CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance ending with a moment of silent prayer/reflection.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present
Jenna Kearns	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
John Danenberger	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present
Cody Hendricks	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Kent Lee	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Recognition/Appointments

Item 5.A. Proclamation for National 911 Education Month and National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, as requested by the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation. Darren Wolf, Communications Manager, accepted the Proclamation and then recognized his staff for their hard work.

Item 5.B. Proclamation for Fair Housing Month 2024, as requested by the Administration Department and the Economic & Community Development Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation. Emily Petri with Prairie State Legal Services accepted the Proclamation and spoke to the work Prairie State does to serve.

Item 5.C. Proclamation for Arbor Day 2024, as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation. Jeff Hindman, Parks Superintendent, accepted the Proclamation. He provided Arbor Day event details and celebrated that the City had received its 38th Tree City designation.

Item 5.D. Recognition of Board & Commission Appointments and Reappointments, as requested by the Administration Department.

The Mayor recognized the following Boards and Commission appointments and reappointments: Katherine Browne and Peter Pointus, Cultural Commission; Dianne Hollister and Matthew Watchinski, Library Board.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. No emailed public comment was received. Carla Baily-Smith, Surena Fish, and Joe Palma spoke in person.

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.

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, noted that attachments to Item 7.M. received some updating after the packet was published, but that no material changes resulted.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crumpler, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of 7.E. and 7.L.

Item 7.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.B. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $10,146,274.07, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.C. Consideration and Action on Approving Appointments & Reappointments to Boards & Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Appointments & Reappointments be approved.)

Item 7.D. Consideration and Action on Approving the Purchase of Panasonic Toughbooks and Mounting Hardware through CDS Office Technologies, in the Amount of $192,032, as requested by the Information Technology Department and the Police Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)

Item 7.E. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Hendricks.

Item 7.F. Consideration and Action to Approve an Agreement with Diamond Vogel Paint for Traffic Line Paint and Beads, in the Amount Not to Exceed $120,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

Item 7.G. Consideration and Action on an Agreement with Prairie View Landscaping for the Division Street Fencing & Forestry Mulching Project (Bid #2024-48), in the Amount of $64,600, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

Item 7.H. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Approving an Agreement with Republic Services for Receipt of Non-Special Waste Materials, in an Amount Not to Exceed $75,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 019

A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR RECEIPT OF NON-SPECIAL WASTE MATERIALS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $75,000

Item 7.I. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 John M. Scott Health Care Trust Category I Grant Awards and Programmatic Agreements, in the

Amount of $250,000, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 JOHN M. SCOTT HEALTH CARE TRUST CATEGORY I GRANT AWARDS AND PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,000

Item 7.J. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Observation Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for the Meadowbrook Subdivision Improvement Project in the Amount of $213,100, as requested by the Water Department and the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 032

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP, INC. FOR THE MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $213,100

Item 7.K. Consideration and Action on (1) An Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024; and (2) An Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Agreement with George Gildner, Inc., for the Meadowbrook Subdivision Improvement Project (Re-Bid #2024-49), in the Amount of $8,054,047.10, as requested by the Water Department and the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 027

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 028

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE GILDNER, INC., FOR THE MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RE-BID #2024-49), IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,054,047.10

Item 7.L. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Ward.

Item 7.M. Consideration and Action on (1) An Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025; and (2) An Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Agreement with Rowe Construction, Inc., for the Route 9 Emergency Watermain and Lead Service Line Replacement, in the Amount of $805,629.11, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordnance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 030

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 031

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ROWE CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE ROUTE 9 EMERGENCY WATERMAIN AND LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $805,629.11

Item 7.N. Consideration and Action to Approve the Proposal of Insurance, Brokered by Arthur J. Gallagher, from May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025, in the Amount of $1,585,624, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (Recommended Motion: The Proposal of Insurance be approved.)

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 7.E. Consideration and Action on Approving a Purchase Order with Scientel Solutions, for the Equipment and Services to Provide the Infrastructure, Cameras, and Video Management for the Bloomington Ice Arena and Lincoln Parking Facilities, in the Amount of for $269,325.81, as requested by the Information Technology Department and the Information Technology Department.

Council Member Hendricks noted that he pulled the Item for separate consideration to allow staff the opportunity to provide additional information to address public concerns.

Craig McBeath, Information Technology Director, described the project as routine in nature explaining that the cameras would expand the current system to aid as a deterrent and assist in solving crime. He noted no new features like facial recognition, artificial intelligence, or audio recording would be added.

Council Member Hendricks and Mr. McBeath then discussed how if additional features were to be added in the future, they would come back before Council.

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, to approve the Item as presented.

Council Member Crumpler and Police Chief, Jamal Simington, discussed numerous concerns the Police Department had regarding crime in City facilities and how additional cameras would assist.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.L. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Community Change Grant Partnership Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Home Sweet Home Ministries, as requested by the Administration Department.

Council Member Ward shared that she pulled the Item to highlight the public-private partnership. She and Deputy City Manager, Jeff Jurgens, discussed the grant requirement to have a non-profit partner and that the City would not qualify for the grant without it. They then discussed how the site selection for the non-congregate shelter would need to meet City zoning requirements.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to approve the Item as presented.

Council Member Boelen echoed appreciation of the public-private partnership and reminded the community of multiple volunteer opportunities available with local non-profits to help the homeless.

Council Member Hendricks and Deputy City Manager Jurgens discussed how Home Sweet Home Ministries would be held accountable to meet grant terms and conditions.

Council Member Ward asked about the grant's timing. Deputy City Manager Jurgens explained that grant funds had to be allocated within three years.

Council Member Hendricks and Deputy City Manager Jurgens how City staff regularly meet with local organizations to find solutions for the homeless encampment.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 029

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES

Regular Agenda

Item 8.A. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Appointing Jeffrey R. Jurgens as City Manager and Approving the City Manager Employment Contract, as requested by the Human Resources Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe spoke in support of approving a Resolution to appoint Jeff Jurgens as City Manager noting he believed the contract to be fair. He thanked Council, and the staff that had negotiated the agreement to ensure a fair contract and smooth transition.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, to approve the Item as presented.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY R. JURGENS AS CITY MANAGER AND APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Finance Director's Report

Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, addressed Council and reminded them that the numbers presented were about two months behind based on reporting. He discussed various tasks staff had taken to close out the budget year smoothly. He noted inflation as a burden on residents and presented the Fiscal Year ("FY") Financial Summary as of March 2024. He highlighted various revenues, compared them to last year's figures, and then discussed year-to-date figures and encumbrances. He briefly discussed FY 2024 major tax revenues, General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, and Enterprise Funds highlighting the sewer revenue fund and how it impacted the residents and City. He concluded his presentation by noting where the community could locate the City's budget materials.

Council Member Montney and Mr. Rathbun discussed the significant increase in short-term rental tax over budgeted figures coinciding with Rivian's staffing. Council Member Montney recommended reviewing City policies to ensure rentals didn't negatively impact the low housing stock.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager, Tim Gleason, discussed multiple upcoming Downtown events. He then congratulated incoming City Manager Jurgens and thanked Council, the public, and staff for all their support. He took time to personally thank both Deputy City Managers, as well.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked City Manager Gleason for his years of service. He recognized all the accomplishments and improvements Mr. Gleason implemented. He shared how under the leadership of Mr. Gleason the City had been able to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic successfully and emerge better off than most municipalities. He expressed gratitude for how Mr. Gleason had set up the City for continued success and concluded by presenting Mr. Gleason with a trophy of recognition as a thank you for his service.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Ward echoed her appreciation for City Manager Gleason's years of service and dedication and for projects and concerns addressed in Ward 7 during his tenure.

Council Member Crumpler thanked City Manager Gleason for his guidance.

Council Member Montney echoed appreciation and believed a measure of leadership was in the line of succession.

Council Member Hendricks echoed his appreciation and complimented how City Manager Gleason had set the City up for success with the leadership team.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

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

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