CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, Section 6 implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The City Council convened in Regular Session both in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers and virtually via zoom conferencing at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tari Renner.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Mayor	Remote	
Jamie Mathy	Ward 1	Remote	
Donna Boelen	Ward 2	Remote	
Mboka Mwilambwe	Ward 3	Remote	
Julie Emig	Ward 4	Remote	
Joni Painter	Ward 5	Remote	
Jennifer Jazmin Carrillo	Ward 6	Remote	
Scott Black	Ward 7	Remote	
Jeff Crabill	Ward 8	Remote	
Kim Bray	Ward 9	Remote	

Recognition/Appointments

No recognitions or appointments were made.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting for public comment and the following individuals registered electronically to speak live: (1) Karla Bailey-Smith; (2) Cecelia Long; (3) Morgan Pauley; (4) Dana Niswonger; (5) Rachel Shively; (6) Louis Goseland; (7) Janice Brown; (8) Matthew Sims; (9) Robert Garcia; (10) Zachary Gittrich; (11) Dane Halm; and (12) Joyce Kaye.

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, explained the following individual registered electronically to speak live; however, they joined the meeting incorrectly and therefore, was unable to speak: (1) Sonny Garcia.

Council Member Carrillo motioned, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to extend public comment time by an additional 15 minutes.

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

AYES: Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

NAYES: Boelen

Motion carried.

The following individuals registered electronically to speak live: (1) Jon Reed; (2) Matt Toczko; and (3) Grace Golick.

Mrs. Yocum stated that two individuals registered electronically to speak live, but were not in attendance before 6:00 p.m. and therefore, were unable to speak: (1) Allan Axelrod; and (2) Joe Kennedy.

Mrs. Yocum then read a list of individuals who had emailed public comment: (1) Jan Lancaster; (2) Kreighton Satterwhite; (3) Joyce Kaye; and (4) Dawn Dannenbring.

The following individuals registered electronically to speak live but were not in attendence: (1) Timothy Williams; (2) Jeanna Campbell; and (3) Trevor Rickerd.

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 Crabill, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented:

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Item 6.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 6.B. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $5,542,272.91, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 6.C. Consideration and action to approve Reappointments and Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Appointments and Re-Appointments be approved.)*

Item 6.D. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of one (1) Vactor 2100i Sewer Cleaner from COE Equipment of Rochester, IL, using the Sourcewell Contract (# 122017-FSC, exp. 2/20/2022) and the Purchase of one (1) International HV607 Truck from Rush Truck Center of Normal, IL, using the State Contract (#19-416-CMS-BOSS4-P-8607, exp. 6/2/2021), in the amount of $462,287.05 for both pieces to build a single vehicle and; (2) authorization to dispose of 2007 International7400 (Unit S42) as a trade-in for credit of $34,000 resulting in a net cost to the City of $428,287.05, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchases and Trade-in be approved.)*

Item 6.E. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of one (1) Bobcat T7400 Compact Track Loader From Bobcat of Bloomington, IL, using the Sourcewell Contract (#040319-CEC, exp. 5/21/2023), in the amount of $64,512, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)*

Item 6.F. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of a Spatial Watershed Assessment Management Model (SWAMM) Online for the Watershed Management Update 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 $50,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)*

Item 6.G. Consideration and action on rejection of Bid # 2020-50 for Spring Trees due to the current operational and staffing conditions related to COVID-19, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Rejection of Bid #2020-50 be approved.)*

Item 6.H. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Stark Excavating, Inc., for the Lutz Road Improvement Project (Bid #2020-47), in the amount of $821,975, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.I. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Precision Concrete, for the FY 2021 Sidewalk Vertical Displacement Repair Program (Bid #2020-31), in the amount of $39,796.90, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.J. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with JG Stewart Contractors, for the FY 2021 Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Replacement Program (Bid #2020-32), in the amount of $1,007,729.36, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.K. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Stark Excavating, Inc., for the FY 2020 Concrete Repairs Program (Bid #2020-29), in the amount of $326,706.91, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.L. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with George Gildner, Inc., for the FY 2021 Utility Maintenance Program (Bid #2020-39), in the amount of $1,582,700, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.M. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with George Gildner, Inc., for the FY 2021 Street, Alley, and Sidewalk Maintenance Program (Bid #2020-43), in the amount of $203,100, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.N. Consideration and action on the 2020 Supportive Housing Program/Continuum of Care Grant Agreements (IL0283L5T121911, IL0289L5T121912, IL0288L5T121912), in the amount of $260,243 with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreements be approved.)*

Item 6.O. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Bodine Electric of Decatur, for the FY 2021 Traffic Signal Maintenance Program (Bid #2020-41), in the amount of $177,260.00, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.P. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Rowe Construction - A Division of United Contractors Midwest, for the FY 2021 General Resurfacing Program, in the amount of $4,163,109.86, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.Q. Consideration and action on the approval of the Arthur J. Gallagher Proposal of Insurance, in the amount of $960,935 for service from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021; on the Client Services Agreement; and on an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2021, as requested by the Human Resources Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Proposal of Insurance, Client Services Agreement, and Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 6.R. Consideration and action to approve an Ordinance Changing the Name of a Portion of Lake Drive to Hike Haven Court, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Presentation on McLean County recovery loans and COVID-19 community resources, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; presentation only.)*

Mr. Gleason introduced Camille Rodriguez, McLean County Administrator, and Patrick Hoban, Director of the Economic Development Committee (EDC). Ms. Rodriguez addressed Council and provided a brief background on the longstanding McLean County Targeted Loan Program and the adjustments made for COVID-19.

Mr. Hoban addressed Council and presented on the McLean County Recovery Funds Program. He explained while programs were available for small businesses, funds were depleting quickly. He explained the McLean County Small Business Micro-Lending program was split to create the McLean County Micro Bridge Loan and the McLean County Recovery Loan implemented by McLean County and the EDC to assist small businesses during COVID-19. Mr. Hoban provided a detailed description of both programs that included comparisons of requirements and the expedited timeline.

Council Member Bray thanked both presenters. She asked the financial documentation requirements of a business that had been in operation less than three years verses a more established business. Mr. Hoban responded newer businesses would provide as much historical financial data as possible where a more established business was required to provide the past three years.

Council Member Crabill asked Ms. Rodriguez to confirm if the funds utilized in the programs were from the McLean County's budget. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed. Council Member Crabill confirmed the timeline of the loan process with Mr. Hoban.

Council Member Mwilambwe asked if closing fees were assessed by the County or the bank. Mr. Hoban confirmed the County did not, but explained banks were able to.

Council Member Mathy thanked the presenters and confirmed where the public could locate the information. Mr. Hoban responded.

Council Member Boelen confirmed bank interest rates with Mr. Hoban.

Council Member Carrillo requested a summary of the full application process. Mr. Hoban responded.

Council Member Black asked if the EDC received similar or dissimilar concerns than those received in Public Comment. Mr. Hoban responded the EDC received concerns from establishments, not individual citizens.

Council Member Emig asked about loan forgiveness. Mr. Hoban responded the funds awarded were loans to be paid back and not grant-based; therefore, loan forgiveness was not a part of these programs. He also noted payments were deferred until January 2021.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Presentation on PATH and COVID-19 community resources, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; presentation only.)*

Mr. Gleason introduced Karen Zangerle, Executive Director of PATH. Ms. Zangerle addressed Council and discussed two homeless shelters PATH worked with, Home Sweet Home and Salvation Army. She stated approximately 200 people in the community were homeless and were either in shelters or on the streets. Ms. Zangerle discussed procedures shelters followed for COVID-19 and the quarantine of those who presented symptoms. She explained 18 individuals were currently placed in quarantine at a local hotel. She stated that over the next month, the number of individuals that required shelter would increase.

Council Member Mathy asked the potential to test individuals before being placed in shelters. Ms. Zangerle responded that currently, tests were only administered at the McLean County Fair Grounds and only health care workers and individuals who presented symptoms were tested. She agreed to request they open testing up to homeless regardless of symptoms. Council Member Mathy asked the approximate amount of calls for assistance received. Ms. Zangerle responded calls for food assistance increased significantly over the past few months and PATH sent over 2,000 emails with a resource list.

Council Member Carrillo questioned if families were separated in shelters. Ms. Zangerle responded the Salvation Army shelter did not accept children. She went on to explain the Home Sweet Home Ministries shelter did, and a limited number of family rooms were available. Council Member Carrillo asked where residents could receive assistance. Ms. Zangerle stated regular resources included the Bloomington Township, Community Action, and Salvation Army. She explained some resources were available immediately and based on poverty level. She noted the Federal Government could expand funding to these resources. Council Member Carrillo asked the timeline for the house-less to become housed. Ms. Zangerle responded Section 8 vouchers had a three year wait list. She noted the Bloomington Normal Housing Authority took a few months to house families.

Council Member Crabill asked Ms. Zangerle what the projected future needs for resources were. Ms. Zangerle responded she did not have data at that time.

Council Member Carrillo motioned, seconded by Council Member Black, to extend the time by 10 minutes to discuss the item.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Council Member Black asked if PATH received similar or dissimilar concerns than those received in Public Comment. Ms. Zangerle responded PATH received similar concerns but was equipped to handle them. Council Member Black asked how the City could help PATH. Ms. Zangerle stated they may need assistance in the future.

Council Member Boelen asked questions on the subject matter for the increased calls for assistance. Ms. Zangerle responded that early into COVID-19, mental health calls remain the same, but as time continued, that number increased. Council Member Boelen asked if PATH could meet all the needs of the community. Ms. Zangerle stated unfortunately they could not, but they could aid those who were in the most need.

Council Member Mwilambwe asked if PATH partnered with other organizations to determine community needs that have not been met. Ms. Zangerle responded social services agencies partnered frequently and noted a quarterly report of unmet needs was prepared.

Council Member Emig asked if they projected a spike in housing stability as an unmet need. Ms. Zangerle responded affirmatively.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.C. Presentation on the United Way and COVID-19 community resources, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; presentation only.)*

Mr. Gleason introduced David Taylor, Executive Director of United Way, and Phani Aytam, Chairman of United Way. Mr. Taylor stated their purpose was to provide an overview and update on COVID-19 relief efforts through Feeding BN and Beyond in McLean County. Mr. Aytam explained United Way identified four needs that emerged due to COVID-19: food insecurity, shelter assistance, unemployment, and childcare assistance. He went on to explain United Way deemed food insecurity and shelter assistance as the most urgent needs. Mr. Aytam provided an overview of their fundraising efforts and the grants received for COVID-19 relief efforts. Mr. Taylor explained how United Way leveraged multiple existing networks to fill the gaps. He recognized the local small businesses they partnered with to provide meals to McLean County residents in need. He went on to explain how those partnerships benefited the establishments, their employees and the residents in need. Mr. Aytam recognized partnerships with local organizations to provide pantry staples and paper products to those in need in addition to prepared meals.

Council Member Carrillo asked why they fundraised before data on community needs were presented. Mr. Aytam responded the funds were intended for COVID-19 related efforts with the knowledge that remaining funds would be used to best serve the community. Mr. Taylor stated fundraising early allowed them to be proactive. Council Member Carrillo asked how businesses were selected to provide meals. Mr. Aytam responded that with 1,000 meals needed daily, they started with the Chamber of Commerce to locate local businesses. Council Member Carrillo asked the presenters if local social service organizations were equipped to handle all the needs of residents effected by COVID-19. Mr. Taylor believed it should be a collective effort. Mr. Aytam believed the social service experts should lead, but that solutions would require public and private partnership.

Council Member Black motioned, seconded by Council Member Carrillo, to extend the discussion by an additional ten minutes.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Council Member Crabill asked the number of additional meals needed. Mr. Aytam responded they evaluated on a weekly basis as the needs evolved. Council Member Crabill confirmed with Mr. Aytam United Way immediately paid establishments who provided meals.

Council Member Black asked if United Way received similar or dissimilar concerns than those received in Public Comment. Mr. Aytam responded the needs continued to evolve. Mr. Taylor responded that the community should be prepared to respond to the evolving needs.

Council Member Mathy thanked United Way for their partnership with local organizations and thanked the local restaurants who participated. He went on to ask if food banks and pantries experienced shortages. Mr. Aytan explained stock depended on multiple variables, but United Way partnered with local organizations to stabilize food availability.

Council Member Carrillo motioned, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to extend the discussion by an additional ten minutes.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Council Member Mwilambwe asked for unemployment statistics in the restaurant industry. Mr. Aytam stated the EDC would have the most current data. Mr. Taylor confirmed.

Council Member Bray asked if United Way provided monetary support to individuals. Mr. Taylor stated direct payments were only made to local businesses. Mr. Aytam confirmed they did not currently provide monetary assistance to individuals.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.D. Consideration and potential action regarding Ordinance 2020-18, An Ordinance Declaring A Local Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Virus & Enacting Various Emergency Measures, including consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Local Emergency Declaration Ordinance, Ordinance 2020-18, to Add a New Section 2(P) to Allow the Proration of the City's Video Gaming License Fee, as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-18 to Add a New Section 2(P) to Allow the Proration of the City's Video Gaming License Fee be approved.)*

Council Member Carrillo asked the reasoning liquor licenses were not included in the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Renner responded it was difficult to prorate liquor licenses as some establishments continued to provide alcoholic services.

Mr. Gleason explained under the proposed amendment, video gaming fees would be prorated based on the number of days license holders were unable operate. He went on to clarify the proration of liquor licenses would prove more difficult as some participated in curbside pick-up and delivery of alcohol. Council Member Carrillo expressed interest in a program to assist liquor license holders not operating due to COVID-19.

Council Member Crabill clarified a portion of the video gaming license fees would be refunded from the current license period. He went on to explain ten days after the shelter-in-place was lifted, an additional refund would be granted based on the number of days establishments were unable to operate.

Council Member Mathy asked if liquor license and video gaming fees were included in the initial Emergency Ordinance. Jeff Jurgens, Corporate Counsel, stated the moratorium on payments and penalties in the initial Emergency Order was only for food and beverage taxes. He went on to clarify the proposed Ordinance would prorate the video gaming license fees for the days the Illinois Gaming Board did not allow operation. Council Member Mathy expressed concern that establishments' COVID-19 related federal funding could be affected.

Council Member Bray made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that the proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-18 to Add a New Section 2(P) to Allow the Proration of the City's Video Gaming License Fee be approved.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Finance Director's Report

Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, addressed Council and reminded all that tax revenues were received approximately two months after establishments collected payment. He explained the procedure would cause a delay in the material impacts from COVID-19 and were not reflected in revenues yet. He went on to discuss general fund revenues and expenditures in detail and highlighted revenue trends.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Gleason noted Governor Pritzker's shelter-in-place order was extended to May 30, 2020, but the City's golf courses would reopen Friday, May 1, 2020. He reminded the public to complete the 2020 Census. Mr. Gleason went on to recognize twelve City staff members who announced retirement. He concluded with an update on City services and noted upcoming presentations on City infrastructure.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner thanked staff and Council. He noted his appreciation with the public and private partnerships and their aid during COVID-19.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Boelen motioned, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

AYES: Boelen, Bray

NAYES: Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill

Motion failed.

Council Member Carrillo reminded the public her upcoming Community Council Meeting would be held electronically and thanked the individuals who spoke at public comment. She encouraged Council to reconsider the decision to discuss direct aid assistance to Bloomington residents.

Council Member Mathy reminded the public of the upcoming curbside pick-up Farmer's Market.

Executive Session - Cite Section

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
Tari Renner	Amanda Mohan
Tari Renner, Mayor	Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk

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