MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 Section 6, which was reissued and extended by Executive Order 2021-01, and implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The City Council convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with the City Manager, Tim Gleason, and City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tari Renner.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Mayor	Remote	
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

City Manager, Tim Gleason, discussed Region 2, the City of Bloomington's region under the Reopen Illinois plan, had moved into Phase 4. He highlighted key components of Phase 4, including limitations and enforcement of indoor dining at restaurants and bars. He provided information on the City's partnership with McLean County for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Grossinger Motors Arena and went on to discuss the small business assistance available via Community Development Block Grants ("CDBG"). He noted that 19 of the 21 applicants who had applied were deemed eligible allotting to disbursement of $95,000 of the $220,000 funds available.

Recognition/Appointments

A. Proclamation recognizing Health for Humanity YOGA awareness period

Mayor Renner presented the Proclamation.

B. Recognition of Appointment to Cultural Commission

Mayor Renner recognized the appointment of Shweta Shukla to the Cultural Commission.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting for public comment and the following individuals spoke live: (1) Krishna Balakrishnan; (2) Adam Heenan; (3) Rathnakumar Ramachandran; and (4) Ravichandran Natarajan. The following individuals had emailed public comment: (1) Misty Metroz; (2) Jeannie Keist; (3) Ninan Thomas; (4) Rich Tinaglia; (5) Terry Tinaglia; (6) Ted Day; (7) Jeffrey Telling; (8) Norma Hill; (9) Angela Bailey; (10) Adam Heenan; (11) Ed Mack; (12) Donna Senters; and (13) Mary & Paul O'Brian.

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 Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below except Items 8.A. and 8.G., 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. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen.

Item 8.B. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of $6,762,238.00, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 8.C. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of one (1) Komatsu WA200-8 Wheel Loader from Roland Machinery of Peoria, Illinois, using the Sourcewell Contract (# 032119-KOM, exp 5/13/23), in the amount of $176,876, and Authorization to dispose of a 2007 Komatsu WA200-5 by electronic public auction, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase and Disposal be approved.)*

Item 8.D. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Division Street and Enterprise Pump Station Planning Study Multi-Year Professional Architectural & Engineering Services Contract Between the City of Bloomington and Donohue & Associates, Inc., as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.E. Consideration and action on a Resolution Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements and Approving a Two-month extension of the current Agreement, in the amount of $9.43 per Residence, and a new 3-year Agreement, in the amount of $12.50 Per Residence (with a 3.5 percent increase per year), for Household Refuse Services at Lake Bloomington, with American Disposal Services of Illinois, Inc., d/b/a Republic Services of Bloomington, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

Item 8.F. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving the Harvest Pointe Subdivision Amended Preliminary Plan Bloomington, Illinois for Approximately 14 Acres Located North of GE Road/Route 9 and East of Towanda Barnes Road, as requested by the

Economic & Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

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

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Boelen:

Item 8.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Boelen explained that her Council Initiative referred to in the minutes was discussed as an ordinance and clarified that it was a resolution. She went on to explain the difference between the Welcoming America resolution and the Welcoming City ordinance and requested that the minutes reflect such.

Council Member Mathy asked City Clerk, Leslie Yocum if she understood the amendments requested. Mrs. Yocum confirmed. She noted the header and motion included in the minutes were correct and that the terms used by Council during the discussion would be amended for clarification.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, to the proposed Minutes be approved as amended.

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 pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mwilambwe:

Item 8.G. 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 and R-3A Multiple-Family Residence District, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

Council Member Mwilambwe explained that he had pulled the item because he believed there to be confusion regarding the scope and developer's vision of the project.

Council Member Mwilambwe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the item return to the Planning Commission for further consideration and additional input by residents.

Mayor Renner and Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, discussed procedure. Mr. Jurgens stated that sending the Item back to the Planning Commission would allow for additional discussion and clarity on raised concerns.

Council Member Boelen expressed concern regarding public notification if the Item was sent back to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Bray stated that she had received community input and hoped a consensus could be reached between the residents and the developer.

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.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 9.A. Presentation of FY2022 Budget Preview, as requested by the Finance Department.

Mr. Gleason provided an overview and explained that, as a result of previous recommendations staff would be posting a series of videos titled "Budget 101" that would explain the budgeting process to the public.

Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, addressed Council. He compared the FY 2022 and FY 2021 budgets noting the Citywide budget had increased 6.5% or $245.3 million. He explained that the General Revenue Fund would decrease from FY 2021 to $109.1 million for anticipated COVID-19 economic affects and discuss each major tax revenue. He then compared FY 2021 and FY 2022 general fund budget revenues and expenses line by line explaining FY 2022 capital improvement totals by each fund balance.

Mr. Gleason noted that in 2019 there had been a $0.04 increase on motor fuel taxes ("MFT") and pointed out that due to COVID-19 the MFT fund balance had dropped. He stated that staff suggest maintaining the minimum budgeted amount to allow the City to continue progressing on road and sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Rathbun continued by discussing FY 2022 capital improvement fund balances concluding his presentation with the coming schedule of budget presentations, a public hearing, and the final timeline for budget adoption.

Council Member Carrillo asked for additional information on the budget process.

Mr. Gleason recommended citizens watch the Budget 101 video series and welcomed citizens to reach out to staff or Council Members with questions should they have them.

Mayor Renner noted his Mayor's veto ability as related to the budget approval process.

Council Member Crabill supported the Budget 101 video series and asked for additional details on funding the O'Neil Pool remodel. Mr. Rathbun responded that multiple options were available. Council Member Crabill then asked for additional details on the Public Safety Pension fund consolidation and associated savings. Mr. Rathbun discussed material impacts of the contributions to the pension fund.

Mayor Renner commented that the City had not increased property taxes since 2008.

Council Member Boelen asked how the enterprise fund capital projects were funded. Mr. Rathbun responded that capital projects were fully funded by enterprise funds and explained that departments continued to reserve funding in anticipation of large projects.

The following item was presented:

Item 9.B. Consideration and action on a Resolution Petitioning Federal, State and Local Government Officials to Replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day, as requested by Council Member Jenn Carrillo.

Council Member Carrillo explained that the Item would encourage Federal, State, and Local governments to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day. She stated that legislation had been introduced at the Illinois General Assembly in October of 2020 to formally replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day on the State level and that it was planned to be reintroduced at the spring session. She believed that the approval of resolution by Council would further encourage State officials to support said legislation. She closed by explaining Item 9.C. on the agenda.

Mayor Renner clarified that Item 9.B. was a resolution to advocate replacement of holidays on the State and Federal level, whereas Item 9.C. was a local ordinance. Council Member Carrillo confirmed and provided additional detail.

Council Member Crabill recognized the Native American tribes that had settled the Central Illinois and discussed concerns of cancelled culture. He supported the resolution.

Council Member Painter asked if Council Member Carrillo had discussed Indigenous Peoples' Day with local school boards as she believed local school districts were already celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day alongside Columbus Day. Council Member Carrillo stated that she had not reached out to the school boards, but would be more than willing. She was not supportive of celebrating the holidays together and pointed out that Chicago Public Schools had already moved to only celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day. Council Member Painter stressed the importance of contacting each school board and to providing truthful accounts of history. She then referenced an article by the New York Times. Both Council Members continued discussing the importance of historical events.

Council Member Bray called a point of order.

Mayor Renner asked Council to speak one at a time.

Council Member Painter believed additional consideration was needed and suggested that Council Member Carrillo reach out to other municipalities to petition State officials together. Council Member Carrillo supported Council Member Painter's suggestion and stated that Bloomington should continue as a leader to encourage change.

Mayor Renner asked for a motion on the Item.

Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, that the proposed Resolution be approved.

Council Member Mwilambwe reflected and asked for additional background information to explain what Council wanted to accomplish with the Item. He then suggested that additional community education be completed prior to Council consideration.

Council Member Carrillo agreed that education was important and compared Indigenous Peoples' Day to Juneteenth. She then called the question.

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

AYES: Mathy, Emig, Carrillo, Ward, Crabill

NAYS: Boelen, Mwilambwe, Painter, Bray

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

<u>Item 9.C. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day within the City of Bloomington and Amending Chapter 22.2 Of the City Code to have the</u>

Human Relations Commission to Partner with Community Organizations in Observance of this Day, as requested by Council Member Jenn Carrillo.

Council Member Carrillo stated that discussion had already been had under Item 9.B.

Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the proposed Ordinance be approved.

Council Member Boelen asked for clarification regarding a statement in the Ordinance where annual observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day would be celebrated “on or around the 2nd Monday in October.” Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, explained that the language "on or around the 2nd Monday in October" was a scrivener’s error and that it should have read "on the 2nd Monday in October."

Mr. Gleason confirmed and asked Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, to provide details on how to move forward. Mrs. Yocum reiterated the amended motion and asked the mover and seconder of the motion to amend their motion to allow amendment of the ordinance and Exhibit A to reflect "on the 2nd Monday in October." Council Members Carrillo and Emig agreed to the amendment.

Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the proposed Ordinance be approved as amended.

Council Member Emig explained that she had been a long-time advocate of history and civic education and believed that all facets of history are important education.

Council Member Ward stressed that ordinances held City’s accountable.

Mayor Renner called the question and asked for a vote.

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 9.D. 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.

No modifications were recommended.

Finance Director's Report

Mr. Gleason stated that COVID-19 budget impacts had not been as significant as anticipated and that the budget had been adjusted accordingly. He celebrated Bloomington's resiliency.

Mr. Rathbun presented the FY 2021 Financial Summary (05/01/2020 through 12/31/2020) and highlighted year to date figures for FY 2021 Major Tax Revenues through December 31, 2020. He discussed various line items and went on to discuss FY 2021 General Fund Revenue and Expenditures highlighting multiple key factors. He wrapped up with a discussion on the FY 2021 Enterprise Revenue Funds.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Gleason recognized the Economic & Community Development Department for their creativity in establishing a Curbside Market and thanked them for their flexibility as Grossinger Motors Arena was housing the COVID-19 vaccination clinic. He highlighted other upcoming Downtown events and then welcomed new City of Bloomington hires. He concluded by celebrating Bloomington receiving the 2020 Gold Workplace Health Achievement certification from the American Heart Association.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner thanked staff for their work on the new Administrative offices located on the 4th floor of the Government Center.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Mathy stated that Tour de Chocolate, a very large Valentine's event usually celebrated Downtown Bloomington, would be rescheduled to the fall. He recognized City staff for continued storm clean-up efforts throughout the City.

Council Member Crabill mentioned his upcoming virtual Town Hall meeting on February 1st and explained how to participate. He suggested a seamless transition from the City's CDBG residential aid to the City of Bloomington Township's residential aid.

Executive Session - Cite Section

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, to enter Executive Session under Collective Bargaining - Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120.

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.

Return to Open Session and Adjourn

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, that Council return to open session and that the meeting be adjourned.

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

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

ABSENT: Carrillo

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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

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