CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 §6, which was reissued and extended by Executive Order 2021-05. The Order, implemented in response to COVID-19, suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The City Council convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with Mayor, Tari Renner; Deputy City Manager, Billy Tyus; and City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor 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	
Mollie Ward	Ward 7	Remote	
Jeff Crabill	Ward 8	Remote	
Kim Bray	Ward 9	Remote	

COVID-19 Update by City Manager

Deputy City Manager Tyus addressed Council and reported that vaccinations continued to go well at Grossinger Motors Arena, and that McLean County Health Department would continue follow vaccination eligibility guidelines issued by the Governor. He pointed out that eligibility had recently been expanded to include City staff.

Mr. Tyus reported that Outdoor Dining was underway and would continue for the season with new and improved procedures and set-up. He explained that Public Works was installing various barriers across dining areas to increase public safety. He mentioned painted jersey barriers and large planters to beautify dining in the Downtown area. He concluded with an explanation of the review process.

Recognition/Appointments

A. Recognition of Firefighters John Henderson, Jesse Ellis, and Chad Elam, who completed one-year probation

Fire Chief, Eric West, introduced the men and provided a brief background on each including their experience. City Clerk Yocum then gave Jesse Ellis and John Henderson their Oath of Office. Chad Elam was unable to attend and would be issued his oath at a later date.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting for public comment and Willie Halbert spoke live. Mayor Renner responded to the public comment. The following individuals emailed public comment: (1) Beth and Brian Eble; (2) Constance Douglass; (3) Rathnakumar Ramachandram; and (4) Angela Bailey.

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 Painter, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below with the exception of Item 8.L., 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, Ward, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried.

Item 8.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 8.B. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $6,278,506.57, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 8.C. Consideration and action to approve Appointments to various Boards & Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Appointments be approved.)*

Item 8.D. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of 1) seven Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid Vehicles through the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract (#19-416CMS-BOSS4-P-11453) from Morrow Brothers Ford in the amount of $359,960; 2) one Ford Transit Van through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract (#150) from Currie Motors in the amount of $62,858; 3) one Chevrolet Tahoe through the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract (#19-416CMS-BOSS4- P-11454) from Miles Chevrolet in the amount of $43,012 for a total of $465,830; and that City Staff be Authorized to Dispose of the replaced units by public auction, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Police Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchases and Disposal be approved.)*

Item 8.E. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of 1) four 2022 International HV507 Trucks with equipment from Rush Truck Centers in the amount of $668,351.64, using the State of Illinois Contract (# 19-416-CMS-BOSS4-P-8607); 2) one 2022 Kenworth T370 Dump Truck From Central Illinois Trucks of Normal, IL, using the Sourcewell Contract (#060920-KTC, exp. 8/1/2024), in the amount of $118,897.03; 3) one 2022 International MV607 Truck with equipment from Rush Truck Centers in the amount of $161,505.04, using the Sourcewell Contract (# 060920-NVS), for a total of $948,753.71; and that City Staff be Authorized to Dispose of the six replaced units by public auction, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchases and Disposal be approved.)*

Item 8.F. Consideration and action to approve a Professional Services Contract with Donohue & Associates, Inc., for SCADA Improvements Design, in the amount not to exceed $477,600 utilizing RFQ 2019-34 Architectural & Engineering Professional Services, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)*

Item 8.G. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Stark Excavating, for the FY 2021 Sugar Creek Pump Station Improvements (Bid #2021-22), in the amount of $505,840, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 8.H. Consideration and action on a Resolution Adopting the Official 2020 Zoning Map for the City of Bloomington, Which Supersedes and Replaces the Official 2019 Zoning Map Adopted by Council on March 26, 2020, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.I. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the FY 2021 Sugar Creek Lift Station & Force Main Final Design Contract Between the City of Bloomington and Maurer Stutz, Inc., in the Amount of $58,000, for the purpose of funding additional construction inspection and design services, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.J. Consideration and action on 1) a Resolution Recognizing the Ownership Change of ServLine from Sunbelt Insurance Group to HomeServe USA and Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a New Application to Take Advantage of ServLine's In-House Claim Management, and 2) an Ordinance Amending the City of Bloomington Water Leak Adjustment Policy, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution and Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.K. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Designating the Property Located at 112 E. Washington Street, c. 1928-1947, Art Deco and Chicago Style, Architects Shaeffer and Hooton, as a Local Landmark with the S-4 Historic Preservation District Zoning Overlay, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Item 8.L. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mwilambwe.

Item 8.M. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Development Plan for a Planned Unit Development and a Special Use Permit for Single-family Attached Homes at Property Commonly Located South of Southgate Drive, East of US 51/Main Street, Approximately 7.31 Acres, Zoned C-1 Office District, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item 8.L. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for Property Located South of General Electric Road and West of Towanda Barnes Road, Approximately 6.06 Acres, in the Hawthorne Commercial Subdivision from B-1 General Commercial District to R-2 Mixed Residence District (Tract 1, 2.95 acres) and R-3A Multiple-family Residential District (Tract 2, 3.11 Acres), as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Council Member Mwilambwe thanked the residents of the area for their level of engagement, as well as the developer, for multiple opportunities for public communication. He noted that the primary concern for most residents was that rezoning the area from B1 to R3A would allow the developer to build apartments. He explained that, while the developer intended to build townhomes, the residents sought additional assurances that apartments would not be built. For that reason, he did not support the item as presented.

Council Member Mwilambwe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, to approve the proposed Ordinance as related to the rezoning of Track 1 from B1 to R2 and to table the rezoning of Track 2 from B1 to R3A to the April 12, 2021 City Council meeting.

Council Member Mathy asked, if tabled, what the anticipated outcome would be. Council Member Mwilambwe responded that he hoped additional communication between the developer and residents would take place. Council Member Mathy expressed concern with tabling a portion of the item when it had already appeared before the Planning Commission twice. He asked for clarification on if the item would be sent back to the Planning Commission. Council Member Mwilambwe clarified that the item would appear again before Council only.

Council Members Emig, Mwilambwe, and Crabill had additional discussion on when the item would reappear before Council.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Ward, Crabill, Bray

NAYES: Carrillo

Motion carried.

Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing for the FY 2022 Proposed Budget, as requested by the Finance Department and the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion:* None; presentation and public hearing only.*)*

Mayor Renner opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Mr. Tyus introduced the item and noted that the operational budget of approximately $110 million had remained relatively flat and that the increases presented in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Proposed Budget were for planned infrastructure projects. He then asked Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, to address Council.

Mr. Rathbun conceded his time and welcomed public comments.

Mrs. Yocum stated that no public comment had been received.

Mayor Renner opened the floor to Council Discussion.

Council Member Boelen highlighted that the projects within the FY22 Proposed Budget included major funding from the State Motor Fuel Tax that had been in the works for decades. She expressed her support in the projects.

Council Member Crabill asked for additional information on the Police Administration budget. Mr. Rathbun responded and explained he could follow-up to provide additional information.

Mayor Renner closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 10.A. Consideration and action on a Resolution Authorizing Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements and Approving an Agreement with Watts Copy Systems, Inc. Utilizing the Omnia Joint Purchasing Contract for the Lease of Citywide Multi-function Devices for Five (5) Years in the Amount Not to Exceed $296,400 and Approving a State and Local Government Lease-Purchase Agreement with De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC, as requested by the Information Technology Department and the Administration Department.

Deputy City Manager Tyus introduced the Item and explained the contract benefits, which included increased efficiencies and lower costs on print services management. He then introduced Craig McBeath, Director of Information Technologies, and Mark Owens, Assistant Director of Information Technologies.

Mr. McBeath provided a brief overview of the Item and asked Mr. Owens to address Council.

Mr. Owens provided additional details on the contract and noted that current devices had been installed in 2013 stressing the overextended life cycle. He then provided a brief background on the bid process and recommended the contract be awarded to Watts Copy Systems, Inc. ("Watts"), a local provider. He went on to describe reasoning Watts had been selected. He presented estimated savings amounting to a projected $84,117.60 savings over the life of a 5-year contract. Mr. Owens discussed multiple soft-cost benefits as well.

Council Member Mathy expressed support of the Item and asked staff to actively seek ways to reduce the amount of paper used by the City.

Council Member Crabill asked for additional explanation on “managed services.” Mr. Owens explained it included managed work, such as printer issues/jams, that were best outsourced verses utilizing internal staff allowing staff to focus on more critical items. Council Member Crabill echoed Council Member Mathy's statements on the reduction of paper.

Council Member Mwilambwe asked where staff suggested spending the anticipated savings. Mayor Renner responded that Council would decide where to spend the $84,000 savings. Mr. McBeath and Mr. Owens made a few suggestions.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the proposed Resolution be approved.

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.B. Presentation and discussion of the Solid Waste Program, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Administration Department.

Mr. Tyus introduced the Item and noted that the presentation was the third presentation on the solid waste program. He asked Kevin Kothe, Director of Public Works, to address Council.

Mr. Kothe discussed multiple Public Works programs (Citizen Convenience Center, Bulk Waste Pick-Up, Brush Waste Pick-Up, and Leaf Collection Pick-Up) in addition to the potential purchase of an Air Curtain Brush Burn Disposal machine that would allow some services to be brought in-house. He discussed each program's concerns, presented several proposed changes, and noted the potential benefits of said changes. He then highlighted associated costs and the potential savings to each program if the proposed changes were implemented.

Council Member Ward stated that her constituents expressed interest in a more frequent bulk waste pick-up program, as well as enforcement of improper bulk waste disposal. She also expressed interest in an amended program so that there wasn't a one-size fits all solution pointing out that not all neighborhoods needed the same pick-up schedule. Mayor Renner echoed Council Member Ward's statement on pick-up schedules. Mr. Kothe appreciated the feedback.

Council Member Bray noted that the twice-a-year bulk waste pick-up had been implemented on a trial basis. She was supportive of a more frequent schedule.

Council Member Mwilambwe explained that City services should be adjusted as they were used by the public. He expressed interest in the potential for citizens to schedule bulk waste pick-up and discussed potential staff efficiency of implementing such a practice.

Council Member Mathy agreed with the ability to schedule bulk waste pick-ups. He expressed additional interest in enforcement of bulk waste pick-up abuses by apartment complexes. Mayor Renner agreed with Council Member Mathy and was interested in the imposition of fines to those who abuse the program.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 10.C. Consideration and action to approve the Project Management Plan, with the Design Concept and Budget Estimate for the O'Neil Park Pool Project, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department.</u>

Mayor Renner recognized the economic development significance of the project. He thanked staff for their work and expressed his support for the Item.

Mr. Tyus provided a brief background on the project. He then asked Jay Tetzloff, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, to address Council.

Mr. Tetzloff echoed the importance of the long-anticipated project. He noted there were no changes from the presentation that had been made at the previous meeting. He noted that Andrew Caputo, Representative with Williams Architect, was also available to answer questions, if needed.

Council Member Crabill echoed the importance of the project and expressed his support. He asked Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, if it was fiscally responsible to acquire debt to complete the project. Mayor Renner responded that it depended on the terms of the agreement, economic impact, and the long-term benefits to the community. Mr. Rathbun also noted the priorities of the community, as well as quality of life needing to be a factor considered. He stated that the City was in a fortunate financial position and able to take on such a project. He discussed options that could be used to pay for the expenses. Mayor Renner expanded.

Council Member Crabill requested that the pool and amenities be as accessible as possible, and that staff and the architect reach out to Life Center for Independent Living ("LIFE CIL") for additional accessibility input.

Council Member Ward supported the project. She echoed the comments about LIFE CIL and park accessibility. She encouraged free access to the splashpad and expanded on opportunities to cultivate public-private partnerships in the future. Mayor Renner expanded on the accessibility aspect of the project.

Council Member Boelen asked for confirmation on the construction and design costs. Mr. Tyus explained that the design costs were part of the total project cost of $11.8 million. Council Member Boelen asked additional questions for clarification. Mr. Tetzloff explained the design cost was separate from the $11.8 million construction cost after design was completed. He stated that the $11.8 million total cost was a preliminary figure and staff were confident they would be able to complete the project under budget. She was in favor of the project, but expressed concerns the project would not be the economic development driver others anticipated. Additional discussion was had amongst Council Member Boelen, Mr. Tyus and Mr. Tetzloff.

Council Member Carrillo expressed support in the project and reiterated the importance of ensuring both physical and economic accessibility. She also addressed the facility being accessible to all genders.

Council Member Emig reiterated support in all aspects of accessibility. She believed the most important part of the project was quality of service to the community.

Council Member Ward pointed out additional multiple economic development opportunities including opportunities for local job creation throughout construction and the facility opening.

Council Member Mathy echoed statements about job creation. He then highlighted various accessibility features that had been incorporated into the current design. He mentioned that the facility may also be used by residents of small surrounding communities.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carrillo, that the proposed Plan be approved.

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

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

NAYS: Boelen

Motion carried.

Mayor Renner expressed excitement for the O'Neil Park Pool and his appreciation to City staff and Council for their constant work on the project.

The following item was presented:

Item 10.D. Consideration and action to approve the Fire L49 Collective Bargaining Agreement, as requested by the Human Resources Department and the Public Works Department.

Mr. Tyus read a statement by City Manager, Tim Gleason, and then highlighted various changes to the agreement. He expressed appreciation for the willingness of all the parties involved to work through issues. He then introduced Eric Hall, President of the Bloomington Firefighters Local 49.

Mr. Hall expressed appreciation for the City Manager who had personally been involved in negotiations and for staff who discussed each negotiable item on its own merit. He reported that negotiations were completed within a few meetings and that the members of the Local 49 Union had voted to approve the contrfeact before it exlipired.

Mayor Renner noted that, historically, some union contracts would not be resolved before the contract expired. He believed it was a testament to current City Administration and pointed out that the contract coming for Council consideration before it expired was mutually beneficial.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, the proposed Agreement be approved.

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

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 10.E. Consideration and potential action regarding Ordinance 2020-18, An Ordinance Declaring a Local Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Virus & Enacting Various Emergency Measures, as requested by the Legal Department.</u>

No modifications were recommended.

Council Member Boelen asked for staff to review the Governor's Orders more closely as the COVID-19 situation continued to evolve. She asked if Council was yet able to remove some of the local COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Tyus responded that staff continued to monitor the Governor's Orders regularly and would prepare potential changes in time. However, he stressed that there was still much uncertainty and that staff did not recommend local restrictions be removed at that time.

Council Member Crabill expressed interest in Outdoor Dining continuing to be accessible per the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). Mr. Tyus responded that ADA compliance was part of the review processes.

Finance Director's Report

Scott Rathbun, Director of Finance, addressed Council. He discussed a summary of the FY21 Major Tax revenue and highlighted various line items. He then discussed FY21 General Fund revenues and expenditures by category and noted specific significant impacts. He touched on the FY21 Enterprise Funds, highlighting that the revenues were on track and then discussed financial impacts of retail cannabis revenues. He concluded with updates on the utility billing upgrade and the American Rescue Plan.

Council Member Boelen noted low utility collection and asked about the correlation between utilities and pensions. Mr. Rathbun responded that Telecom had impacted figures, and that the City should soon review how pensions would be funded with decreasing land-line phone use. Council Member Boelen asked for information on how to pay a utility bill under the new billing system. Mr. Rathbun responded accordingly.

Council Member Mathy expressed appreciation for City staff and their work on the utility billing conversion. He then commented on how Telecom was taxed, and that cell phone data usage was not able to be taxed.

City Manager's Discussion

Deputy City Manager reported that Outdoor Dining would return due to its popularity and highlighted multiple Downtown events. He celebrated the big items that were approved during the meeting and highlighted various items coming soon.

Mayor Renner expanded on the success of the Outdoor Dining program in 2020.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner encouraged citizens to become vaccinated. He touched on the upcoming election and noted that he would explain the transition at the next meeting.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Bray reminded the community to exercise their right to vote. Mayor Renner commented to the importance of voting.

Council Member Ward mentioned recent shootings and encouraged the community to continue to work towards a better future.

Executive Session - Cite Section

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

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

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Tari Renner	Amanda Mohan
Tari Renner, Mayor	Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk

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