City of Bloomington Illinois

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 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 13, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tari Renner.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Mayor	Present	
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. Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, explained the electronic nature of public comment due to temporary changes under the Open Meeting Act due to COVID-19. The following individuals preregistered to speak live via call-in: (1) Robert Garcia and (2) Stan Nord.

Mrs. Yocum then read a list of individuals who had emailed public comment: (1) Matthew Sims; (2) Robert Garcia; (3) Noah Tang; (4) Veronica Torres Luna; (5) Kreighton Satterwhite; (6) Sonny Garcia; (7) Aleda Diggins; (8) Matt Toczko; (9) Janice Brown; (10) Joseph Kennedy; (11) Dave Kobus; (12) Tammie Mance; (13) Maggie McAvoy; (14) Christopher Haines; and (15) Louis Goseland.

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 Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mwilambwe, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented except Items 7.D. and 7.N.

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

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

Motion carried.

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $5,427,507.82, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 7.B. 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 7.C. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550, with salt spreader and snow plow, from Mangold Ford of Eureka, IL, (Bid #2020-26) in the amount of $86,346, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)*

Item 7.D. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy.

Item 7.E. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of three (3) Rotating Assembly Model 81 rebuild kits from Flow-Technics, Inc. of Frankfort, Illinois, as a limited source, to repair the Fort Jesse B Pumps, in the amount of $116,880, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)*

Item 7.F. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of Neptune water meters and related accessories from Ferguson Enterprises, as a limited source, for the FY 2021 Water Meter Installation Program, in the amount not to exceed $1,400,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)*

Item 7.G. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement to Purchase fifty-four (54) months of Routeware Premium solid waste route optimization software with hardware and software support from Routeware, Inc., as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement and Purchase be approved.)*

Item 7.H. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc., for the rehabilitation of the Hamilton Elevated Tank, in the amount of $1,383,800, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 7.I. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with PDC Laboratories, Inc. for water laboratory services (RFP #2020-45), in the amount of $125,000 for FY 2021, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 7.J. Consideration and action to approve a Contract Extension with Diamond Vogel Paint for the period beginning May 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2021, as provided in the original contract for automatic, one-year increments, for traffic line paint and beads (Bid #2019-22), in the amount not to exceed $75,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract Extension be approved.)*

Item 7.K. Consideration and action to approve a Contract Extension with Henson Disposal for bulk waste disposal, from May 1, 2020, to April 30, 2021, in the amount of

$54.65 per ton of bulk waste, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract Extension be approved.)*

Item 7.L. Consideration and action on a Resolution to Commit to Financial Support and Administration of Funds to Construct the Hamilton Road, Bunn Street to Commerce Parkway, East-West Gap Project with a 2020 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 7.M. Consideration and action on a Resolution Authorizing a Change Order in the amount of $19,935.37 to the Hamilton Road Water Tower Rehabilitation Design and Observation Contract Between the City of Bloomington and Farnsworth Group, Inc., as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution and Change Order be approved.)*

Item 7.N. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Emig.

Item 7.O. Consideration and action on a Resolution Authorizing the Initiation of Minor Text Amendments, Modifications and Deletions to the Bloomington Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 7.P. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for a Portion of Sunnyside Park (Located at 1712 to 1724 W. Illinois Street) Approximately 1.7 Acres, from R-1C Single Family Residential District to P-2 Public Lands and Institutions District, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 7.Q. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Bloomington Commons Subdivision, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved, subject to the petitioner providing the required sureties.)*

Item 7.R. Consideration and action on the Application of Aroma Bloomington Corporation, d/b/a Aroma Indian Restaurant, located at 716 S. Eldorado Road, requesting a Class RAS, (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed License be approved contingent upon compliance with all building, health, and safety codes.)*

Item 7.S. Consideration and action to approve a Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 17 and Lot 18 in Block 2 of Camp Kickapoo, from Susan Laiming, Trustee of McLean County Land Trust H-259 to the petitioner, Susan F. Laiming, Trustee of the Susan F. Laiming Declaration of Trust, dated November 22, 2018, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Lease Transfer be approved.)*

Item 7.T. Consideration and action to approve a Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 5 in Block 5 of Camp Iroquois, from Qazi & Karen Khusro, to the petitioner, Matthew E. Power, Trustee of the JLMRP Land Trust No. 2020, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Lease Transfer be approved.)*

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy:

Item 7.D. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of Neptune R900 gateway antennas and associated accessories from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of $100,000 for FY 2020 and not to exceed $100,000 for FY 2021, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed purchase be approved.)*

Council Member Mathy asked questions regarding the frequency used by the wireless gateway. He also expressed concerns with being locked-in with a single vendor. Mr. Gleason asked Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, to address Council. Mr. Kothe discussed details and benefits of the system. Council Member Mathy asked for additional information and Mr. Kothe responded accordingly.

Council Member Mathy motioned, seconded by Council Member Carrillo, to table Item 7.D. until the April 27, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Renner questioned whether negative impacts would result from tabling the item. Mr. Kothe had no concerns with tabling the item so long as action was taken at the next meeting. Mayor Renner asked if the City would be vendor locked regardless of the company chosen for this service. Mr. Kothe confirmed. Mayor Renner then asked Council Member Mathy to clarify the specific details he would like staff to answer. Council Member Mathy responded.

Deputy City Manager Tyus provided additional details including information on proprietary frequencies. Council Member Mathy restated his concerns.

Council Member Mwilambwe asked if the additional knowledge would change the outcome at the next meeting. Council Member Mathy stated that the additional information he was requesting could allow the City to locate a less expensive alternative.

Mr. Kothe provided details on how the data was transmitted and encrypted using proprietary equipment.

Council Member Mathy withdrew his motion to table the item. Council Member Carrillo concurred.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Black, that Item 7.D. be approved as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Emig:

Item 7.N. Consideration and action on a Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of a Joint Agreement with the Town of Normal and the Ecology Action Center for an Energy Efficiency Program, as requested by the Facilities Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution and Agreement be approved.)*

Council Member Emig noted she served on the Ecology Action Center's Board and therefore, recused herself from the vote at 6:29 p.m.

Council Member Bray made a motion, seconded by Council Member Painter, that Item 7.N. be approved as presented.

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

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

RECUSED: Emig

Motion carried.

Council Member Emig returned to the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. 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 Ordinance 2020-18 to Add Club Liquor License to Section 2(N), as requested by the Legal Department.

City Manager Gleason explained that restaurants and taverns had previously been approved to participate in carryout, curbside pick-up and delivery of packaged alcohol throughout the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order. He explained that staff had since then received requests to allow Club liquor license to also participate.

Council Member Mathy asked for the definition of a club. Mayor Renner responded.

Council Member Carrillo asked the reason tobacco establishments were not included in the curbside pick-up program. Mayor Renner explained that the curbside pick-up programs were only available to essential businesses and, according to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, vape/tobacco businesses were not considered essential.

Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, confirmed Mayor Renner's comments. Mayor Renner asked if the home-rule status could allow the City to implement different guidelines and Mr. Jurgens confirmed it could not.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, that the proposed Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-18 to add Club licenses to Section 1(N) be approved as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason reminded citizens to complete the 2020 Census. He noted Downtown Bloomington Farmers' Market Curbside events coming up and updated the community on COVID-19 resources available. He explained where citizens and businesses could locate information and resources on the City's website. He commended staff for their continued work during COVID-19 and provided an update on staff activity and health. He also reminded the community that the FY 2021 Budget would be discussed with potential COVID-19 impacts at the April 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. He ended by thanking fellow municipal partners and organizations in the community that had generously helped the public throughout COVID-19.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner thanked Council for their participation in the meeting virtually, as well as staff for their support. He also noted additional resources and conversations between intergovernmental partners and private and non-profit organizations. He commended the ability to provide positive solutions for employment, housing, food and health concerns.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Carrillo expressed her appreciation for City staff and their continued hard work. She mentioned that her Community Council Meeting had been rescheduled to Thursday, April 16, 2020.

Council Member Bray echoed her appreciation for staff and the community and commended the community's leadership response to COVID-19.

Council Member Mathy asked Mr. Gleason about the decision to reschedule Spring bulk pick-up and for an update on Parks and Recreation amenities. Mr. Gleason stated parks were to stay open, but golf courses had to remain closed. He noted that signage had been posted at parks to remind citizens to respect social distancing and recommended citizens wear a mask as requested by the CDC. He explained that bulk waste pick-up had been postponed and stressed that the Citizen's Convenience Center was a great alternative resource for citizens. Council Member Mathy stated that he had seen the signage on social distancing at parks and echoed thanks to staff for their continued communication.

Council Member Mwilambwe echoed appreciation to City staff, as well as current and past Council Members. He applauded the unchanged level of service provided by staff throughout COVID-19.

Council Member Emig echoed appreciation to the staff and read a letter from the President of Illinois Municipal League on COVID-19 related resources for municipalities.

Council Member Painter requested Council gather contact information of constituents with questions, as well as begin tracking commonly asked questions. She asked Council Members to work together on potential solutions to common problems.

Executive Session - Cite Section

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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