



**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council convened in regular session both in-person and virtually via Zoom conferencing at 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 14, 2022. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe, City Manager Tim Gleason, and City Clerk Leslie Yocum were in-person in the Government Center Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present	
Jamie Mathy	Council Member, Ward 1	Remote	
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Remote	
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Remote	
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 4	Remote	
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Remote	
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Remote	
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Remote	
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Remote	

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. "Mayor's Annual Address", presented by Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe stated that he'd prefer to start the meeting by giving his Annual Address. He asked if anyone on Council opposed. No objections were made.

Mayor Mwilambwe began by thanking Council Members and residents for their dedication to the community. He recognized the many challenges the City had faced in 2021 including COVID-19. He celebrated the City's many achievements including listing developments that had begun and/or completed in 2021. He highlighted housing expansions at multiple affordable housing developments, as well as multiple remodels and new restaurants that had started. Mayor Mwilambwe took time to recognize and thank City staff for their work through the COVID-19 pandemic and highlighted the excellent work of the Bloomington Police and Fire Departments. He noted their dedication during such an especially challenging time. He celebrated how the City's downtown was thriving and closed by expressing how proud he was to call Bloomington home. He looked forward to all that was in store for the City's future.

Recognition/Appointments

A. Recognition of the City of Bloomington's American Heart Association Gold Level Workplace Health Achievement Index

Nicole Albertson, Human Relations Director, was accompanied by Tina Swanson, Benefits Analyst and Wellness Coordinator, and Josh Hanson, Compensation and Benefits Manager. Mrs. Albertson reported that 2021 was the 11th year that the City had received gold level recognition from the American Heart Association and pointed out that the City had even received it throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Swanson thanked City leadership for their support and looked forward to continuing to offer employee wellness opportunities.

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked Human Relations staff for their work and dedication to keep City employees healthy.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a statement of procedure for public comment. No emailed public comment had been received. Laurie Bergner provided remote public comment and (1) David Eades; (2) Gary Lambert; and (3) Scott Stimeling spoke in-person.

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 Crumpler, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Items 7.F., 7.J., and 7.L.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$7,316,888.66, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.B. Consideration and action to approve Appointments to Boards & Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Appointments be approved.)

Item 7.C. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of one (1) John Deere 5115M Tractor and one (1) John Deere 540M Loader Bucket from Martin Sullivan of Lexington, Illinois, using the Sourcewell Contract (#110719-JDC, exp 12/30/2023) in the amount of \$94,684, and to dispose of the existing Tractor Unit as a surplus sale, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase and Disposal be approved.)

Item 7.D. Consideration and action to grant Workers Compensation Settlement Authority in the amount of \$167,338 to City of Bloomington Police Officer Nathan Glawe, claim number W002878550, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Workers Compensation Settlement be approved.)

Item 7.E. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the FY 2022 Utility Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and George Gildner, Inc., in the amount of \$352,963.64, 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. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill.

Item 7.G. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending Bloomington City Code Chapter 39, Article XIX, Regarding the City's Amusement Tax, as requested by the Legal Department and the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

Item 7.H. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Property Transfer to the Bloomington & Normal Water Reclamation District Pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act, as requested by the Legal Department and the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

Item 7.I. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving an Amended Preliminary Plan for a Portion of Hawthorne Commercial Park, Bloomington, Illinois for Approximately 19.86 Acres Located Near the Intersections of Woodbine Road and Pamela Drive, and Leslie Drive and Pamela Drive, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

Item 7.J. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Ward.

Item 7.K. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment from B-1 (General Commercial) District, to R-3B (Multiple-Family Residence) District, for the Property Located at 205 N. Prospect Road (PIN: 21-02-253-017), 1.63 Acres More or Less, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

Item 7.L. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Ward.

Item 7.M. Consideration and action on a Change of Ownership Application for Tailwind BMI, LLC, d/b/a Tailwind News & Deli, located at 3201 CIRA DR., Unit 112, who holds a Class RAS (Restaurant, All Type of Alcohol, Package and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Change of Ownership be approved.)

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item 7.J. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment Rezoning Property from B-1 (General Commercial) District, to R-3A (Multiple-Family Residence) District, for the Properties Generally Located South of Enterprise Drive and West of Maple Hill Road (PINS: 14-31-326-001 and 14-31-326-003) 12.32 Acres More or Less, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Item 7.L. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment from B-1 (General Commercial) District, to R-3A (Multiple-Family Residential) District, for the Property Generally Located South of Enterprise Drive and West of Maple Hill Road (PIN: 14-31-401-003) 0.23 Acres More or Less, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Council Member Ward explained that she would address both Items 7.J. and 7.L. at once. She stated that she had received an abundance of feedback and would support both items as they had met the City's standards and addressed affordable housing. However, she reported that her constituents had concerns of increased traffic, street condition, debris

from previous projects, and flooding in a culvert. Council Member Ward stated that she would arrange a meeting between City staff and her constituents to discuss their concerns and avoid future issues.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that the proposed Ordinances from Items 7.J. and 7.L be approved.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Item 7.F. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending Bloomington City Code Chapter 2 and Chapter 29 Regarding Collection Costs, as requested by the Finance Department.

Council Member Crabill explained the item and expressed concern that it would impose undue hardship on those living in or on the line of poverty. He expressed interest in tabling the item indefinitely until Council could better understand the impact on those in poverty, as well as allow for public input.

Council Member Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, that the item be tabled indefinitely until Council had more information on the impact of the fees and until such point that Council understood collection data and additional conversation could be had with community stakeholders.

Council Members Boelen and Crabill discussed the item being tabled indefinitely.

Council Member Montney noted that the fees were hard costs that the City incurred in collections and that, if left unpaid, the fees would instead be paid by taxpayers. She went on to discuss fees in greater detail with Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, and Scott Rathbun, Finance Director.

Council Member Crumpler asked for examples from other communities of similar situations and their results. He encouraged a thorough review in a timely fashion.

Council Member Urban stated that the financially marginalized tended to pay their bills and fines. She believed that the individuals who had unpaid debts left them unpaid when no repercussions were in place. She did not support the motion to table.

Council Member Crabill asked for additional information on debt collections through the Office of the Comptroller and the State's Debt Recovery System. Mr. Rathbun explained the collection process with the City's current vendor and noted that the City had accumulated \$300,000 in unpaid debts. He noted the City needed to formalize a debt recovery system with a local vendor before being able to apply to use the State's Debt Recovery System.

Council Member Mathy supported tabling the item but agreed with Council Member Urban that some individuals ignored their responsibility to pay fines. He proposed allowing discounted fines when individuals proved low-income status, similar to other City programs.

Council Member Emig supported to table the item but recommended to a date certain. She looked forward to reviewing additional information provided by staff.

Council Member Crabill motioned to amend his current motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to table the item until the March 28, 2022, Council Meeting.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Emig, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

NAYES: Montney, Becker, Urban

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed upcoming downtown events. He then recognized City staff and multiple regional partners for their work during the recent snowstorm. He recognized Human Relations staff for the American Heart Association Gold Level Workplace Health Achievement and reiterated that it was the 11th year the City had received the recognition.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe informed the community that he would not be present at the next meeting and that Council Member Mathy, as Mayor Pro Tem, would preside over the meeting. He echoed appreciation for staff and regional partners for their work during the snowstorm.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Boelen echoed appreciation for the snow removal crews.

Council Member Mathy also echoed appreciation for the snow removal crews. He reminded residents of their responsibility to clear sidewalks at their properties and businesses. He expressed concern for the safety of individuals who had to walk in the street due to sidewalks not being cleared.

Council Member Montney noted that Council would consider the Flock safety camera item at an upcoming Council meeting after recommendations from the Public Safety and Community Relations Board. She expressed support in the item.

Council Member Crabill echoed appreciation for the snow removal crews and first responders. He then discussed upcoming downtown events.

Council Member Crumpler noted that he had also reached out to his constituents and looked forward to a discussion on the Flock item.

Council Member Ward echoed appreciation for the snow removal crews. She recognized the 4th anniversary of the Parkland Florida High School shooting and commented to the second shooting death of 2022 in Bloomington. She reported that she had submitted a Council Initiative to create a special commission to address gun violence in the community.

Executive Session

Semi-Annual Review of Minutes - Section 2 of (c)(21) of 5 ILCS 120

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to enter into Executive Session.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Mayor Mwilambwe stated that Council would enter into Executive Session under Semi-Annual Review of Minutes - Section 2 of (c)(21) of 5 ILCS 120 and that no additional action in regular session would occur after Executive Session.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

Return to Open Session and Adjourn

Council returned to Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, to return to open session and adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Mboka Mwilambwe
Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST

Amanda Stutsman
Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

