CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2024

COMPONENTS OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION

This portion of the meeting recognizes individuals, groups, or institutions publically, as well as those receiving a proclamation, or declaring a day or event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each regular City Council meeting shall have a public comment period not to exceed 30 minutes. Every speaker is entitled to speak for up to 3 minutes. To be considered for public comment, please complete a public comment card at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The Mayor will randomly draw from the cards submitted. Public comment is a time to give comment. It is not a question and answer period and the City Council does not respond to public comments. Speakers who engage in threatening or disorderly behavior will have their time ceased.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member, City Manager or Corporation Counsel so requests; in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the Regular Agenda, which typically begins with Item No. 8.

The City's Boards and Commissions hold Public Hearings prior to some Council agenda items appearing on the Council's Meeting Agenda. Persons who wish to address the Council should provide new information that is pertinent to the issue before them.

PUBLIC HEARING

Items that require receiving public testimony will be placed on the agenda and noticed as a Public Hearing. Individuals have an opportunity to provide public testimony on those items that impact the community and/or residence.

REGULAR AGENDA

All items that provide the Council an opportunity to receive a presentation, ask questions of City Staff, seek additional information, or deliberate prior to making a decision will be placed on the Regular Agenda.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor - Mboka Mwilambwe

City Council Members

Ward 1 - Jenna Kearns
Ward 2 - Donna Boelen
Ward 3 - Sheila Montney
Ward 4 - John Danenberger
Ward 5 - Nick Becker
Ward 6 - Cody Hendricks
Ward 7 - Mollie Ward
Ward 8 - Kent Lee
Ward 9 - Tom Crumpler

City Manager - Tim Gleason
Deputy City Manager - Billy Tyus
Deputy City Manager - Jeff Jurgens

CITY LOGO DESIGN RATIONALE

The CHEVRON Represents:
Service, Rank, and Authority
Growth and Diversity
A Friendly and Safe Community
A Positive, Upward Movement and Commitment to Excellence!

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUE STATEMENT

MISSION
To Lead, Serve and Uplift the City of Bloomington

VISION
A Jewel of the Midwest Cities

VALUES
Service-Centered,
Results-Driven,
Inclusive

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
- Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities
- Grow the Local Economy
- Strong Neighborhoods
- Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City
- Prosperous Downtown Bloomington

AGENDA

CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA
GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARDROOM, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM #400
115 E. WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Attendance

3. Public Comment

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person or remotely may register at www.cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting for in-person public comment and at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting for remote public comment.

4. 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.

A. Consideration and Action on Approving the Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

5. Regular Agenda

A. Presentation of the FY2025 Budget Capital Projects, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; presentation and discussion only.) (Presentation by Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, 50 Minutes; and City Council Discussion, 10 minutes.)*

B. Presentation of the 2023 Roadwork Wrap-Up, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services and the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; presentation and discussion only.) (Presentation by Jeff Jurgens, Deputy City Manager; Kevin Kothe, Operations and Engineering Services Director/City Engineer; and Mose Rickey, Public Works Director, 5 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 10 minutes.)*

6. City Manager's Report

7. Executive Session

8. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who require reasonable accommodations to observe and/or participate, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 309-434-2468 mhurt@cityblm.org.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.A.

FOR COUNCIL: February 19, 2024

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and Action on Approving the Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The proposed Minutes be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

BACKGROUND: The minutes of the meetings provided have been reviewed and certified as correct and complete by the City Clerk. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Council minutes must be approved thirty (30) days after the meeting or at the second subsequent regular meeting whichever is later. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council minutes are available for public inspection and posted to the City's website within ten (10) days after Council approval.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Ashley Lara, Records & Licensing Specialist

ATTACHMENTS:
CLK 1B Minutes

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 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 Pro Tem Donna Boelen called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Absent
Jenna Kearns	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Donna Boelen	Mayor Pro Tem	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	Absent

Recognitions/Appointments

The following item was presented:

Item 3.A. Recognition of the International City Manager's Association's High-Performance Leadership Academy Graduating Class: Bloomington Cohort #2, as requested by the Administration Department.

Tim Gleason, City Manager, thanked Council and the community for the opportunity to share about the International City Management Association (ICMA) Program. He explained what the Program entailed and expressed pride for each of the participants. He introduced Dave Lamb, Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation, to speak on behalf of the graduating class.

Mr. Lamb thanked Council for the opportunity to participate in the Program. He spoke of his class' commitment to the course, excitement for the material, and shared feedback from each graduate. He stressed what a positive experience it had been for all who participated.

Mayor Pro Tem Boelen thanked the participants.

Public Comment

No 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 Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Montney, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action on Approving the Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Special Session City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Boelen directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 6.A. Presentation by Chief Judge Costigan of a Summary of McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Work Over the Last Five Years, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Gleason introduced the Item and asked Council Member Becker to say a few words on behalf of the item.

Council Member Becker expressed the importance of collaboration between the City and the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). He introduced Chief Judge Casey Costigan to present.

Chief Judge Costigan gave a brief overview of his background, as well as the background of the CJCC. He explained that the CJCC had moved its focus to youth in the community and, in an effort to learn more about issues facing local youth, had worked with many partners in the community to collect data. He highlighted numerous individuals who had made an impact on CJCC's work. He discussed various programs including the Merging Adults Program and explained how the Program had changed based on feedback received. He stressed that the Council was a partnership amongst many in the community and that the CJCC continued to learn and improve with the times. He ended by inviting Council to attend meetings and that the CJCC would be happy to share any data with Council if requested.

Council Member Becker asked if the presenters could share the various groups that were involved with the CJCC regularly.

William Scanlan, Trial Court Administrator, named a few of the key groups and explained that there were around 32 organizations involved regularly. He pointed out that most of them were criminal justice related.

Council Member Becker complimented the CJCC for running open minded, efficient meetings.

The following item was presented:

Item 6.B. Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Downtown Streetscape Project, as requested by the Administration Department.

Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the Streetscape Project and why it had been proposed. He highlighted the downtownforeveryone.com website where the community could follow the project, get detailed information plans, and provide feedback. He gave updates on the most recent phase of the project and explained that the presentation would provide a plan based on the input received from the community. He ended by introducing Mike Sewell, Project Manager for Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly.

Mr. Sewell recognized a few members of his team before presenting the Streetscape Plan. He explained where the project stood, and highlighted how public input had been solicited and worked into what was being presented. He spoke about accessibility options and walked through how the downtown would be improved if the plan was executed. He ended the presentation by providing his contact information and reminding the public to visit the downtownforeveryone.com website, as well as the upcoming Project Open House.

Council Member Ward asked if there would be any areas that would become strictly or primarily pedestrian space. Mr. Sewell answered yes and shared the addition of flex spaces to make the area more walkable. She then asked if the one-way streets would be maintained. Mr. Sewell confirmed they would be.

Council Member Hendricks asked about discussions with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation), McLean County, and the McLean County History Museum. Mr. Sewell stated that the County had been very supportive. He explained that IDOT had presented challenges regarding bike lanes and the number of lanes in general, and that the conversations continued. Mr. Tyus added that he believed the conversations with IDOT would end successfully and that the County and Museum had been very involved and would continue to be.

Council Member Danenberger wanted to know about communications with downtown business owners. Mr. Sewell stated that a steering committee had been created, which included downtown business owners. He noted that the City had personally visited with and/or sent correspondence to every downtown business to promote engagement in the project.

Council Member Montney asked, on behalf of a constituent, if any data had been collected as to whether consumers would still visit businesses if they did not have the option to park right in front of the location. Mr. Sewell stated that it would be difficult to quantify such data, but that the City had engaged businesses to best analyze parking situations. She then recommended that a study be done to determine how real consumers would be affected.

Council Member Ward wanted clarification on the percentage of parking that would be lost. Mr. Sewell explained that the proposal was to remove parallel parking options and keep diagonal spaces. He noted that an additional 50 spaces would be added on east and west streets. She noted that having parking in front of businesses could be an issue.

Mr. Sewell shared that when downtown business owners were polled, they preferred opportunities for downtown to be more pedestrian-friendly.

Council Member Hendricks asked about garbage and recycling bins. Mr. Tyus confirmed that was a big focus of the plans.

Council Member Boelen asked about telescoping of sewers and when the findings would be presented. Mr. Tyus explained the assessment had been done and that the needs had been utilized in preparing the plans presented. She then expressed concern about the time and location of the next Project Open House. Mr. Sewell explained the last Open House had been set for 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and there was minimal attendance after 6:00 P.M. Mr. Tyus addressed the involvement throughout the community at other locations.

Tim Gleason, City Manager, highlighted the outreach made and how proud he was of how it was coming together. He recognized members of the audience from the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Council thanking them for their support and then expressed his own excitement for the project, as well as for potential opportunities to come.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason recognized employees of the City who had passed in 2023 honoring them for their commitment and dedication. He then recognized new hires and presented a video highlighting upcoming City events. He ended by mentioning the upcoming Hallett Sports Agreement with the Arena that would bring back hockey to the City. He detailed the importance of the Arena over the past few years and spoke highly of Anthony Nelson, recently hired Director of Arts & Entertainment.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	ATTEST
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Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor	Leslie Smith-Yocum, City Clerk

City of Bloomington Illinois

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A.

FOR COUNCIL: February 19, 2024

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation of the FY2025 Budget Capital Projects, as requested by the Finance Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; presentation and discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 1a. Budget with adequate resources to support defined services and level of services

BACKGROUND: The FY2025 Budget is balanced but still being finalized. The current total City-Wide budget is approximately $331.7M. Of this, approximately $88.5M, or 27% is related to Capital Projects. Capital Projects are large additions or improvements to the City's infrastructure. These projects have material/direct impacts on the community ranging from parks to roads to sewers etc. The FY2025 project list will be presented to give the community visibility on the needs and details related to this significant portion of the overall budget.

The FY2025 Budget Presentation will be made available on the City's website (cityblm.org) prior to the meeting. Stakeholders can locate this on the *Departments - Finance - Annual Budget - Budget Documents - FY2025* page of the website.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: **This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035**: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Scott Rathbun, Finance Director

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.

FOR COUNCIL: February 19, 2024

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2023 Roadwork Wrap-Up, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services and the Public Works Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; presentation and discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:
Goal 2. Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities
Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:
Objective 2a. Better quality roads and sidewalks
Objective 4d. Improved neighborhood infrastructure

BACKGROUND: The Department of Operations and Engineering Services and the Public Works Department will provide a presentation and facilitate discussion of various roadwork projects from 2023. The presentation will be made available at the meeting.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: **This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035**: Goal UEW-1. Provide quality public infrastructure within the City to protect public health, safety and the environment, Objective UEW-1.1. Maintain the existing City operated infrastructure in good condition by prioritizing maintenance over building new and implementing fees to cover costs. Goal TAQ-1. A safe and efficient network of streets, bicycle- pedestrian facilities and other infrastructure to serve users in any surface transportation mode, Objective TAQ-1.1. Maintenance and development of a continuous network of arterial, collector and local streets that provides for safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services between existing and proposed residential areas and major activity centers, maximizes walkability, and provides multimodal linkages to the state and interstate highway system, Objective TAQ-1.4. Pedestrian safety for users of all transportation facilities with a Sidewalk Master Plan, and sidewalk system that provides safe access throughout the transportation network.

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Michael Hill, Management Analyst