CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2022. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present	
Grant Walch	Council Member, Ward 1	Present	6:13 p.m.
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present	
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present	
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 4	Present	
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present	
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Present	
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present	
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present	

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a statement of procedure for public comment. No emailed public comment was received. Scott Stimeling and Surena Fish spoke in-person.

Ward 1 Appointment

A. Consideration and action to approve the Appointment of Grant Walch to serve as the Council Member for Ward 1, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe provided an overview of the selection process, and spoke of the qualities and attributes of Grant Walch that led the Mayor to recommend him for Ward 1 Council Member, filling the previous seat of Jamie Mathy. He noted that Mr. Walch was a longtime Bloomington resident who had been involved in developing Ward 1. He stated that Mr. Walch was excited about the City's development and believed that he would make informed decisions through listening to diverse points of view.

Council Member Crumpler thanked those who submitted names of individuals for replacement suggestions. He believed that Mr. Walch had a genuine interest in improving the quality of life for the community and thought that his strong technological background, would be an asset to the Council. He supported the recommendation.

Council Members Crabill and Emig did not believe that Mr. Walch aligned with Mr. Mathy's positions and because of that, not with what the people of the Ward would want. They each commended Mr. Walch for his interest, but did not support the recommendation.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Urban, that the proposed Appointment be approved.

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

AYES: Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crumpler

NAYS: Emig, Crabill

Motion carried.

B. Oath of Office - Ward 1 Appointee

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, performed the Oath of Office for Grant Walch.

Council Member Walch joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Recognition/Appointments

A. Presentation of the City of Bloomington Police Department Police Officer's Commission Certificate to Officers Matthew Summers and Kerri Johnson upon their completion of the probationary period.

Police Chief Jamal Simington presented Officer Commissions for Kerri Johnson and Matthew Summers. He provided a brief background on each officer and acknowledged their many accomplishments, as well as completion of their 18-month probation period.

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked Officers Johnson and Summers for their service.

B. Proclamation for Reverend Dr. Brigitte Black

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation for the late Reverend Dr. Brigitte Black, which recognized her profound work in the community and as a superior advocate of equal human rights for all.

Gregory and Jeffery Black, Reverend Dr. Brigitte Black's brothers, were present to accept the Proclamation on behalf of their family.

C. Proclamation for National EMS Week

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation for National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week from May 15-21, 2022. The Proclamation recognized the value and accomplishments of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers.

Tony Salvator, EMS Supervisor, accepted the Proclamation. He thanked Council and the community for their continued support in the Fire Department. Also present for acceptance were Fire Chief, Eric West; Nick Shaver, EMS Supervisor; Chris Dunning, Paramedic/Firefighter; and Corey Matheny, Deputy Chief of Administration/EMS.

D. Proclamation for Building Safety Month

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation for Building Safety Month for May of 2022, which recognized building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry.

Economic & Community Development (ECD) Director, Melissa Hon, accepted the Proclamation. She recognized Chris McAllister, Building Official, and the Building Safety

Division of ECD for completing over 4,500 inspections in 2021 and 1,557 building and safety inspections in 2022 as of April 30, 2022.

E. Recognition of Boards & Commissions Appointments and Reappointments

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, recognized the following Board and Commission appointments and reappointments: (1) Joya Davis, Citizen Beautification Committee; (2) Ron Frasier, Citizen Beautification Committee; (3) Kim Miller, Historic Preservation Commission; (4) Vivian Doctora, Human Relations Commission; (5) Alicia Henry, Board of Library Trustees; (6) Van Miller, Board of Library Trustees; (7) Julian Westerhout, Board of Library Trustees; (8) Arthur Taylor, Public Safety & Community Relations Board; and (9) Jeff Woodard, Public Safety & Community Relations Board.

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 Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented.

Item 8.A. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $7,177,026.98, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 8.B. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with George Gildner, Inc., for the FY23 Utility Maintenance Project (Bid #2022-32), in the amount of $2,036,500, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 8.C. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with George Gildner, Inc., for the FY23 Street, Alley, and Sidewalk Maintenance Project (Bid #2022-34), in the amount of $173,780, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 8.D. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with Bodine Electric of Decatur for the FY23 Traffic Signal Maintenance Project (Bid #2022-33), in the amount of $147,500, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 8.E. Consideration and action to approve Funding for the FY23 Stabilization Installation Work for the Lake Bloomington Shoreline Stabilization Project through the Watershed Conservation Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington, McLean County, the Town of Normal, and the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District, in the amount of $299,309, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Funding be approved.)*

Item 8.F. Consideration and action on a Resolution Designating Select Firms, through the FY22 Multi-Year Professional Architectural and Engineering Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ #2022-25), that are the Most Qualified to Perform General Architectural and Engineering Services for a Three-year Period, with the Option to Requalify the Firms for Two Additional, One-year Periods, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Facilities Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.G. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving Acceptance of a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single-Family Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $378,000, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.H. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving Acceptance of a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single-Family Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $444,000, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.I. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Bloomington City Code Regarding Holdover Officers, as requested by the Legal Department and the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.J. Consideration and action 1) on a Resolution Authorizing the City of Bloomington to Submit a Zoning Permit Application to the McLean County Building and Zoning Department to Rezone Land Owned by the City of Bloomington that Houses the Water Treatment Plant, Lake Parks Maintenance Facility, Davis Lodge, and Land Leased to TTK, LLC, d/b/a Mucky Duck Marina, from R-1 Single Family Residence District to Agriculture District, and 2) to approve the updated Lake Bloomington Maintenance Facility Project Management Plan, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution and Project Management Plan be approved.)*

Item 8.K. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Shirk Commercial - PCSL Subdivision, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.L. Consideration and action to approve the Request from The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a Illinois Shakespeare Festival, whose events will be held on various dates between June 3-August 6, 2022, at the Ewing Cultural Center, located at 48 Sunset Rd., for two Class LB (Limited/Beer and Wine) Liquor Licenses, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Licenses be approved.)*

Item 8.M. Consideration and action to approve a Change of Ownership for Lupita's Hispanic and American Grocery, Inc., d/b/a Lupita's Hispanic and American Grocery, located at 1512 W. Market St., Unit 200, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Change of Ownership be approved.)*

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

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

Motion carried.

Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on the 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Economic & Community Development Director, Melissa Hon, addressed Council to introduce Michael Sinnet, Community Enhancement Division Manager.

Mr. Sinnet stated that 2022 was the 48th year the City would administer the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program. He stated that funding was allocated from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to meet national objectives related to community development. He explained that each year an Annual Action Plan (AAP) was created to determine what annual projects would be chosen to align with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan goals.

Mr. Sinnet discussed the projects of each goal and the total costs of each type of project as follows: (1) Goal: Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing Stock ($388,000) comprised of Housing Rehabilitation projects = $305,000, fund matching for Lead Hazard Control Grant = $50,000, and Rehabilitation Service Delivery = $33,000; (2) Goal: Elimination of Slum and Blight Conditions ($41,000) to be comprised of Residential Housing Demolition for Housing = $35,000 and Demolition Service Delivery = $6,000; (3) Goal: Support the Provision of Public Service Activities ($82,500) to be comprised of funding for PATH's Homeless Services = $20,000 and PATH's Emergency Services = $15,000, contributions to the Recycling Furniture for Families = $5,000, West Bloomington Revitalization Project's Project Leader position = $21,000, OSF's Peace Meals program = $5,000, KTB Financial Services = $16,500; (4) Goal: Provide Quality Services and Facilities ($258,064) to be comprised of Sidewalk Improvements = $184,000, MCCA for ADA Compliance Improvements throughout the City = $30,000, and Bloomington Housing Authority Security Camera for the Irvin Apartments = $44,064; and (5) Goal: Administer CDBG Effectively and Proficiently ($91,300) to be comprised of funding to the Fair Housing Program with Prairie State Legal Services = $15,000, Section 3 Training with the Bloomington Housing Authority = $10,000, McLean County Regional Planning Commission's Housing Planning = $36,000, and General CDBG Administration costs = $30,300. Mr. Sinnet explained the estimated annual allocation was $551,280 with an income from the Housing Rehabilitation Loan program of $30,100 and a total carry over funding from previous program years of $279,484, giving a total of $860,864 in available funding for the 2022 program year. He provided avenues of how the public could provide input and discussed the next steps to approve the 2022 CDBG AAP.

Mayor Mwilambwe opened the floor for public comment. None was received.

Council Member Crabill asked how the City could share the AAP so that the public could provide feedback. Mr. Sinnet explained that a copy was available at the Bloomington Public Library and on the City's website. Council Member Crabill stated that Section 3 was training to provide employment opportunities to individuals who received HUD assistance, and then discussed the process on the payment of funds between CDBG and Illinois Department Housing Authority ("IDHA"). Mr. Sinnet clarified that CDBG programs were separate from IDHA and that all individuals assisted through IDHA's single-family housing program had to be income qualified to receive aid. He confirmed that IDHA funds had to be allocated by December 31, 2022 and was confident that the City could meet that deadline.

Council Member Crabill asked if the CDBG funds could be used to help renters in addition to homeowners. Mr. Sinnet stated that renters could qualify for some programs. Council Member Crabill asked if CDBG funds could be used for sidewalks. Mr. Sinnet confirmed that some infrastructure could be covered. Council Member Crabill asked if CDBG funds could be used as an incentive for developers. Mr. Sinnet did not believe CDBG funds could be used in that way, but stated that he could research it.

Mayor Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

B. Public Hearing on a Proposed Annexation Agreement with Sale Barn Properties LLC for Land Located North of West Hamilton Road and West of South Main Street, in McLean County, Illinois, Consisting of 46 Acres More or Less, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, explained that after the public hearing, the Council had three action items on the Regular Agenda pertaining to the subject property.

Kimberly Smith, Assistant Director of the Economic & Community Development Department, addressed Council. She stated that Consent Agenda Item 8.K. was a final plat related to the Sale Barn Property that reduced a 55-acre parcel to about 46 acres. She reminded Council of approval procedure.

After being sworn in, Jeremy Kelly, Secretary for the Executive Board for Prairie City Soccer League ("PCSL"), addressed Council. He stated that PCSL was a 501(c)(3) Not-For-Profit Corporation in Bloomington/Normal. He explained that PCSL was established in 1978 to provide programming for players at a recreational, travel, elite, and special needs level serving around 2,000 individuals aged 4-19. He stressed the importance of the project being considered in that PCSL's final extension at Central Illinois Regional Airport's ("CIRA") Community Fields was ending in December of 2022. He expressed excitement for the opportunity to secure a 20-year lease with the option to buy the property and went on to explain 8 fields were planned for club training, games, and small tournaments. He explained that two turf and two grass fields would be lit, plus four training fields, and stressed they couldn't host large events. He described project funding as donations, fundraising, loans, and private funds and went on to talk about how PCSL had worked with neighbors to ensure a positive impact to all. Mr. Kelly noted plans to add bathrooms and a concession area in a later phase. He ended by discussing accessibility to the property and the potential for attracting visiting families to Bloomington. He was open to alternative uses for the fields such as lacrosse or ISHA tournaments, schedule permitting.

Mayor Mwilambwe opened the floor for public comment. None was received.

Council Member Emig asked for additional detail on their current lease. Mr. Kelly stated that CIRA, as landlord, had been reluctant to grant their last five-year extension, but because PCSL was not prepared to relocate, had agreed. He stated that CIRA had emphasized the lease could not be further extended. She then asked if PCSL would add sidewalks or asphalt to the development. Mr. Kelly responded that both would be added, but they would not be public. Council Member Emig suggested that PCSL research using pervious material and noted it had also been mentioned at the Planning Commission meeting.

Council Member Boelen expressed her support. She asked if the entire property would be fenced. Mr. Kelly stated that the turf fields would have four-foot surrounds, nets to catch balls, and a gate at the entry to restrict access afterhours. She expressed concern with safety and stray balls near a busy street. Mr. Kelly responded that PCSL had specifically designed the property to reduce those risks and stated they planned to plant trees and add other topography to also reduce wind and sound. Council Member Boelen noted traffic concerns brought up at the Planning Commission, about having one entrance. Mr. Kelly discussed a second entrance off Main St., as well as traffic engineering research done to reduce traffic.

Council Member Walch expressed support. He was concerned with whether the previous building had been connected to City infrastructure and asked if the septic tank and/or field had been removed or investigated. Mr. Kelly stated that the Planning Division had advised them to connect to a newer existing sewer line. He stated they would not use the area near where the previous Sale Barn was located.

Mayor Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 10.A. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving An Annexation Agreement with Sale Barn Properties LLC for Land Located North of West Hamilton Road and West of South Main Street, in McLean County, Illinois, Consisting of 46 Acres More or Less, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

City Manager Gleason provided a brief overview of the Item and noted opportunities for the community with the approval of this and the following items. City Manager Gleason asked Kimberly Smith, Assistant Director of the Economic & Community Development Department, to explain the first three items on the agenda to allow Council an opportunity to ask all of their questions with votes to immediately follow.

Mrs. Smith addressed Council and explained that Item 10.A. was the Resolution that approved the Agreement discussed in Public Hearing B., which included obligations to develop as proposed. She then explained that Item 10.B. was the Petition for Annexation, which included two Ordinances to bring the property into City limits while also changing the zoning classification to B-1 Commercial. She informed Council that Item 10.C. was the Legislative Site Review.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, that the proposed Resolution be approved.

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.B. Consideration and action on 1) an Ordinance Approving the Annexation of Land Located North of West Hamilton Road and West of South Main Street in McLean County, Illinois, Consisting of 46 Acres More or Less (a/k/a Shirk Commercial-PCSL Subdivision) to the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, and 2) an Ordinance Providing for a Zoning Map Amendment for Annexed Property Located North of West Hamilton Road and West of South Main Street, Consisting of 46 Acres More or Less (a/k/a Shirk Commercial-PCSL Subdivision) to B-1 (General Commercial) District Zoning, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

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

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.C. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Site Plan and Variance for a Sports and Fitness Establishment in the B-1 (General Commercial) District, for Property Located North of West Hamilton Road and West of South Main Street in McLean County, Illinois, Consisting of 46 Acres, More or Less (a/k/a Shirk Commercial-PCSL Subdivision), as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Council Member Boelen 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: Walch, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.D. Consideration and action on a Resolution Establishing the Streets to be Resurfaced in Fiscal Year 2023, Additional Streets that Could be Resurfaced in Fiscal Year 2023 Using American Rescue Plan Act Funds, and the Streets to be Resurfaced in Fiscal Year 2024, Authorization to Waive the Technical Bidding Requirements, and Authorization for City Staff to Negotiate a Contract with Rowe Construction, a Division of United Contractors Midwest, for the FY 2023 General Street Resurfacing Program, as requested by the Public Works Department.

City Manager Gleason reminded the community of the website specifically dedicated to street resurfacing. He noted that staff strived to improve streets in each Ward. He stated that Council had expressed wanting more streets resurfaced and that American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds in the amount of $9 million would be used to complete additional street resurfacing.

Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, addressed Council and presented the preliminary plan of street completion for the next three years. He went on to discuss how the City used the 10-point PHASER scale along with a multitude of traffic factors to assess road conditions. He explained that staff sought efficiencies such as grouping streets in the same neighborhood in the same timeline. He compared standard bidding to the waive bid process and that stated staff sought to waive formal bidding since historically, only one bidder had submitted for the type of projects, and it would result in an expedited timeline and savings.

Council Member Becker expressed concerns with inflation costs and asked if the additional funds would actually result in additional streets being completed. Craig Shonkwiler, City Engineer, responded that City staff were at the maximum capacity level they could handle in-house, and that staff and supply issues could result. He believed that, if approved, the additional funding over the next few years would allow for the systematic change needed for the City to catch up. Council Member Becker stated he would like to receive a report on the amount of funding needed to complete the additional streets verses the number of streets in the allotted budget.

Council Member Montney asked the unit of measure used to measure street output. Mr. Shonkwiler stated that last year, the City completed 15 lane miles with 15.2 lane miles planned this year and an additional 4.9 lane miles funded by ARPA. Council Member Montney and Mr. Kothe then discussed the 15-mile annual average since moving to the $5 million program budget. She asked that staff begin to track cost per mile and also expressed concerns about inflation. Council Member Montney and Mr. Shonkwiler discussed various efficiency benchmarks and reporting. She stated that she agreed with Council Member Becker in that funding would not be sufficient.

Council Member Crabill noted the City had 800 lane miles of streets and only resurfaced 15 lane miles a year. He and Mr. Shonkwiler discussed the effects on the Resurfacing Plan when streets were not completed when originally planned. Council Member Crabill asked how Council could inform residents which roads were the State’s responsibility. Mr. Kothe recommended directing residents to the State's Multi-Year plan. Council Member Crabill believed ARPA funds were best used for housing and that additional resurfacing should be funded from the General Fund.

Council Member Boelen reiterated the City only being able to complete 15 of 800 lane miles annually. She expressed her desire to increase funding for street resurfacing.

Council Member Ward asked that links to the State’s plans regarding state roads be added to the City’s website.

Council Member Urban stressed 15 of 800 lanes miles being addressed annually not being enough when the majority of constituents were concerned about streets. She was concerned with locking the City into a single vendor contract with Rowe Construction.

Mr. Kothe explained multiple factors that affected the small vendor pool.

Mr. Shonkwiler added that staff hoped McLean County Asphalt would bid on the second, smaller contract, which would increase lane miles addressed.

Council Member Crumpler asked if additional City staff would aid in completing more projects. Mr. Shonkwiler explained how varying project sizes from year to year impacted contractors’ ability to maintain steady workforces. He stated the best way to increase lane miles addressed each year would be to steadily increase and maintain that level of projects. He stated that additional City staff would be needed to monitor any increase in projects.

Council Member Emig asked if the fair street PHASER rating was sufficient and if staff foresaw additional funding opportunities in the future. Mr. Shonkwiler discussed the balance of resurfacing streets verses focusing funding solely on poor streets.

Mayor Mwilambwe asked about emerging technologies that could aid in the longevity of streets. Mr. Kothe stated that over the past 10-12 years, the City had moved to using a new material for paving, and that staff continued to monitor and seek new technologies. Mr. Shonkwiler briefly explained the City’s current technology, while also stressing how weather impacted streets.

Council Member Montney and Mr. Shonkwiler discussed ratings that qualified for resurfacing verses that of preservation. Council Member Montney reiterated the need for a different unit of measure and asked for a multi-year plan to bridge the gap.

Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, to extend the Council discussion time by five minutes.

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

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Walch and Mr. Shonkwiler discussed potential for contacting companies that could resurface to showcase or test their experimental material. Council Member Walch and Mr. Kothe then discussed staff processes for assessing underground infrastructure before streets are resurfaced in order to increase efficiencies. Council Member Walch stressed educating the community on State road projects and how they could provide input. Mr. Kothe reiterated his comments regarding the State's multi-year plan.

Council Member Crabill suggested Council contact State representatives.

Council Member Urban made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that the proposed Resolution be approved.

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 10.E. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending the City Code to Create the Arts and Entertainment Department to Include the Position of Director, and Renaming the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department to Parks and Recreation Department, as requested by the Administration Department.</u>

City Manager Gleason explained that Administration saw the creation of an Arts & Entertainment Director position as an opportunity to hire versus outsource an individual to oversee, guide, and plan entertainment at the Arena and BCPA (Bloomington Center for Performing Arts). He also saw it as an opportunity to restructure the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts ("PRCA") Department to the Parks & Recreation Department allowing it to better focus on parks and recreation and moving cultural arts to the new Arts & Entertainment Department.

Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, added that some efficiencies had been identified in the proposed changes such as staff sharing across both entertainment venues resulting cost savings.

Council Member Emig made a motion, seconded by Council Member Urban, that the proposed Ordinance be approved.

Council Member Crumpler believed the restructure was a smart decision. He asked if the starting salary was comparable to cities of similar size. City Manager Gleason stated that staff had reviewed salaries of comparable positions externally in the public and private sector, and noted compensation was in line with both, as well as City director level salaries.

Council Member Walch asked for additional details on staff structure, as well as the proposed budget for the new department. He also asked if that budget was part of the recently approved fiscal year budget. Deputy City Manager Tyus explained that outsourcing facility management had come at a cost to the City in the past and that some staff from the current PRCA Department would move under the new department. He noted for those reasons, some of the costs were included in the prior approved budget, but that others would not be, and that additional Council approval may be needed for additional staffing.

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.F. Presentation of the Bloomington Police Department's 2021 Annual Report, as requested by the Police Department.

City Manager Gleason stated that Police Chief Jamal Simington, would present the first of two annual public safety reports and that soon Fire Chief Eric West, would present the Fire Department's reports.

Chief Simington stated that the statistics included in his report were community statistics provided by Bloomington Police Department's ("BPD") Criminal Analysis Unit Lead, Jack McQueen. He stressed that the success in overall crime reduction was a shared win of both BPD's and the community's and that areas of increase in crime were of shared concern. He stated that the number one goal of the BPD was to reduce crime and the fear of crime. He noted that, effective January 1, 2021, the National Incident Based Reporting System ("NIBRS") had been replaced in an effort to collect better crime data and explained the benefits of the new program.

Chief Simington compared 2020 crime statistics to that of 2021, highlighting increases such as fraud offenses and decreases such as burglary and breaking and entering, as well as counterfeiting and forgery. He went into detail discussing the impact of fraud in 2021 and how it directly correlated to state and federal COVID-19 financial relief. He discussed the four recorded homicides in 2021, and highlighted that three arrests had been made with only one investigation still open. He updated Council on five year-to-date homicides and expressed difficulties with homicide cases. He assured Council BPD would continue to leverage technology to continue pursuing those responsible. Gun violence was large topic covered. He discussed commonalities in the 31 shootings and described collaborations with Normal Police Department to get guns off the streets. He talked about the 5.5% increase in domestic violence, pointing out that it had been a consistent issue nationally since the start of COVID-19. He reported a total of 252 DUI arrests in 2021 and went on to discuss many other trends such as an increased use of methamphetamine, drug overdoses deaths involving Fentanyl, targeted and organized retail thefts, and a slight reduction in vehicle accidents.

Council Member Ward thanked Chief Simington for BPD's hard work, specifically in Ward 7 with a recent pop-up party BPD aided in dispersing. She commented to BPD's partnership with the community and recognized multiple officers who were integral in some high-profile cases. She read a constituent's email she had received that said she felt safer in Bloomington today. She moved on to receive confirmation from Chief Simington that the statistics on gun violence he had provided included injuries, as well as discharged weapons. She then asked if suicides had contributed to the violence statistics. Chief Simington stated that suicides had not been included in the report. They then discussed potential COVID-19 effects on sex offenses.

Council Member Crabill echoed appreciation for BPD. He mentioned a few items that Chief Simington reported, such as confirmation that all confiscated guns were destroyed and that while BPD did not respond to medical calls, each squad car had an AED defibrillator. He and Chief Simington then discussed intelligence led policing as it related to traffic stops leading to further investigations, as well as BPD responses to mental health calls.

Council Member Boelen thanked Chief Simington for his informative report.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed upcoming Downtown and communitywide events. He provided an update on bulk waste pick up and discussed upcoming agenda items, including presentations on the myBloomington app and American Rescue Plan Ace (ARPA) funds.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe welcomed Council Member Walch and thanked all of the candidates who had expressed interest.

Council Member's Discussion

No Council Member's Discussion was had.

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 8:49 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Mboka Mwilambwe

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST

Amanda Stutsman

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk