

**SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016; 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2016. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer

4. Roll Call

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Joni Painter, Karen Schmidt, Scott Black, Diana Hauman, Jim Fruin and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: David Hales, City Manager; Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager; Jeffery Jurgens; Corporation Counsel; Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; Tom Dabareiner; Community Development Director, Nicole Albertson; Director of Human Resources, Jim Karch; Public Works Director, Austin Grammer; Economic Development Coordinator, and other City staff were present.

5. Recognition / Appointments

The following were presented:

- A. Proclamation, Recognizing Avani Rai for her Leadership Skills through 4-H.
- B. Proclamation declaring September 16, 2016 as, "Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts 10th Anniversary Day."
- C. Appointment of Eric Penn to the Planning Commission

6. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. The following individuals

provided comments during the meeting.

Rose McGolkin
Michael Davey
Bruce Meeks
Liz Bearden
Alton Franklin
Pamela Reinbrecht
Gary Lambert
Surena Fish
Patricia Marton

6. Consent Agenda

The following was presented:

Mayor Renner asked Council whether there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Hauman, that the Consent Agenda Items be approved.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the August 22, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers and Procurement Cards in the amount of \$12,028,061.69.

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of Approving an Appointments to the Planning Commission.

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of Bids, and approval of Contracts with Vendors for Supply and Delivery of various Water Treatment Chemicals (Bid No. 2017-14).

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of Approving an Easement Agreement between Gary L. Thompson and Brenda K. Thompson and the City of Bloomington.

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of Approving an Easement Agreement between Mark C. Thompson and Mary A. Thompson and the City of Bloomington.

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of adoption of an ordinance for Case SP-05-16, a petition requesting approval of a Special Use Permit for a single family home in the B-1, Highway Business District for the property located at 1101 Morrissey Drive.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 89

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A
SINGLE FAMILY HOME IN THE B-1, HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1101 MORRISSEY DRIVE

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of the application of 6 Points LLC, d/b/a Fast Stop, located at 1001 Six Points Rd., requesting a PAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of approving an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on October 2, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 90

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 701 OF CHAPTER 31 AND
SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AT
DAVIS LODGE ON OCTOBER 2, 2016

The following was presented:

Item 7J. Consideration of approving an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on October 8, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 91

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 701 OF CHAPTER 31 AND SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AT DAVIS LODGE ON OCTOBER 8, 2016

The following was presented:

Item 7K. Consideration of approving an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on October 9, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 92

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 701 OF CHAPTER 31 AND SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AT DAVIS LODGE ON OCTOBER 9, 2016

The following was presented:

Regular Agenda

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Item 8A. Presentation of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and the Capital Financing and Debt Policy. **Presentation and discussion only.**

Mr. Hales stated the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) draft was prepared by multiple departments, directors and individuals. In 2009, the City lacked a definitive plan for the City's capital improvement needs. After adoption, the Five Year CIP will be a document that the public can rely on. The CIP allows Council to start prioritizing and following through on improvements. The CIP is a significant part of the City's Long-term Financial Plan. The City needs to begin addressing deferred capital. Staff input and community engagement were required to create efficient CIP. Approximately six (6) Master Plans have been approved. More Master Plans still require approval; but steps are being made in the right direction. The CIP adoption is another step.

Ms. Silva stated a Debt Policy should be utilized. The Operating Budget should have a budget for maintenance. Due to a lack of Maintenance money in the City's Operating budget, the City has incurred deferred capital. The items which should be within a Capital Improvement

Plan, one of which was a Debt Policy. To determine fiscal capacity, Credit Rating Agencies compare the City to other similar Cities with debt ratios. The City was rated low in terms of Debt per Capita. In addition to debt ratios, the rating agencies review the following: 1.) the local economy, 2.) revenue stream diversity; 3.) strong management and 5.) pensions. The past couple of years, the City has maintained a “AA” credit rating. To maintain the “AA” standard a CIP is required to address the deferred capital needs that exists.

There are four (4) ways the City pays for debt; accumulate reserves, pay as you go in cash, debt financing, and savings in debt service. The City of Bloomington has twenty one million dollars allocated this year for capital funding. \$8.8 million was for water, sewer, and storm, \$4.8 million was for street resurfacing, \$4.9 million was for street light and new construction, and \$3.6 million was for the general fund capital needs. The City’s debt will be reduced fifty percent (50%) in the next ten (10) years. The Debt Policy was in the process of revision to add flexibility. This would ensure that cash available would not be expended. Credit Rating Agencies like to see a City match new money issues with new revenue to offset it.

Mr. Hales stated the CIP Schedule intent, is to keep the presentations short, to allow ample time for Council discussion.

Mayor Renner reviewed the CIP Schedule.

Alderman Lower noted that item number five (5) in the policy, speaks to debt service expenses per capita. He questioned whether this policy will take into account the economy and the local economy’s ability to pay for improvements. He cited the different needs: building repairs, road repairs, road improvements, and sewer repairs. Taking into account the current needs of the city, there should also be an opportunity to grow.

Alderman Black stated, the CIP Schedule is a great tool to assist Council Members. It allows for Council and the Public to know upcoming council topics. Alderman Black wanted the CIP requirements to be flexible and realistic. Adjustments should be allowed as the city’s needs change over time.

Alderman Sage stated this plan has been a long time in the making. The CIP should have dedicated funding streams to support projects.

Alderman Mwilambwe cited concerns with future debt service and economic downturns. He supported infrastructure repairs but cautioned excessive debt service. He believed past Council discussions were about the City’s structural deficit and the ability to meet needs.

Alderman Black noted the State’s budget crisis and, that it does not assist Illinois City’s budget process.

Alderman Sage suggested inviting the State Legislators to a Council meeting to discuss budgeting issues.

Mr. Hales stated staff would provide Council with a running list of large projects that should be considered for debt financing. At the Committee Of The Whole Meeting on September 19, 2016, Council will be discussing 2017 streets and sidewalks, specifically street resurfacing.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Hales requested Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director to discuss the Downtown Priorities Plan, and the Resolution to move forward and current projects.

Mr. Dabareiner stated, over the last year staff and directors have been accomplishing small tasks such as the Zoning Ordinance, and Wayfinding Signage. The Cultural District Commission has also been meeting to discuss different topics. He recommended creating a Priorities Plan (PP). A meeting on September 22, 2016 is scheduled with the Downtown stakeholders. The meeting would create a dialogue with the stakeholders to establish priorities. The second step is to allow for meetings with Council that allow for clarification on future topics. The Implementation Plan would consist of timing, next steps, resource requirements, priorities, economic developmental tools, and funding. After establishing the Plan, it would be presented to Council for consideration.

Mr. Dabareiner clarified for Alderman Sage that there are 6 key pages of the Comprehensive Plan that they will be using as framework for prioritizing.

Mayor Discussion

Mayor Renner cited his appreciation to Council and staff for the Labor Day Parade participation.

City Alderman's Discussion

Alderman Black noted that the City has an Intergovernmental Agreement with Connect Transit. The public should be made aware that Council cannot change the bus routes. He suggested inviting Connect Transit to a Committee Of The Whole meeting to touch base with them on changes that have been made, and feedback they are receiving.

Mr. Hales stated that intergovernmental agreement, Alderman Black spoke of, is still undergoing changes and final reviews. Once finalized same would be presented to Council.

Alderman Lower stated he was contacted by a teacher from Cedar Ridge Grade School. Residents living in Hilltop are having difficulty arriving to and leaving Parent Teacher Conferences and other school events.

Alderman Fruin stated Connect Transit comments should be directed to the Connect Transit Board.

Mr. Hales noted that the Connect Transit Board meets the on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month beginning at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Renner stated comments from this meeting would be sent to Connect Transit Board Members.

Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk