

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2013; 5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM.**

The Council convened in Work Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 5:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2013.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner who directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered present:

2. ROLL CALL

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Karen Schmidt, Jim Fruin, Jennifer McDade, Judy Stearns, Scott Black, Robert Fazzini, Mayor Renner.

Staff: David Hales, City Manager, Barbara Akins, Assistant City Manager, Todd Greenberg, Corporation Counsel and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Others: Lynn Montei, Lynn Monei Associates.

3. DISCUSSION TOPIC

a. New City Council Organizational Meeting

Lynn Montei facilitated the Work Session. She questioned the desired outcomes from tonight's meeting and reviewed the agenda. She referred to the handout "Two Life/Work Stances", noting what the Council was moving towards.

Mayor Renner highlighted his vision, goals and hopes for the future. He believed that meetings could be expedited, believed in an open transparent government. He noted the Illinois Government Policy Institute giving the City a "D" rating. He would begin to have Mayoral Open Houses from 4:00 to 6:00 pm the Friday prior to a Council meeting. He suggested that Alderman hold Town Hall meeting in their wards. He questioned if the Council Committees were working. He would be reviewing Boards and Commission member's terms. The next five to six (5 to 6) months the process to develop policies on streets/infrastructure and bonds should begin.

The Downtown was the City's historical/cultural core. Mayor Renner believed that same was important to the City's prosperity. To develop the area a plan to utilize private, public and grant funds was required.

Ms. Montei defined a high functioning governing body. She reviewed the characteristics of same and the 2012 Vision. There were four (4) categories: policy focus, future focus, leadership and focus on public good. The means to becoming high functioning was clear, thorough direction including staff time and resources available. Actions should be noble.

Ms. Montei reviewed the "Bloomington City Council Guiding Principles" handout. Council believed same was not measurable, subjective and open to interpretation.

Mr. Hales highlighted the current major and future initiatives currently underway.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk