City of Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom. 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

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Recognition of Firefighter Donovan McIntire who has completed probationary period, as requested by the Fire Department.

Fire Chief, Cory Matheny, introduced Firefighter, Donavan McIntire, and provided a brief background on McIntire. Mayor Mwilambwe presented Firefighter McIntire with his Firefighter Commission Certificate.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. The following spoke in person: (1) Sally Decker; (2) Noah Tang; (3) Surena Fish: (4) Zach Carlson; (5) John Capodice; (6) Scott Stimeling; and (7) Dale Nafziger. No emailed 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 Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 7.E. and 7.M.

Item 8.A. Consideration and Action on Approving the Minutes of the January 24, 2024, Special City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 8.B. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $9,070,374.15, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 8.C. Consideration and Action on Approving Appointments to Boards & Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Appointments be approved.)

Item 8.D. Consideration and Action on Approving the Purchase of One Toro TX1300 from Alta Equipment, in the Amount of ~~$59,855~~ $52,287, as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk, noted a scrivener's error in the title.

Item 8.E. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Montney.

Item 8.F. Consideration and Action on Approving a Change Order for Brand Development for the Current Citywide Recruitment Campaign with GrahamSpencer, LLC, in the Amount of $10,950, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Change Order be approved.)

Item 8.G. Consideration and Action on Approving an Agreement with J Spencer Construction, LLC, for the Fire Station #3 Kitchen Remodel (Bid #2024-22), in the Amount of $88,500, as requested by the Fire Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

Item 8.H. Consideration and Action on (1) a Supplemental Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code, in the Amount Not to Exceed $472,431; (2) a Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services Agreement Supplement for Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds, in the Amount Not to Exceed $451,681 with Alfred Benesch & Company; and (3) a Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Approving an Agreement with Matthewson Land Services, Inc., for Land Acquisition Services for the Fox Creek Road & Bridge Improvements Project, in the Amount Not to Exceed $20,750, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Supplemental Resolution, Agreement Supplement, and Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO 2024 – 008

A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MATTHEWSON LAND SERVICES, INC., FOR LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES FOR THE FOX CREEK ROAD & BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $20,750

Item 8.I. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Agreement with Rowe Construction - A Division of United Contractors Midwest, for the Fiscal Year 2024 General Resurfacing Program - Phase 2 (Bid #2024-24), in the Amount of $1,344,032.66, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO 2024 – 005

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ROWE CONSTRUCTION - A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, FOR THE FISCAL

YEAR 2024 GENERAL RESURFACING PROGRAM - PHASE 2 (BID #2024-24), IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,344,032.66

Item 8.J. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Agreement with George Gildner, Inc., for the FY 2024 General Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Replacement Program – Phase II (Bid #2024-25), in the Amount of $805,812.85, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO 2024 – 006

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE GILDNER, INC., FOR THE FY 2024 GENERAL SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE II (BID #2024-25), IN THE AMOUNT OF $805,812.85

Item 8.K. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Vehicle Repair & Service in the B-1 (General Commercial) District, for the Property Located at 1706 E. Hamilton Road, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO 2024 – 007

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR VEHICLE REPAIR & SERVICE IN THE B-1 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1706 E. HAMILTON ROAD

Item 8.L. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending the Bloomington City Code Updating Chapters 6, 7, And 31 Pertaining to Alcohol and Licenses Administered by the City Clerk, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO 2024 – 008

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BLOOMINGTON CITY CODE UPDATING CHAPTERS 6, 7, AND 31 PERTAINING TO ALCOHOL AND LICENSES ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY CLERK

Item 8.M. Consideration and Action on 1) an Ordinance Dissolving the Property Maintenance Review Board, and Merging the Functions Performed by that Board with Those of the Building Board of Appeals, and 2) Approving the Minutes of the September 1, 2020, Special Property Maintenance Review Board Meeting, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance and Minutes be approved.)

Staff pulled Item 8.M. from consideration to potentially return at a later date.

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 pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Montney:

Item 8.E. Consideration and Action on Approving the Purchase of Additional Services for Brand Development for the Citywide Recruitment Campaign with GrahamSpencer, LLC, in the Amount of $ 55,450, as requested by the Human Resources Department.

Council Member Montney asked for additional information on the proposed investment and employee attrition. Nicole Albertson, Human Resources Director, explained the Employee Referral Bonus Program and its purpose to promote recruitment. She explained that the previous amount approved had included Phases 1 – 4 and the additional funding request would cover Phase 5 of the rebranding project. She then discussed the detailed, data-driven approach being taken to rebrand. The two then discussed next steps for the Program and rebranding project.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, talked about ways the City had invested in its employees through professional development to become an employer of choice.

Council Member Crumpler and Ms. Albertson discussed the project's timeline.

Council Member Hendricks 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.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

9.A. Presentation and Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Update, as requested by the Finance Department.

City Manager Gleason introduced the Item and asked Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, to address Council.

Mr. Rathbun discussed the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget emphasizing public safety, roads, dependable infrastructure, clean water, and public well-being. He highlighted significant changes and key factors of the budget. He reviewed the budget breaking out various proposed allocations.

Council Member Ward asked for additional background on ARPA funds allocated to various projects. Mr. Rathbun stated that funds had to be allocated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. They then discussed funds still available through the program.

Council Member Boelen expressed concern about Connect Transit's lack of budget presentations to Council.

Finance Director's Report

City Manager Gleason explained the upcoming report was on the current budget.

Mr. Rathbun addressed Council and reminded them that the numbers presented were around two months behind based on reporting. He discussed the Governor's proposal to eliminate grocery tax which, as a result, could impact revenues. He presented the FY Financial Summary as of January 2024 and highlighted various revenues comparing them to last year's figures. He then discussed year-to-date figures and encumbrances, defining encumbrance for the community. He briefly discussed FY 2023 major tax revenues, General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, and Enterprise Funds highlighting the golf revenue fund and how it increased by $400,000 from the previous year. He concluded his presentation by noting where the community could locate the City's budget materials.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason shared a video highlighting upcoming events. He commented to a recent Open House with the Region 3 Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on various projects that total approximately $100 million in addition to funds the City allocated to asphalt and concrete projects.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe reiterated the significance of the IDOT grant award. He also noted many community members had reached out with gratitude for the hockey team returning.

Council Member's Discussion

No Council Member discussions were held.

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:

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

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