



MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The Committee of the Whole convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order.

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	Absent
Kent Lee	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to allow Council Member Crumpler to attend the meeting remotely due to illness.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Crumpler joined remotely at 6:02 P.M.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. Surena Fish provided in person public comment. No emailed public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

No items were presented.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation of an Update on the Connect Transit Downtown Transfer Station to be Located at 202 West Market Street, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced the Item and highlighted the City's partnership with Connect Transit.

David Braun, Connect Transit General Manager, provided background on the project including a timeline of the project to date. He then discussed steps taken during the current development phase and explained how proposals would be considered during Connect's May

28, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") Pre-Award Approval Process to follow. He concluded his presentation by outlining next steps.

City Manager Gleason discussed what Council could expect in coming months and noted steps being taken to ensure the Post Office would remain downtown.

Council Member Boelen and Mr. Braun discussed how current office spaces would remain, as well as other plans for the Transfer Station. They also discussed options for wheelchair and bicycle accessibility.

Council Member Kearns asked for additional information on the van program that will accommodate access to work during the construction of the Transit Station. Mr. Braun elaborated on the Program.

Mayor Mwilambwe and Mr. Braun talked about potential opportunities to allow national transit companies to use the Transportation Center as a pick-up/drop-off location.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason shared a video highlighting upcoming events and recognized City staff for their dedication to attracting diverse acts at the Arena and the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts ("BCPA"). He then recognized newly hired employees.

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, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST



Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

