING THE WGLT OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black that the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code to Allow Possession of Open Alcohol on Public Property in a portion of Downtown Bloomington during the WGLT Outdoor Concert on Saturday, June 11, 2017, be adopted.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Painter, Buragas, Black, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Recuse: Alderman Mwilambwe.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7K: Consideration of a request from Jody Brucker and Rachael Kerrick to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 10, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 39

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 701 OF CHAPTER 31 AND SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION ON JUNE 10, 2017 AT DAVIS LODGE

8. Public Hearing

Item 8A. Public hearing on the Annexation Agreement submitted by Vale Church for approximately 36.13 acres south of Ireland Grove Road, east of Brookstone Circle. (Presentation by Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director).

Mr. Dabareiner stated that there were several items that were being considered together. All the required notices were mailed out and the legal ads were published. The Planning Commission heard this case on April 26 and everything was in order there, too.

Mayor Renner asked what the vote was on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Dabareiner replied that it was 7-0. He stated that Vale Church has acquired this land. They have an average of about 400 people at two gatherings weekly. They are looking for a new facility that will allow them to serve their 1600 members. The annexation agreement establishes deadlines for the developer's obligation to do things like construct a sidewalk along the north side of the property. The recommendation is in favor of the annexation, the annexation agreement, the rezoning and the petition for the expedited final plat.

Alderman Mathy asked if there was any idea or plans what is going to happen with facility once they move.

Mr. Dabareiner stated that was not part of this proposal and he was unsure if they are selling it or not.

9. Regular Agenda

Item 9A. Consideration of adoption of an Ordinance approving an Annexation Agreement submitted by Vale Church for approximately 36.13 acres south of Ireland Grove Road, east of Brookstone Circle.

ORDINANCE 2017 – 40

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY SOUTH OF IRELAND GROVE ROAD AND EAST OF BROOKSTONE CIRCLE (APPROXIMATELY 36.13 ACRES) TO THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Hauman that the Ordinance be adopted approving an Annexation Agreement submitted by Vale Church for approximately 36.13 acres south of Ireland Grove Road, east of Brookstone Circle, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Black, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 9B: Consideration of adoption of an Ordinance approving the Annexation for approximately 36.13 acres south of Ireland Grove Road, east of Brookstone Circle and the rezoning of 35.16 acres, tract 1, from A, Agriculture to S-2 Public Lands and Institutions request submitted by Vale Church.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 -41

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION FOR THE PROPERTY SOUTH OF IRELAND GROVE ROAD AND EAST OF BROOKSTONE CIRCLE (APPROXIMATELY 36.13 ACRES) TO THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE REZONING OF 35.16 ACRES, TRACT 1, FROM A, AGRICULTURE TO S-2, PUBLIC LANDS AND INSTITUTIONS

Motion by Alderman Painter seconded by Alderman Hauman that the Ordinance be adopting the Annexation for approximately 36.13 acres south of Ireland Grove Road, east of Brookstone Circle and the Rezoning of 35.16 acres, tract 1, from A, Agriculture to S-2 Public Lands and Institutions be adopted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Hauman, Painter, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 9C: Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a Petition from Vale Community Church, for an expedited final plat for Vale Commons Subdivision Final Plat, located south of Ireland Grove Road and east of Hershey Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 42

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF VALE COMMONS SUBDIVISION

Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Hauman that the Ordinance be passed approving the expedited final plat for Vale Commons Subdivision and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents subject to the petitioner paying the required tap-on fees.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Black, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 9D: Consideration of approving an Ordinance Amending Chapters 2 and 29 of the Bloomington Municipal Code creating a Transportation Commission.

Mr. Jurgens reported some changes from the last time this was presented.

Alderman Sage asked for clarification on 301, number 4. He also stated another concern is to this point we have used a staff-driven approach to things that would come to Boards and Commissions, and there was comment made that the Cultural District may do some things differently. With something related to public safety, what is the rationale for the access point not coming through professional staff first as opposed to first coming to the Commission?

Mr. Jurgens stated, he thought the intention there is that before there is a policy decision on something like that, it will come first before the Commission and then go to the Council.

Alderman Buragas stated, if you look at the ordinance on the whole, the goal here is to create something similar to zoning or planning where it goes to staff first. There is an application or a process to get it on the agenda; and then it goes to that Commission along with the recommendation of staff. The goal is that this is reviewed by staff first, it is put together in a packet so that the Commission has the information they need from which to base a decision or a recommendation and then and only then is it presented to them.

Alderman Painter stated that in our budget we budgeted for a Traffic Engineer and wondered if there had been any progress in finding one.

Mr. Karch stated, it has gone out for bid. It has been on our City website. It has gone in the APWA, Black Engineers, and Women Engineers Associations really trying to get a broad-based, good pool to find some selection. That process is closed and we are looking to do some interviews.

Alderman Painter asked if this was a full-time position.

Mr. Karch replied that it is a full-time position that was budgeted in the current budget.

Alderman Hauman stated that roads are a public safety and she does not feel that ordinary citizens are adequately equipped to make these decisions. Section 301.1 – people on the Commission would have demonstrated interest, knowledge or experience in traffic management or transportation. She questions finding people that are qualified. We have qualified staff. We do hold public hearings about roads and speed limits when they come up. We have several master plans that impact our roads. She has had several people contact her and none have been positive about this particular commission.

Alderman Sage asked would staff review it prior to coming to the Traffic Commission.

Mayor Renner asked whether there was a Commission that staff does not prepare documents.

Mr. Karch stated that there was none that he was aware of. Some of our intention would be it should funnel through staff - similar to the Planning Commission - this should funnel through staff to provide that recommendation to the Transportation Commission and, in turn, that Advisory Board gives that to the Council. Their needs to be a mechanism and a process that citizens can do that.

Alderman Black asked if we need to rewrite the ordinance.

Alderman Buragas stated if it is not on the agenda, it cannot be considered by that body. There is no scenario under our current system and Open Meetings Act where someone could come to a meeting, say consider this now, and the Commission would be empowered to do that. It would always have to be set at some point in time on a future agenda given the opportunity for that staff overview.

Mayor Renner stated in the interactions that he has had, there have been a couple of people that once it was explained that you are not making engineering decisions, this is a move toward more open government and more participation, it is more clearly understood.

Alderman Schmidt asked whether we had process language in any of our other ordinances for Boards and Commissions that may be could be inserted in this to help clarify and shape it.

Mr. Jurgens stated that it could be looked into.

Mr. Karch stated that this could be tabled until June 12th and take action on it on that night.

Alderman Buragas stated that if we are going to be making a significant change, we should be comfortable with the language. It would be best at this point in time to work on the language a little bit more.

Alderman Mwilambwe asked how the staff was going to be able to handle this. Is that going to require more staffing for you or are there things that we will not be able to do because of this?

Mr. Karch thanked the Council for doing what the staff has asked. The Traffic Engineer that you approved as part of this budget will be the critical point person for this Commission, and so we are hopeful that will give us the resources to be able to accomplish this. By filling the traffic engineer roll that is budgeted, we are going to be okay whenever we get that completed.

Alderman Black stated that if we are going back to make some changes, he suggested that 304C be changed from using the word complaints to concerns.

Alderman Sage asked Mr. Jurgens if he could outline specifically what he had heard from the Council to make changes to.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 –

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2 AND 29 OF THE CITY CODE TO CREATE A TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Motion by Alderman Buragas, seconded by Alderman Black that the Ordinance Amending Chapters 2 and 29 of the City Code, creating a Transportation Commission be laid over to the June 12, 2017 City Council Meeting.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Hauman, Black, Schmidt and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 9E: Consideration of a Resolution to approve the City of Bloomington's submission to the McLean County Regional Planning Commission for the Fiscal Year 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for the Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 24

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON'S SUBMISSION TO THE MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL URBANIZED AREA

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Bray that the Resolution to approve the City of Bloomington's submission to the McLean County Regional Planning Commission for the Fiscal Year 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for the Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area be adopted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Mr. Karch stated he would be talking about the Transportation Improvement Plan. This is putting out there what the Council has approved in next year's budget of what we are looking to do from a capital perspective. The TIP includes not just Bloomington but also Normal Transit, IDOT, so it includes a lot of other different communities. This is not mandatory for you to do. We are trying to bring this before you just to make sure you have seen this as part of the process.

Alderman Mwilambwe stated in 2021 there is a project cost of $55,000 and asked if that was for a study – traffic signal installation. In 2022, it goes up to $500,000.

Mr. Karch replied that in 2021, the $55,000 is for more of the design for us to be able to move that project forward. In 2022, that project for Bloomington is out there for $500,000 for traffic signal installation. This has not been approved by the Council, but these are in the out years and this is what is currently in some of the capital improvement plan that is yet to be brought before the Council.

Alderman Buragas asked how it is determined which projects are pulled out and listed separately and which ones are not. Our own capital improvement plan, which is in the draft form, had a lot more detail.

Mr. Karch stated that the TIP is very simplistic process. It does not go into what is called the illustrative projects or in other words, they are unfunded. Our CIP has a whole lot of projects in it and it has a lot of detail because it includes a lot of projects that we do not have the money for.

Alderman Mathy stated that when he was on Council four years ago, he remembered the number that we were using for traffic signals was $250,000 and not it appears the number has become $500,000 to put in a traffic signal. He asked Mr. Karch could shed some light on where the budget process is that they have become twice as expensive as they were.

Mr. Karch replied that traffic signals vary as far as what is existing, are you adding other infrastructure. We do not know. The $500,000 is just a best guess kind of a placeholder until we get more of the better engineering costs nailed down.

Alderman Schmidt stated that in 2018, there is an item for intersection improvement at Towanda Barnes and Ireland Grove. Is that the same improvement that the County Board had a conversation about?

Mr. Karch stated that it was the same item that is currently in the approved budget. It will come back as any budget item does for your approval, but it is not looking to be done during this current construction season. It would be looking to be done under the next year's construction season.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Hauman, Black, Schmidt and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

10. City Manager's Discussion

There was no City Manager's discussion.

11. Mayor's Discussion

There was no Mayor's discussion.

12. City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderman Schmidt took note of the passing of Jim Brown.

Alderman Black reminded everyone of the "Taste of the West" which will be held on June 2nd.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	ATTEST
Tari Renner, Mayor	Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk