



MINUTES

PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

The Committee of the Whole convened in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 21, 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	Absent	

Council Member Black made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, that Council Member Carrillo be allowed to participate remotely due to her being out of town for outside work matters.

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

ABSENT: Bray

Motion carried

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward.

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 Painter, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented:

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

ABSENT: Bray

Motion carried

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2019, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Presentation, Discussion, and Direction on Future Agenda Topics

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. "State of the City Address", presented by Mayor Tari Renner, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Renner began by thanking Nora Dukowitz, Communications Manager, and Tim Gleason, City Manager, for their assistance in working with him to prepare his State of the City Address. He went on to discuss major accomplishments of the City throughout the year. He emphasized the City's increased take on transparency with City roads, the establishment of the Economic Development Department, the reorganization of the City Clerk Department, as well as many other partnerships and projects that took place Citywide. He congratulated and welcomed many new businesses and development projects across Bloomington. He went on to compliment his peers on Council, pointing out that half the Board had joined in 2019. He thanked them for their partnerships and ongoing important roles, as well as their power to lead meaningful discussions.

Council Member Boelen reminded Mayor Renner to address the importance of the new Veteran's Clinic and the continued improvements of Westminster Village. Mayor Renner recognized both.

Council Member Carrillo thanked City staff for their work in making all the items mentioned possible.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Presentation of FY2021 Preview, as requested by the Finance Department.

City Manager Gleason commented on the presentation and introduced Scott Rathbun, Finance Director.

Mr. Rathbun came forward to address Council. He began by explaining the budgeting process on a high-level and moved onto the FY21 General Fund Budget. He provided insight on projections, capital improvements, and next steps. He pointed out that he and his team have been very focused on trying to streamline all the materials presented in an effort to create consistency so that it becomes easier for the public to follow along and participate easily. Lastly, he reminded Council and the public that all numbers and items presented were projections that would be finalized in coming months.

Council Member Black thanked Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Gleason for the presentation. He was excited to spend the projected \$8.2M on asphalt and concrete and asked Jim Karch, Public Works Director, to confirm whether spending \$8.2M was possible. Mr. Karch confirmed that it was. Council Member Black also emphasized that O'Neal pool was at the top of his list in terms of items to address in the near future. He also mentioned the east side fire station.

Council Member Crabill asked a few clarifying questions of the presentation. To which Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Gleason responded accordingly. A discussion was had about filling staff positions, as well as the projected surplus.

Council Member Carrillo stressed the importance of everything that Council Member Black mentioned and was very adamant that the projects on the west side remain a top priority.

Council Member Mathy thanked Mr. Rathbun for his presentation and stated that he

and many others in the community had found his monthly presentations to be a great asset to understanding the City's finances. He asked Mr. Rathbun what procedures were currently in place to address line items and/or any potential changes needed. Mr. Rathbun stated that he and his Budget Manager work diligently with Directors to monitor line items and once changes are identified, work through the City Manager to address them. Council Member Mathy also discussed telecom changes and public safety pensions. Mr. Gleason also commented on public safety pensions.

Council Member Mwilambwe agreed with his peers on O'Neil pool and the east side fire station. He and Mr. Gleason discussed streets planning and Mr. Gleason confirmed that a discussion with Council would be held in the Spring of 2020.

Council Member Emig complimented Mr. Rathbun on the increased transparency he has created since joining the City. She asked that a Budget FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) be added to further increase understanding the City's budget process. Mayor Renner and City Manager Gleason also agreed that an FAQ was a great idea.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason welcomed new City staff members and invited them to stand to be recognized. He showed a slide debuting the new Convenience Center hours and pointed out that the changes had been made to accommodate request of the public. One weekend day had been added, as well as longer hours a couple days during the week. He then discussed the upcoming Legislative Update meeting to be held on February 1, 2019 and encouraged the public to take part in the meeting as all the City's State representatives would be in attendance. He also encouraged citizens to check out the City's road improvement website and emphasized how the site provides the public with the increased transparency they'd requested. Lastly, he mentioned the 2020 Census coming up and stated that the City would be providing detailed City plans at upcoming meetings.

Council Member Boelen recommended that the City's federal representative participate in future Legislative meetings if possible.

Executive Session - Cite Section

Adjournment

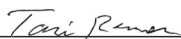
Council Member Painter made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the meeting be adjourned.

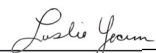
Motion carried (viva voce)

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST


Tari Renner, Mayor


Leslie Yocum, City Clerk

