MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Dan Brady called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, ending with a moment of silent prayer/reflection.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dan Brady	Mayor	Present
Jenna Kearns	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Micheal Mosley	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
John Danenberger	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Mike Straza	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
Abby Scott	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Public Comment

Mayor Brady read a public comment statement of procedure. The following emailed public comment: (1) Jerry Klinkner; (2) Deez Troyer; (3) Michelle White; (4) Patricia Ostaszewski; (5) Casey Carlsen; (6) Amanda Boitnott; (7) Nicki Green; (8) Karthrik Ramasamy; (9) Cindy Schieler; (10) Sybil Nash; (11) Melanie Dockery; (12) Michelle Fitzgerald; and (13) Katheryn Bell. The following spoke in-person: (1) Amanda Boitnott; (2) Erica Hartman; (3) Michelle White; (4) Kristina Felker; (5) Brian Fitzgerald; (6) Mary Ann Schultz; and (7) Patrick Whitaker. Nicole Nagel and Lisa Shaffer registered to speak, but withdrew.

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 Straza, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 6.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 6.B. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $11,311,581.79, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)*

Item 6.C. Consideration and Action on a Resolution (1) Approving the Purchase of a John Deere 410P Backhoe from Martin Equipment, Inc., in the Amount of $182,400; and (2) Approval to Dispose the Replaced Unit LB34, a 2015 Caterpillar 430FIT, be Declared Surplus and Traded

In on the New Unit, for a Credit of $42,000, as requested by the Water Department and the Water Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 119

A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 410P BACKHOE FROM MARTIN EQUIPMENT, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $182,400; AND (2) APPROVAL TO DISPOSE THE REPLACED UNIT LB34, A 2015 CATERPILLAR 430FIT, BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND TRADED IN ON THE NEW UNIT, FOR A CREDIT OF $42,000

Item 6.D. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Meadowbrook Subdivision Improvement Project for Additional Construction Observation and Construction Administration Services between the City and the Farnsworth Group, Inc., in the Amount Not to Exceed $273,180, as requested by the Water Department and the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 120

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FARNSWORTH GROUP, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $273,180

Item 6.E. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bids for the Miller Park Zoo Katthoefer Building Cage Work Project (Bid # 2025-50), as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 121

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE MILLER PARK ZOO KATTHOEFER BUILDING CAGE WORK PROJECT (BID # 2025-50)

Item 6.F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment Under Strong Communities Program Round 2 PID (Program Identification) #52422, as requested by the Department of Community Impact & Enhancement. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 122

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT UNDER STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ROUND 2 PID (PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION) #52422

Item 6.G. Consideration and Approval for a Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Donate Greenhouses and Peripheral Equipment and Items from the Public Works Morrissey Facility per RFP #2025-001 to Dylan Cook, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 123

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO DONATE GREENHOUSES AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS MORRISSEY FACILITY PER RFP #2025-001 TO DYLAN COOK

Item 6.H. Consideration and Action to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Laborers Local 362 - Inspectors, as requested by the Human Resources Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Laborers Local 362 - Support Staff, as requested by the Human Resources Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)*

Item 6.J. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving Zoning Map Amendments to the P-2 (Public Lands and Institutions) District, for the Properties Located at 801 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. (PIN: 14-32-351-003), 2418 Maloney Dr. (PIN: 21-02-277-017), 205 N. Prospect Rd. (PIN: 21-02-253-014), and 409 E. Mulberry St. (PIN: 21-04-256-005), as requested by the Development Services Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 042

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS TO THE P-2 (PUBLIC LANDS AND INSTITUTIONS) DISTRICT, FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 801 N. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DR. (PIN: 14-32-351-003), 2418 MALONEY DR. (PIN: 21-02-277-017), 205 N. PROSPECT RD. (PIN: 21-02-253-014), AND 409 E. MULBERRY ST. (PIN: 21-04-256-005)

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following Item was presented:

Item 7.A. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending the Bloomington City Code Updating Chapters 22 and the Schedule of Fees Pertaining to Massage Establishment Licenses Administered by the City Clerk, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Jeff Jurgens, City Manager, presented updates to the Ordinance based on feedback and discussion with stakeholders. He explained that, if approved, the application fee would be $100, and include the $75 background check fee, as well as no annual license fee would be imposed. He emphasized that the goal was to establish a regulatory structure to empower the City to address illicit businesses while being mindful of legitimate businesses. He proposed four text amendments: (1) modify the application process to remove outdated requirements like height, weight, and eye color; (2) and (3) address exemptions for sole proprietors with varying levels of operating requirement compliance; and (4) remove dress code language. He also stressed that the City could only license establishments, not individual therapists, and noted that the proposed changes were designed to provide a path for addressing potential human trafficking while minimizing unnecessary burdens on legitimate businesses.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to approve the Ordinance as presented with the addition of Text Amendment #1 regarding the application process, Text Amendment #3 regarding an exemption for sole proprietors, and Text Amendment #4 regarding the removal of dress code requirements.

Council Member Ward articulated her support for the amendments. She stressed that her goal was to create more reasonable regulations that addressed potential human trafficking concerns while respecting legitimate businesses.

Council Member Montney confirmed with City Manager Jurgens and Council Member Ward that the text amendment language included the removal of dress code requirements.

Council Member Mosley raised concerns about requiring personal information questioning the necessity, and how the City was equipped to manage such data. City Manager Jurgens stated that floor plans are required for other license types. Chris Spanos, Corporation Counsel, explained that social security numbers, FBIN numbers, and tax ID numbers were used for background checks and means of identification. He clarified that the Ordinance was about the establishment, not just the individual licensed therapist, and that there could be different people managing an establishment versus being licensed to work in it. City Manager Jurgens added that if the sole proprietor amendment (Text Amendment #3) was accepted, sole proprietors would only need to provide their state license and a basic affidavit. Council Member Mosley asked about the phrase "or are intended to be employed" and City Manager Jurgens confirmed the current language required establishments to provide information for all of their employees, which was taken from model ordinances of other cities.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Montney, to extend the Council Discussion time by five minutes.

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion carried.

Mr. Spanos clarified that social security numbers would only be requested for individuals holding management or supervisory authority over business operations. He emphasized that the social security numbers would be part of a specific section focused on those with management responsibilities, not a blanket requirement for all individuals.

Council Member Montney asked if the proposed changes would impede the ability to address challenges related to illicit spas. Mr. Spanos responded that the changes would help identify and weed out illicit businesses rather than impede progress. Council Member Montney and Mr. Spanos then discussed how the changes compared to ordinances in other Illinois communities. Mr. Spanos explained that the industry has been associated with human trafficking, and that the regulations aimed to better regulate the industry potentially reducing illicit businesses. He acknowledged that while the proposed changes might not be perfect, they would assist in addressing the issue.

Mr. Spanos clarified that Text Amendment #1 included social security numbers for all employees.

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 043

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BLOOMINGTON CITY CODE UPDATING CHAPTERS 22 AND THE SCHEDULE OF FEES PERTAINING TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY CLERK

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director, Scott Rathbun, delivered a comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025. He highlighted significant positive variances in sales tax categories with legislative changes in online retail sales tax creating a substantial impact resulting in increases in Home Rule and state sales tax. He explained that the City's reserve projections showed a more favorable outlook than initially anticipated with beginning reserves at $49.8 million and a projected use of only $7.9 million leaving an ending reserve of $41.9 million. He discussed the performance of enterprise funds noting that Water Fund revenues were slightly under budget, while Sewer, Storm, and Solid Waste Funds had met their budgetary targets. Notably, golf revenues had exceeded expectations reaching 115% of the budgeted amount. He concluded by sharing that budget reports were available online. He expressed optimism about the potential positive impact of recent tax revenue trends on the City's financial future.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager, Jeff Jurgens, thanked City staff for their work over the weekend, particularly in organizing the Farmer's Market. He highlighted that the Market now spanned the entire horseshoe and beyond the Museum Square. He then shared that he had spoken with out-of-town alumni who were impressed by the Market, and described it as a "jewel" of the community.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor, Dan Brady, reflected on several local events he recently attended at the Miller Park Zoo and Juneteenth also in Miller Park. He expressed it being an honor to represent Bloomington at these meaningful community gatherings.

Council Members' Discussion

Council Member Scott appreciated the passing of the massage therapy Ordinance and its attempt to address human trafficking while being mindful of legitimate businesses. She asked the City to continue working with organizations like the Center for Prevention of Abuse to help transition victims if they are found.

Council Member Lee, too, thanked Council for passing the massage therapy Ordinance emphasizing the need to address human trafficking and prevent Bloomington from becoming a "hotbed" for such activities. He appreciated the public commenters and staff's efforts to work with legitimate businesses.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
Dan Brady, Mayor	Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk