



MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

The Council convened in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building at 6:01 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2020. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tari Renner.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Mayor	Present	
Jamie Mathy	Ward 1	Present	
Donna Boelen	Ward 2	Present	
Mboka Mwilambwe	Ward 3	Present	
Julie Emig	Ward 4	Present	
Joni Painter	Ward 5	Present	
Jennifer Jazmin Carrillo	Ward 6	Remote	
Scott Black	Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Ward 8	Present	
Kim Bray	Ward 9	Present	

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to allow Council Member Carrillo to participate remotely as she was away for work purposes.

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

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

ABSTAIN: Carrillo

Motion carried.

Recognition/Appointments

A. Presentation of the City of Bloomington Police Department Police Officer's Commission Certificate to Officer Freshour, upon his completion of an eighteen-month probation, as requested by the Police Department.

Mayor Renner read the certificate aloud.

Chief of Police, Dan Donath, came forward to recognize police officer, Alex Freshour, who had recently completed probation. Chief Donath spoke fondly of Officer Freshour and acknowledged his family who were also present.

City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, came forward to swear Officer Freshour into service as a police officer for the City of Bloomington.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the floor for public comment and the following individuals came forward: (1) Gary Lambert; (2) John Reed; and (3) Scott Stimeling.

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 Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mwilambwe, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented:

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

Motion carried.

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.B. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2020 Legislative Update Special Session, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.C. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$7,124,434.57, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.D. Consideration and action on a License Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Sunnyside Community Garden and Food Forest, Inc., as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed License Agreement be approved.)

Item 7.E. Consideration and action on a Resolution Authorizing a Change Order and First Amendment in the Amount of \$347,700 to the FY2020 Utility Maintenance Contract between the City of Bloomington and George Gildner, Inc., Bid No. 2019-28, for the purpose of funding additional utility maintenance projects at various locations, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

Item 7.F. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., for the Purchase of Cationic and Anionic Polymer, in the amount of \$76,500, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 7.G. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for 3204-3212 Gerig Drive and 3216 Gerig Drive, Approximately 5.04 acres, from B-1 General Commercial District to B-2 Local Commercial District, as requested by the Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

Regular Agenda

Item 8.A. Presentation by the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the 2020 Census purpose, process, and timeline, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, introduced the item by stressing the importance of the Census. He asked Nora Dukowitz, Communications Manager, to come forward to kick-off the presentation.

Mrs. Dukowitz highlighted key points of the Census by discussing timelines, how to avoid Census workers coming to individual doors, and stressed that one person left off the Census means the State missing out on approximately \$17,000. She welcomed Caryl Riley, Senior Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau and turned the presentation over to her.

Mrs. Riley walked through her presentation, emphasizing information that would and would not be collected, as well as the benefits of participating in the Census. She discussed opportunities for completing the Census, procedures to follow, and any other frequent concerns or questions she'd heard during her time with the Census.

Council Member Mwilambwe thanked Mrs. Riley for coming to the meeting. He asked that she discuss the security of the Census's website and collection methods. Mrs. Riley responded accordingly.

Council Member Emig also thanked Mrs. Riley for her presentation. She asked for additional information on ways the Census would work to reach those that had not historically been counted. Mrs. Riley discussed community efforts planned.

Council Member Crabill stressed the importance of the Census. He asked for clarification on how long online registration would remain an option. Mrs. Riley stated that the online option would remain open through the entire process and discussed how students, homeless, elderly in nursing homes, etc. would be counted. She also talked about resources available to the City for tracking.

Council Member Painter asked a question regarding detox and/or rehabilitation centers. Mrs. Riley responded accordingly.

Council Member Mathy thanked Mrs. Riley for discussing what would not be asked on the Census. He went on to address several factors that citizens should be aware of during Census time that could help protect their personal information.

Item 8.B. Consideration and action on Classified (non-union) IMRF Retirement awareness, as requested by the Human Resources Department.

City Manager Gleason discussed the item as required by the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act, 50 ILCS 155/1, and highlighted four employees that had decided to retire.

Council Member Mathy asked whether the staff members presented were the last to be expected under sick leave buy back. Nicole Albertson, Human Resources Director, stated that more would be coming to Council soon.

Item 8.C. Presentation of FY2021 Proposed Budget, as requested by the Finance Department.

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

Mr. Rathbun walked through the FY21 proposed budget, highlighted material changes over the FY20 budget, provided a summary of expected revenues/expenses, and addressed capital improvement projects in detail by calling several department directors forward to address their department's anticipated projects.

Russ Waller, Facilities Director, came forward to address Council. Mr. Waller pointed

out that all the proposed projects for the year are related to parking garages. He provided a brief history and overview of each parking garage and discussed the proposed projects in more detail.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to extend the discussion by ten minutes.

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.

Council Member Mathy questioned how the City should move forward with planning for the Market Street Garage. Mr. Waller responded that the proposed improvements would gain five to seven years of use and recommended improvements be implemented immediately with consideration on future redevelopment of the facility.

Council Member Mwilambwe asked what alternative options the City could use to accommodate parking needs Downtown. Mr. Waller stated that he would provide information regarding expenses to encourage strategizing and planning.

Council Member Black recommended that a back-end strategy be put in place prior to the approval of the budget in lieu of completing the \$1.3 million in improvements.

Council Member Boelen confirmed that the bond had been paid off for the Market Street Garage. Mr. Waller responded affirmatively.

Mayor Renner asked that Mr. Rathbun reallocate the 20 minutes of Council discussion he had planned to additional presentation time. Mr. Rathbun agreed.

Jay Tetzloff, Parks, Recreation, Cultural Arts Director, came forward to address Council. Mr. Tetzloff discussed four projects including O'Neil Park Aquatic Center, two Route 66 trails, and one at the Miller Park Zoo. He discussed funding including State monies and grants.

Council Member Crabill asked a clarifying question regarding planning for O'Neil Park Aquatic Center. Mr. Tetzloff explained the process.

Council Member Mathy asked whether O'Neil Pool would be able to open this coming season. Mr. Tetzloff confirmed that it would.

Council Member Black asked for more detail on the O'Neil pool and park plans. Mr. Tetzloff walked through timelines for improvements.

Council Member Emig asked how the scope for the project would be provided. Mr. Gleason commented on the plans for improvements and anticipated that the real 'new' improvements would come in FY22.

Council Member Mwilambwe asked how many more seasons the pool would get out of the work already completed and the work planned. Mr. Tetzloff believed the maximum seasons to be 2 including this coming summer.

Council Member Black recommended that the conversation stay away from cost recovery, pointing out that no scope for the project had been identified. He emphasized the need to address the quality of life for citizens in the area surrounding the pool.

Kevin Kothe, Public Works Director, came forward to address Council. Mr. Kothe highlighted several projects being funded via Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds and the Asphalt and Concrete fund.

Council Member Boelen emphasized the importance of public safety and pointed out that the Motor Fuel Tax discussed was in fact State MFT funds.

Mr. Kothe continued by moving on to capital improvement projects that would be funded by the Water fund and Sewer fund and discussed sewer assessments in great lengths.

Council Member Mathy complimented Mr. Kothe on the detail he'd provided. He asked how the information collected after completion of sewer assessments would be used. Mr. Kothe discussed the information that would be collected and talked through ways the information could be used, as well as priority projects that would come to light during the assessments.

Council Member Painter made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, to extend the discussion by 10 minutes.

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.

Council Member Painter asked whether there were plans to add sewer lines to various areas of the City. Mr. Kothe responded accordingly with detail.

Council Member Emig asked for information on work to come. Mr. Kothe stated that a lot of work would result from the proposed projects.

Chief of Police, Dan Donath, came forward to address Council. Chief Donath started by pointing out that the two projects he'd be discussing would be funded by means outside of City funding. He discussed improvements to the City's shooting range and construction of a room for processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Mr. Rathbun addressed Council again and highlighted statistics of services provided to the public via the City budget and addressed next steps for the budget. He discussed resources available to the public to assist in understanding the budget and emphasized the City's desire to be transparent.

Council Member Boelen asked clarifying questions regarding Police line items. Mr. Rathbun responded accordingly, and a discussion of Connect Transit was had.

Council Member Mwilambwe complimented Mr. Rathbun's presentation and called out how impactful small departments at the City truly are in regard to the amount of work they are able to complete.

Finance Director's Report

Mr. Rathbun provided an update on major tax revenue and expenses and discussed changes he had made in how he presents data in his monthly report. He finished by summarizing the City's enterprise funds.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager, Tim Gleason, pointed out upcoming downtown events and thanked Council for the opportunity to address the budget in the manner that they had. He moved on

to the City's website to show where the City's 2019 Accomplishments presentation could be found.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner wished Council Member Mathy a happy birthday.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Bray thanked Mr. Rathbun for his approach to the budget, complimenting how easy to follow it was.

Council Member Crabill also spoke fondly about Mr. Rathbun's approach to the budget and how the improvements he'd made had truly been impactful to understanding the City's budget process. He mentioned a listening session he'd recently held and talked about the Connect to the Future Working group.

Council Member Boelen also discussed the Connect to the Future Working Group.

Council Member Carrillo thanked staff for their work on the budget and discussed upcoming meetings she was holding, as well as some that would involve Council Member Crabill.

Executive Session - Cite Section

No executive session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Black made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce)

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST



Tari Renner, Mayor



Leslie Smith-Yocum, City Clerk

