CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING APRIL 18, 2022

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COMPONENTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

On the third Thursday of each month at 6pm, the City Council meets as a Committee of the Whole. The purpose of this meeting is to present and consider agenda items that may be proposed for Regular City Council meetings, but that require further discussion before going in front of Council for an actual vote. The Committee of the Whole meeting is also a forum that allows the Mayor and Council Members to individually initiate proposed agenda items for discussion.

Council does not vote on any of this meeting's agenda items, outside of voting to approve the minutes of the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. Committee of the Whole agenda items discussed can be moved to a future regular City Council meeting agenda, if a consensus exists.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each regular Committee of the Whole Meeting shall have a public comment period not to exceed 30 minutes. Every speaker is entitled to speak for up to 3 minutes. To be considered for public comment, please complete a public comment card at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The Mayor will randomly draw from the cards submitted and call names of submitters to come forward to speak.

Public comment is a time for citizens to give comment. It is not a question and answer period and City Council Members do not respond to public comments. Speakers who engage in threatening or disorderly behavior will have their time ceased.

REGULAR AGENDA

All agenda items that provide Council an opportunity to listen to a presentation, ask questions of City Staff, deliberate, and seek additional information prior to making a decision will be placed on the Committee of the Whole Regular Agenda. No final action, beyond action on setting future agenda items and/or Agenda Initiatives, may be taken at a meeting of a Committee of the Whole unless it has been called as a Special Meeting.

A portion of the meeting is dedicated to previewing non-routine items. A non-routine agenda item shall include: (1) the expenditure of money over $250,000; (2) development agreements; (3) amending the City Code and/or (4) the implementation or modification of policies. The failure to preview a non-routine agenda item at a Committee of the Whole meeting shall not prohibit its consideration and/or action at a future meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Mboka Mwilambwe

City Council Members:

Ward 1 – Vacant
Ward 2 – Donna Boelen
Ward 3 – Sheila Montney
Ward 4 - Julie Emig
Ward 5 – Nick Becker
Ward 6 – De Urban
Ward 7 - Mollie Ward
Ward 8 - Jeff Crabill
Ward 9 – Tom Crumpler

City Manager: Tim Gleason
Deputy City Manager: Billy Tyus

CITY LOGO DESIGN RATIONALE

The CHEVRON Represents:
Service
Rank and Authority
Growth and Diversity
A Friendly and Safe Community
A Positive, Upward Movement and Commitment to Excellence!

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUE STATEMENT

MISSION
To lead, serve and uplift the City of Bloomington

VISION
A Jewel of the Midwest Cities

VALUES
Service-Centered,
Results-Driven,
Inclusive

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
- Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities Grow the Local Economy
- Strong Neighborhoods
- Great Place – Livable, Sustainable City
- Prosperous Downtown Bloomington

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
GOVERNMENT CENTER CHAMBERS, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM #400
115 E. WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call of Attendance**
3. **Public Comment**

   Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person or remotely may register at cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting for in-person public comment and at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting for remote public comment.

4. **Consent Agenda**

   A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

5. **Regular Agenda**

   A. Presentation and discussion of Connect Transit's Budget, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; presentation only.) (Presentation by David Braun, Connect Transit General Manager; and Ryan Whitehouse, Connect Transit Board of Trustees Chairman, 10 minutes; and City Council discussion, 10 minutes.)*

   B. **Council Initiatives**

   i. Consideration and action on Council Member Mathy's Agenda Initiative Proposal regarding the "Bring It On" Comprehensive Plan, as requested by Ward 1 Jamie Mathy. *(Recommended Motion: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.) (Presentation by Tim Gleason, City Manager; and Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, 5 minutes; and City Council discussion, 10 minutes.)*

   ii. Consideration and action on Council Member Becker's Agenda Initiative Proposal to find ways to reduce costs in other areas as an offset to the coming spending as opposed to increasing the taxpayer burden, as requested by Ward 5 Nick Becker. *(Recommended Motion: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.) (Presentation by Tim Gleason,* *City Manager; and Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, 5 minutes; and City Council discussion, 10 minutes.)*

iii. Consideration and action on Council Member Emig's Agenda Initiative Proposal to propose the establishment of an advisory Green Infrastructure Commission, as requested by Ward 4 Julie Emig. *(Recommended Motion: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.) (Presentation by Tim Gleason, City Manager; and Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, 5 minutes; and City Council discussion, 10 minutes.)*

iv. Consideration and action on Council Member Ward's Agenda Initiative Proposal to create a Special Commission to develop a comprehensive plan to address the issue of gun violence locally, as requested by Ward 7 Mollie Ward. *(Recommended Motion: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.) (Presentation by Tim Gleason, City Manager; and Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, 5 minutes; and City Council discussion, 10 minutes.)*

6. City Manager's Report (5 minutes)

7. Executive Session

8. Adjournment

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.A

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: April 18, 2022

SPONSOR: City Clerk Department

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
The proposed Minutes be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

BACKGROUND: The minutes of the meetings provided have been reviewed and certified as correct and complete by the City Clerk. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings must be approved thirty (30) days after the meeting or at the second subsequent regular meeting whichever is later. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings are available for public inspection and posted to the City's web site within ten (10) days after Council approval.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by:

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk 4/14/2022

Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant 4/14/2022

Attachments:
- DRAFT 02-21-2022 COW Meeting Minutes - Regular Session

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with Mayor Pro Tem, Jamie Mathy; City Manager, Tim Gleason; and City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in-person in the Government Center Chambers at 6:03 p.m., Monday, February 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mathy.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Absent	
Jamie Mathy	Council Member, Ward 1	Present	
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Remote	
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Remote	
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 4	Present	
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Remote	
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Remote	
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present	
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Remote	

Public Comment

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy read a statement of procedure for public comment aloud. Surena Fish provided in-person public comment. One emailed public comment was received, but a name was not provided. No remote public comment was received.

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

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

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

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation of the FY2023 Budget Capital Projects, as requested by the Finance Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy noted an adjustment to presentation procedure. City Manager Gleason expanded on the change and provided an overview of next steps in the budget approval process.

Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, addressed Council and presented an overview of Fiscal Year 2023 ("FY23") capital projects by fund.

Russ Waller, Director of Facilities, discussed Grossinger Motors Arena and Bloomington Ice Center improvements, including replacement of rooftop HVAC units and the steps staff were taking to evaluate the current system for potential energy savings. He then provided detail on multiple capital projects to be completed in FY23 from the Abraham Lincoln Parking fund and the General fund.

Eric Veal, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts, discussed ongoing improvements to the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts and Creativity Center. He went on to discuss various FY23 projects to be paid from the Capital Improvement fund, General fund, and Golf fund.

Kevin Kothe, Director of Public Works, discussed capital projects to be completed in FY23 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund, Capital Improvement fund, General Fund, as well as the Enterprise Funds for Water, Sewer, and Storm Water. He provided detail on each phase of the various projects and provided support for improvements.

Council Member Ward clarified the Cottage Ave. Bridge, which was noted in the Council packet as being in Ward 5, was actually in Ward 7. She then asked what happened to the non-City funds that don't get not used. Mr. Rathbun explained that most often the funds appeared as revenue in the budget for future project use. Mr. Kothe provided additional detail.

Council Member Boelen asked the timeline for the parking evaluation. Mr. Waller stated that staff should receive the finalized report within the next few months. He noted the report would include total costs. Council Member Boelen and Mr. Waller then discussed preliminary next steps for the parking garage. Council Member Boelen moved to seek confirmation from Mr. Veal that the pump station at The Den Golf Course cycled the water in the water features. He confirmed. She then discussed with Mr. Kothe the timeline for construction of the Hamilton Road project, as well as the total miles of streets to be resurfaced in FY23. She requested that information be made available to the public.

Council Member Becker asked about the City's capacity to do additional roadwork and if there was room to increase that figure with additional resources. Mr. Kothe stated that additional capacity could be enhanced depending on the number of Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") projects the City's contractors took on.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy questioned why the amount appropriated for asphalt and sidewalks had decreased. Mr. Kothe stated that the majority of those projects were funded by Local Motor Fuel tax. Mr. Rathbun added that temporary increases had been made in FY22 for specific projects, but that the proposed budget was similar to historical amounts.

Council Member Montney and Mr. Rathbun discussed the 8% motor fuel tax rate.

Council Member Emig asked for additional detail on the combined $7 million for asphalt and sidewalk replacement and if Council still had time to increase the budget. Mr. Kothe stated that Council still had time to amend the proposed budget. He explained that $7 million annually was what was recommended to continue to bring streets up to par. She then asked Mr. Kothe to explain why the Hamilton Road project was so critical. He noted the project had spanned decades and discussed how the project improved traffic flow. Council Member Emig moved on to discuss potential energy savings at the Arena with Mr. Waller. She asked whether staff had considered adding electric vehicle charging stations in the Lincoln parking garage. Mr. Waller stated that additional stations were possible, but that it was most cost effective to wait until a decision was made on a new parking garage.

Council Member Crabill and Mr. Kothe confirmed that no housing would be displaced during the Hamilton Road project and that a significant number of lane miles were not being added. Council Member Crabill suggested that staff determine which roads should be prioritized and if any additional resources should be made available. Council Member Crabill then confirmed that the Arena HVAC units currently in use were original to the building. He discussed the merits to improve the current system versus a full system replacement. Council Member Crabill moved on to ask Mr. Rathbun when budget books would be published. Mr. Rathbun stated that they would be published after the budget was approved.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to extend the discussion time by 15 minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Crumpler asked if staff were concerned by the increase in cost of materials and availability. Mr. Kothe stated that it was the contractor’s responsibility to figure that in bids submitted. City Manager Gleason commented that it was unlikely that costs would return to pre-COVID amounts and acknowledged challenges in completing projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy reminded Council that all of the capital projects were placeholders that could be amended until the budget was approved.

Council Member Boelen commented to the difficulty of maintaining street surfacing. She noted that Ward 2 needed commercial business to generate revenue within the Ward.

Council Member Montney noted that 42% of the streets were rated fair. Mr. Kothe stated that staff worked to make best use of budgeted funds approved by Council. City Manager Gleason stated that staff would provide additional data in the budget presentation. He expressed his hope that Council would approve a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds for roadwork.

Council Initiatives

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 5.B.1. Discussion regarding a Council Initiative submitted by Council Member Becker to find ways to reduce costs in other areas as an offset to the coming spending as opposed to increasing the taxpayer burden, as requested by the City Council.</u>

Council Member Becker and Mrs. Yocum discussed procedural expectations. He stated that he wished to expand on the reduction of costs that City departments and the City's Township had begun. He noted opportunities for efficiencies and confirmed that he had no intention of creating a new commission. He stated that his intention was for his Initiative to be placed on a future agenda so that Council and staff could have a more in-depth research-based discussion. He explained why he had selected his areas/items of focus based on his own research and encouraged staff to share with Council how to best reduce redundant efforts across government entities. He stated that his intent was for City staff to return to Council with 2 to 3 cost saving proposals, even if they had been previously denied or differed from his proposals. He suggested savings could be spent on road infrastructure projects.

Council Member Becker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Montney, to have staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed Initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy supported the Initiative and the possibility to combine some governmental units to reduce costs. He stated that he had emailed initial thoughts and questions to Council Member Becker.

Council Member Boelen supported the Initiative and that staff suggestions would be considered separately.

Council Member Montney supported the Initiative and believed the budget should be decreased.

Council Member Emig supported the Initiative and noted that she had also emailed thoughts to Council Member Becker.

Council Member Becker offered additional support for the Initiative.

Council Member Urban supported the Initiative and also requested that staff proposals return individually.

Council Member Ward was open to additional conversation.

Council Member Crabill supported the Initiative, but clarified his support for reducing costs and not services. He saw merit in discussing the City combining things. He believed staff had clearly explained and supported the reason for operating budget increases overtime and believed it should not be part of the discussion.

Council Member Crumpler supported the Initiative and believed that cutting spending and combining things for efficiency was good.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 5.B.2. Discussion regarding a Council Initiative submitted by Council Member Emig to propose the establishment of an advisory Green Infrastructure Commission, as requested by the City Council.</u>

Council Member Emig stated that her Initiative was born out of the City's recent flooding. She believed the City should seek being a more environmentally sound community with solid plans for water/sewer overflow. She explained her Initiative was to establish an advisory Green Infrastructure Commission with a role of surveying all projects, specifically landscaping and hydraulic modeling projects, to enhance and ensure greener infrastructure. She stated that she wanted to see how the City could involve community partners and encourage residents to mitigate current issues. She clarified that the advisory commission would study and recommend policies for green infrastructure and that it would be comprised of City staff and community members.

Council Member Emig made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crumpler, to have staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed Initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy supported additional discussion, but suggested the commission be temporary. He also supported the inclusion of local professionals on the commission.

Council Member Boelen expressed support and reminded Council that new development had to comply with green infrastructure in the City Code. She recommended land use as a discussion topic for the commission and suggested the Planning Commission be involved.

Council Member Montney believed that staff did well encouraging green infrastructure and expressed interest in viewing examples that staff currently had in place. As an issue of timing, she did not support the Initiative.

Council Member Emig recognized Council Member Montney's feedback and expressed further support for a temporary taskforce to amplify green infrastructure.

Council Member Becker did not support the Initiative. He believed the resulting conversations would be duplicative and worried a commission would slow down development.

Council Member Urban stated that she was conflicted as she had no interest in creating additional permanent commissions, but would entertain a temporary task force. She suggested an alternative solution of placing a higher expectation on staff to include green space with every development and/or to the Planning Commission for consideration in project submissions. She supported the motion additional discussion.

Council Member Ward supported the Initiative.

Council Member Crabill supported the Initiative and the creation of an additional commission. He believed it was beneficial to have outside expertise and stated that no other commission addressed green infrastructure.

Council Member Crumpler supported the Initiative, but expressed similar concerns to Council Member Urban. He noted the time it could take to create a commission and obtain community interest. He wondered if there was a more efficient way to accomplish the goal.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Emig, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

NAYS: Montney, Becker

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B.3. Discussion regarding a Council Initiative submitted by Council Member Ward to create a Special Commission to develop a comprehensive plan to address the issue of gun violence locally, as requested by the City Council.

Council Member Ward briefly explained her Initiative. She strongly believed that a commission focused on reducing gun violence in the community was needed and that the commission should be comprised of community stakeholders. She discussed that the commission would study gun violence issues and suggest actions to Council. She stressed that the creation of the commission would send a message to potential developers and stakeholders that Bloomington takes safety very seriously. Council Member Ward wanted Bloomington to be proactive, instead of reactive. She did not believe the Initiative should be given to a current board and was not interested in a commission focused on crime in a general. She discussed the importance of the term 'gun' being included in the title of the commission.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, to have staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed Initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy supported the Initiative, but also cautioned the City not duplicating efforts of other community organizations. He stressed the importance of increasing awareness of all efforts.

Council Member Boelen did not support the Initiative as presented. She strongly believed that the Bloomington Police Department ("BPD") was effective in this area and reminded Council that the McLean County Justice Committee continued to address gun violence. She believed a creation of a commission would duplicate their efforts.

Council Member Montney expressed concern with gun violence, but believed a current commission or community group could address the issues. She suggested leveraging current administrative framework and recommended that ad hoc advisors be consulted. She did not support the Initiative as presented.

Council Member Emig stated that BPD needed to be involved in the conversation and mentioned the issue of community organizations working on the issues in silos. She believed the Initiative was an opportunity to bring violence, mental health, and poverty focused organizations together to make a more meaningful impact. She supported the Initiative.

Council Member Becker stated that after his research, he had determined from an individual standpoint that commissions slowed down progress. He believed Police Chief Simington was the best candidate to bring community groups together. He did not support the Initiative as presented.

Council Member Urban stated that a commission would provide answers many months down the road, where she wanted answers and suggestions immediately. She believed in order to move quickly, BPD should be utilized to bring the City and community organizations together for immediate answers and suggestions. She agreed with the need to address the issue, but did not support a new commission.

Council Member Ward echoed her support and stated that she had worked with many of the discussed community organizations prior to her election and still had no answers.

Council Member Crabill supported the Initiative and noted the need to address root causes and symptoms of gun violence.

Council Member Crumpler shared timeline concerns mentioned by other Council Members. He proposed expanding the parameters of the Public Safety and Community Relations Board (PSCRB) or utilizing other existing structures instead of creating a new commission. He noted that Council had five pending Initiatives and recommended they prioritize the Initiatives to save staff time.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathy directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

AYES: Mathy, Emig, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

NAYS: Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban

Motion carried.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason highlighted multiple upcoming events at Miller Park Zoo and in Downtown Bloomington. He thanked multiple departments who had aided the community in recent storms. He went on to discuss multiple agenda items for upcoming meetings.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was had.

Adjournment

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: April 18, 2022

SPONSOR: Administration Department

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation and discussion of Connect Transit's Budget, as requested by the Administration Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
None; presentation only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 5. Great Place – Livable, Sustainable City
-Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 5a. Well-planned City with necessary services and infrastructure
-Objective 1e. Partnering with others for the most cost-effective service delivery

BACKGROUND: An update will be provided to Council on Connect Transit's Budget.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: Goal TAQ-2: Transit development provides an alternative of choice for the general population and support for the transit-dependent; TAQ-2.1: Expanded urban transit system to provide improved route coverage, more frequent route service (headways), extended service hours and schedules, accessible for transit-dependent riders and those with special needs and challenges, including the economically disadvantaged, persons without access to automobiles, the elderly, people with disabilities, and regional access to urban service areas.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant & Records Manager

Reviewed by:

Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager 4/14/2022 Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant 4/14/2022

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REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.1

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: April 18, 2022

SPONSOR: City Council

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action on Council Member Mathy's Agenda Initiative Proposal regarding the "Bring It On" Comprehensive Plan, as requested by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 5. Great Place – Livable, Sustainable City

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 5b. City decisions consistent with plans and policies

BACKGROUND: Per Chapter 2, Section 18.2A(2): Agenda items and voting, the Mayor and Council Members may put forth agenda initiatives by completing an Agenda Initiative Form and submitting it to the City Clerk. Upon submission, the form is added to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole for consideration.

At the January 24, 2022 Council meeting, Council Member Mathy brought forward an Agenda Initiative (attached). Council Member Mathy's initiative proposed that staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back to Council for further discussion. A majority of the Council Members present at that meeting voted to have the initiative placed on a future City Council agenda for further discussion.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant & Records Manager

Attachments:

- CC 1B Mathy_Council Member Agenda Initiative Proposal Form

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER
AGENDA INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FORM

SPONSOR: Jamie Mathy

PROPOSED INITIATIVE:

In the "Bring It On Bloomington" Comprehensive plan, MCRP defined 2 large areas in the city core as Regerneration & Preservation areas. (pg. 13).

My proposal is to have staff create incentives for investment into these areas to encourage both individuals & developers to either remodel existing properties or build new in infill areas.

Incentives should be based on renovations that increase the EAV of the property, with caveats to maintain neighborhood character & bring buildings to code.

ESTIMATED CITY STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH & PREPARE FULL COUNCIL MEMO ON PROPOSED INITIATIVE, INCLUDING BACKGROUND AND ANY NECESSARY RESEARCH:

_____ Nominal (less than 5 hours)

__✔__ Moderate (5 to 10 hours)

_____ Significant (more than 10 hours)

ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE: only applies to projects that increase EAV

WILL THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE REQUIRE A BUDGET AMENDMENT?

__✔__ Yes

_____ No

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS OR STAFF ACTIVITIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE CUT OR REDUCED IN LIEU OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE, IF ANY:

No cuts - this program will hopefully spur renovation & infill, increasing EAV in areas where infrastructure is already built.

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Jamison J Mathy
Key: 8e44c1dfbc3400bc6e49f408eea20982

SPONSOR SIGNATURE

11/12/2021

DATE SUBMITTED

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.2

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: April 18, 2022

SPONSOR: City Council

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action on Council Member Becker's Agenda Initiative Proposal to find ways to reduce costs in other areas as an offset to the coming spending as opposed to increasing the taxpayer burden, as requested by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 5. Great Place – Livable, Sustainable City
-Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 5b. City decisions consistent with plans and policies
-Objective 4e. Strong partnership with residents and neighborhood associations

BACKGROUND: Per Chapter 2, Section 18.2A(2): Agenda items and voting, the Mayor and Council Members may put forth agenda initiatives by completing an Agenda Initiative Form and submitting it to the City Clerk. Upon submission, the form is added to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole for consideration.

At the February 21, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Member Becker brought forward an Agenda Initiative (attached). Council Member Becker's initiative proposed that the City find ways to reduce costs in other areas as an offset to the coming spending as opposed to increasing the taxpayer burden. A majority of the Council Members present at that meeting voted to have the initiative placed on a future City Council agenda for further discussion.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant & Records Manager

Attachments:

- CC 1B Council Initiative_Becker_Cost Reduction
- CC 1C Council Initiative_Becker_CR_Supplemental Document

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MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER
AGENDA INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FORM

SPONSOR: Nick Becker

PROPOSED INITIATIVE:

With current and future spending needs in mind, I believe we need to find ways to reduce costs in other areas as an offset to the coming spending. This efficiency gain can be a much better source of available money than increasing the taxpayer burden as well as overall spending. I am proposing that we start our efforts by focusing on options for consolidation and cooperation between entities and departments to gain the cost reductions and efficiencies. Additional detail via email.

ESTIMATED CITY STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH & PREPARE FULL COUNCIL MEMO ON PROPOSED INITIATIVE, INCLUDING BACKGROUND AND ANY NECESSARY RESEARCH:

_____ Nominal (less than 5 hours)

_____ Moderate (5 to 10 hours)

__✔__ Significant (more than 10 hours)

ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE: ________________________

WILL THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE REQUIRE A BUDGET AMENDMENT?

_____ Yes

__✔__ No

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS OR STAFF ACTIVITIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE CUT OR REDUCED IN LIEU OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE, IF ANY:

Review of items to reduce is the point of the initiative. Additional details are in email since this form can't handle the full description.

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com

William Nicholas Becker

Key: 8e44c1dfbc3400bc6e49f408eea20982

SPONSOR SIGNATURE

01/19/2022

DATE SUBMITTED

Amanda Stutsman

From: Leslie Yocum
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:26 AM
To: Amanda Stutsman
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Folks,

The automated form doesn't allow for enough text so I am including the full detail here. The form as submitted is also attached. I believe we can with very little incremental effort identify some areas for quick wins and significant savings. It is my hope that this helps to get us moving as we talk through the budget and future spending over the coming months.

With current and future spending needs in mind, I believe we need to take on an initiative to find ways to reduce costs in other areas as an offset to the coming spending. This efficiency gain can be a much better source of available money than increasing the taxpayer burden as well as overall spending. I am proposing that we start our efforts by focusing on options for consolidation and cooperation between entities and departments to gain the cost reductions and efficiencies. I am suggesting possible options here but these are just suggestions based on input that I have received. The actual options can come from these or other areas that staff sees fit.

As a goal for this initiative we should target at least 1.5M to 2M in savings so as to offset both the recent spending and coming increases due to inflation or additional needs.

- Continue the existing efforts with the Township including
    - consolidation of Township and City Admin functions

    - operational overlaps
- Overlap in spending / effort between the Bloomington Election Commission and the County etc
- Emergency Call Center operations
- During our coming budget review and discussion look at each line item for additional options. This will allow for much less time and energy being spent than if it is done as a separate effort.

Our goal / vision will be generation of the operational savings without the reduction of any services provided. We can achieve these goals by improving how we work and not duplicating effort across entities.

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CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.3

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: April 18, 2022

SPONSOR: City Council

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action on Council Member Emig's Agenda Initiative Proposal to propose the establishment of an advisory Green Infrastructure Commission, as requested by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 5. Great Place – Livable, Sustainable City
-Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 5b. City decisions consistent with plans and policies
-Objective 4e. Strong partnership with residents and neighborhood associations

BACKGROUND: Per Chapter 2, Section 18.2A(2): Agenda items and voting, the Mayor and Council Members may put forth agenda initiatives by completing an Agenda Initiative Form and submitting it to the City Clerk. Upon submission, the form is added to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole for consideration.

At the February 21, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Member Emig brought forward an Agenda Initiative (attached). Council Member Emig's initiative proposed e Proposal for the establishment of an advisory Green Infrastructure Commission. A majority of the Council Members present at that meeting voted to have the initiative placed on a future City Council agenda for further discussion.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant & Records Manager

Attachments:
- CC 3B Council Initiative_Emig_Green Infrastructure

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER
AGENDA INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FORM

SPONSOR: Julie Emig

PROPOSED INITIATIVE:

The purpose of this Council Member Initiative is to propose the establishment of an advisory Green Infrastructure Commission. The damage caused by the June 2021 flooding demonstrated the importance of investigating and implementing, over time, research-based practices that are designed to mitigate storm overflows into combined sewer systems. An emphasis on green infrastructure, defined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as "any stormwater management technique or practice employed with the primary goal to preserve, restore, mimic, or enhance natural hydrology," runs tandem with the City's plan to conduct hydraulic modeling for an East Street Basin and select watersheds, included in the Sewer Master Plans (2014). Furthermore, it will "promote incorporation of green infrastructure planning and implementation strategies in new construction as well as redevelopment or rehabilitation of existing sites" (New Jersey Green Infrastructure Municipal Toolkit). The Green Infrastructure Commission will also fulfill a goal in the City's Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans to "educate and involve the public." The City of Bloomington's Green Infrastructure Commission will consist of members who have knowledge of infrastructure, environmental practices, planning, and education. Their role will be advisory, providing policy recommendations to the City Council and public.

ESTIMATED CITY STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH & PREPARE FULL COUNCIL MEMO ON PROPOSED INITIATIVE, INCLUDING BACKGROUND AND ANY NECESSARY RESEARCH:

_____ Nominal (less than 5 hours)

✔ Moderate (5 to 10 hours)

_____ Significant (more than 10 hours)

ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE: None

WILL THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE REQUIRE A BUDGET AMENDMENT?

_____ Yes

✔ No

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS OR STAFF ACTIVITIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE CUT OR REDUCED IN LIEU OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE, IF ANY:

None

Julie Emig
SPONSOR SIGNATURE

January 31, 2022
DATE SUBMITTED

Council Initiative
Submitted by Julie Emig
January 31, 2022

The purpose of this Council Member Initiative is to propose the establishment of a Green Infrastructure Commission. The damage caused by the June 2021 flooding demonstrated the importance of investigating and implementing, over time, research-based practices that are designed to mitigate storm overflows into combined sewer systems. An emphasis on green infrastructure, defined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as "any stormwater management technique or practice employed with the primary goal to preserve, restore, mimic, or enhance natural hydrology," runs tandem with the City's plan to conduct hydraulic modeling for an East Street Basin and select watersheds, included in the Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans (2014). Furthermore, it will "promote incorporation of green infrastructure planning and implementation strategies in new construction as well as redevelopment or rehabilitation of existing sites" (New Jersey Green Infrastructure Municipal Toolkit). The Green Infrastructure Commission will also fulfil a goal in the City's Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans to "educate and involve the public."

The City of Bloomington's Green Infrastructure Commission will consist of members who have knowledge of infrastructure, environmental practices, planning, and education. Their role will be advisory, providing policy recommendations to the City Council and public at large. These recommendations may include, but not be limited to, permeable pavement systems, bioretention swales, rain gardens, infiltration trenches, and/or rainwater harvesting. The Commission will also help to identify potential funding sources, including grants from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and explore best practices from neighboring municipalities (see Peoria's plan as an example).

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.4

FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: April 18, 2022

SPONSOR: City Council

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and action on Council Member Ward's Agenda Initiative Proposal to create a Special Commission to develop a comprehensive plan to address the issue of gun violence locally, as requested by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That staff evaluate and prepare an analysis on the proposed initiative and bring it back for further Council discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
-Goal 5. Great Place – Livable, Sustainable City
-Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
-Objective 5b. City decisions consistent with plans and policies
-Objective 4e. Strong partnership with residents and neighborhood associations

BACKGROUND: Per Chapter 2, Section 18.2A(2): Agenda items and voting, the Mayor and Council Members may put forth agenda initiatives by completing an Agenda Initiative Form and submitting it to the City Clerk. Upon submission, the form is added to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole for consideration.

At the February 21, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Member Ward brought forward an Agenda Initiative (attached). Council Member Ward's initiative proposed to create a Special Commission to develop a comprehensive plan to address the issue of gun violence locally. A majority of the Council Members present at that meeting voted to have the initiative placed on a future City Council agenda for further discussion.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: N/A

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Tara Henry, Legislative Assistant & Records Manager

Attachments:
- CC 2B Council Initiative_Ward_Gun Violence Commission

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER
AGENDA INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FORM

SPONSOR: Ward 7 Alderwoman Mollie Ward

PROPOSED INITIATIVE:

That a Special Commission be created to develop a comprehensive plan to address the issue of gun violence locally by analyzing the scope of the issue and making recommendations for how to make our community a safer place for all. This commission would be culturally diverse and multi-disciplinary, drawing on the wisdom of experts and community members alike and including representation from non-profits, academia, and faith communities as well as governmental agencies.

ESTIMATED CITY STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH & PREPARE FULL COUNCIL MEMO ON PROPOSED INITIATIVE, INCLUDING BACKGROUND AND ANY NECESSARY RESEARCH:

_✔_ Nominal (less than 5 hours)

_____ Moderate (5 to 10 hours)

_____ Significant (more than 10 hours)

ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE: unknown

WILL THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE REQUIRE A BUDGET AMENDMENT?

_____ Yes

_✔_ No

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS OR STAFF ACTIVITIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE CUT OR REDUCED IN LIEU OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE, IF ANY:

n/a

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02/07/2022

DATE SUBMITTED