

**SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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, November 28, 2016. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tari 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, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Joni Painter, Karen Schmidt, Scott Black, Jim Fruin, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Alderman absent: Alderman Sage and Alderman Hauman.

Staff Present: David Hales; City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry L. Lawson; City Clerk, Jim Karch; Public Works Director, Brian Mohr; Fire Chief, Patti-Lynn Silva; Director of Finance, Scott Sprouls; Director of Information Services and other City staff were also present.

5. Recognition / Appointments

The following were presented:

- A. Appointment of Nikita Richards to the Cultural District Commission.
- B. Appointment of Scott Koets to the Cultural District Commission.

6. Public Comment

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

Bruce Meeks
Donna Boelen
Scott Stimeling
Alton Franklin
Cecelia Tucharth
Gary Lambert
Carl Woodward
Nancy Marciniac
Glen Ludwig
William Gustufson

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 Painter, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe, that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of items 7D and 7L.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the November 14, 2016 Regular Session Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$8,257,615.29.

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of Approving Appointments to the Cultural District Commission.

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of an Application for the Main Street/US 51 Corridor Project (Olive Street in Bloomington to College Avenue in Normal) as part of the One Voice Advocacy Program. *(This item was pulled from the consent agenda to be discussed in further detail.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of:

a) An application of the Hamilton Gap project (Bunn Street to Commerce Parkway) for the One Voice advocacy programs, and

b) Supporting a request to seek federal funding through US DOT for a FASTLANE grant of \$8.7 million for construction of the Hamilton Road extension, from Bunn Street to Commerce Parkway.

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of review and Analysis of Bids and approving a Contract with McLean County Glass & Mirror, Inc. in the amount of \$45,025.00 for Police Administration Office Window Repairs (Bid #2017-20).

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of a scheduled replacement purchase of one (1) Rear Loading Refuse Truck for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department in the amount of \$164,123.00.

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of a Resolution approving the release of redacted Executive Session Minutes per Section 2 (c) (21) of 5 ILCS 120.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 41

A RESOLUTION REPORTING THE RELEASE AND RETENTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of an Ordinance extending the City's Regulation of Transportation Network Companies and Their Drivers.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 121

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BLOOMINGTON
CITY CODE CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE XII PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION
NETWORK COMPANIES

The following was presented:

Item 7J. Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition from Greyhound Properties, LLC, for an Expedited Final Plat for Morrissey Crossing Subdivision, located South of Veterans Parkway and West of Morrissey Drive, and rescinding Ordinance No. 2013-83 and Ordinance No. 2016-40.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 122

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING TWO PRIOR FINAL PLATS AND APPROVING THE
FINAL PLAT OF MORRISSEY CROSSING

The following was presented:

Item 7K. Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition from Wittenberg II, L.L.C., requesting approval of Expedited Final Plat Resubdivision, Lots 16-18 Wittenberg Woods at Prairie Vista, 1st Addition.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 123

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 16-
18 & OUTLOT 15 IN WITTENBERG WOODS AT PRAIRIE VISTA 1ST ADDITION

The following was presented:

Item 7L. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a Petition from Fox Ridge, LLC, for a Final Plat for Fox Lake Subdivision, Sixth Addition, commonly located south of Spangle Road and east of Stelt Drive. *(This item was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 124

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF FOX LAKE, SIXTH ADDITION, IN
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of an Application for the Main Street/US 51 Corridor Project (Olive Street in Bloomington to College Avenue in Normal) as part of the One Voice Advocacy Program. *(This item was pulled from the consent agenda to be discussed in further detail.)*

Alderman Lower asked how much the City of Bloomington is adding to the cost of this project by reducing lane width and adding the bicycle lane along one side of a state highway. He questioned what the cost difference would be if the City of Bloomington were just to repair the current pavement and infrastructure.

Mr. Karch stated there is no breakdown of calculations for Alderman Lower's request, however, back in 2011, when the state came through and did a resurfacing project, the cost was in the range of (\$4) four million to (\$5) five million dollars to repair just the pavement and infrastructure.

Alderman Lower asked if Council approved the motion, would they be locking in all the extra infrastructures notated on the Council memo.

Mr. Karch stated Council is locking in the support of this document going as an advocacy, to Washington DC. At a later point, Council would accept the funding and grants. This action does not commit Council to any sort of future funding, but it does however; commit Council to Advocacy in Washington DC.

Mr. Hales stated, in working with IDOT, they have indicated their intent to seek a TIGER grant, similar to last year. This is a State road and the State completed the feasibility study, which called for some of these additional modifications, therefore it is doubted that IDOT would move forward without Normal and Bloomington stating they are in agreement with the design as currently proposed.

Alderman Black cited the economic impact from this project, within the packet materials. There would be an economic impact over a 20 year life cycle, in which there would be a Sixty Six (\$66) million dollar savings in terms of time to get around easier. Multimodal transportation is becoming the future. This is a great opportunity to ask for assistance at the Federal level.

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, that an application be submitted to the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council on behalf of the City of Bloomington to advocate for the Main Street/US 51 Corridor project as part of the One Voice initiative and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

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

Nays: Alderman Lower

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7L. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a Petition from Fox Ridge, LLC, for a Final Plat for Fox Lake Subdivision, Sixth Addition, commonly located south of Spangle Road and east of Stelt Drive. *(This item was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 124

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF FOX LAKE, SIXTH ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

No discussion was needed.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black, that the Ordinance be adopted approving the Final Plat for Fox Lake Subdivision Sixth Edition, subject to the Petitioner supplying necessary surety for public improvements and paying the required tap-on fees and fee in lieu of parkland dedication prior to recording of the plats and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Painter, Schmidt, Black, and Fruin.

Nays: None.

Recused: Alderman Amelia Buragas

[7:38 PM Minutes:] Alderman Amelia Buragas left the dais.

[7:39 PM Minutes:] Alderman Amelia Buragas returned to the Meeting.

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Consideration of approving an:

- a) Ordinance Budget Amendment for F17 in the amount of \$300,000, and
- b) Agreement with Kronos, Inc. for the Workforce Central Telestaff software subscription.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 125

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2017

Ms. Albertson stated the vision of this project is to replace the old time collection and scheduling systems. The current system is extremely burdensome, very paper heavy, and extremely inefficient. City Staff is looking for a solution to move forward with a new system that brings more efficiency to the City and to this process. There is a lot of background and history in this project, and has been a need for the City for a long while.

Internal input from the selection committee and external input from different municipalities were taken into account when selecting from 15 different vendors. The City is looking at a potential of \$1.1 Million dollars in return on investment which is important to highlight. Staff is asking Council to re-appropriate funds within the General Fund for the Kronos project's first year. \$300,000.00 was set aside back in 2011 when the City originally looked at going with a time and attendance solution. There is a five year commitment term on this contract with Kronos.

Alderman Lower asked if this program will work in cohesion with programs the City already has in place or are putting into place.

Ms. Albertson stated she is confident this is the proper solution as it does in fact interface with Munis as there is already a built-in interface between the two programs.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black, that Council adopts an Ordinance amending the F17 budget in the amount of \$300,000, approve the Kronos, Inc. Agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Ordinance, and the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Agreement.)

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement concerning the McLean County Geographic Information System Consortium and authorizing the amendment and termination of prior agreements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE McLEAN COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF PRIOR AGREEMENTS

Mr. Karch stated Staff is requesting Council approve a Resolution that keeps up with a long standing Intergovernmental Relationship with the Geographic Information Systems. Citizens can go to www.mcgis.org and get all kinds of information such as aerial views, parcel information, solid waste information, and elected official's locations. The request is for Council to support the continuation of this relationship. The Agreements are from back in 1994 and 2001. Geographical systems are moving forward to open data and big data systems. A lot of the new technological apps are using data that is innovative and allows a community to interact better with their citizenry. McLean County has already approved this Resolution as well as the Town of Normal.

Alderman Fruin stated this is a great system and resource that a ton of people use daily.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter, that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement concerning the McLean County Geographic Information System Consortium and authorizing the amendment and termination of prior agreements be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ecology Action Center for Solid Waste Program.

Mr. Brown stated through the Ecology Action Center (EAC) Solid Waste Program, recycling is encouraged. Education outreach is extremely important at the youth level. Educational programs are performed across the community, and every 4th grade class throughout the county will have a recycling and waste reduction program each year. The EAC is the information center for recycling and waste issues.

Each year a majority of waste is landfilled while only about 30-40% is recycled. This has been consistent over the past ten years. Through the EAC, a planning process is looking for cost effective strategies to essentially help the City avoid increased costs for waste disposal by finding ways to recycle instead.

Mr. Hales stated there are two key issues coming up in the near future. The first issue is the landfill closure and the other is creating a new Solid Waste Master Plan. Mr. Hales asked Mr. Brown how reliable the closure date for the landfill is, and what is being done in terms of planning.

Mr. Brown stated the closure date is very likely to be within the next year, at the very least the beginning of the following year. There has been no talk of expansion possibilities. The landfill is owned and operated by Republic Waste, whom has no motivation to expand this landfill with another large landfill in Livingston County nearby. The 20 Year Solid Waste Plan process is being led by the EAC. Focus is being placed on getting a few more stake holder groups in order to implement this plan.

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Lower, that the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, and the Ecology Action Center for the McLean County Solid Waste Program be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8D. Consideration of an Ordinance to authorize the preparation of a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Plan for the proposed North Main Street / Chestnut Street Redevelopment Project Area.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 126

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN
WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN AREA AS A TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
(North Main Street / Chestnut Street)**

Mr. Hales stated that based on prior Council direction, Staff has completed a redevelopment feasibility analysis for a possible future TIF district. Staff is asking Council to give authorization to proceed with the redevelopment planning. One of the key properties included in this area is the former Electrolux property that the City now owns.

Mr. Grammer stated that while it is known to most as Illinois Wesleyan Property and the old Electrolux Property, what this area actually was, a long while back, was a hospital site. The hospital started in 1919. Over the years there were many additions to the building. None of those buildings are currently being used any longer. When additions were made to the hospital, adjacent properties were purchased for parking lots. Unfortunately, many of those parking lots are no longer in existence. But the core of the 4 acre site is still in existence. If the City hopes to see a significant development from a private developer take place on this property, it is likely the City would need to offer municipal assistance to help with the significant redevelopment costs that will be encountered at this site.

The hospital site, the Burr House B&B, the City owned Creativity Center, and the Tequilla El Portron Mexican restaurant would all be included in this TIF district.

Alderman Lower stated concerns with poor timing for this project. The City should not be expecting great success in a poor economic situation.

Alderman Fruin stated concerns with the additions that will be made to this TIF district. The public has voiced they are not clear as to how boundaries are determined for a district.

Mr. Grammer stated that since the hopes for this area would be commercial in nature, residential sites are not included in the TIF district.

Alderman Black stated he is in full support of this area being redeveloped.

Alderman Buragas asked for a timeline on the redevelopment planning process.

Mr. Grammer stated if the Plan goes as projected, it could be presented to Council in late January of 2017. The Joint Review Board would be in February of 2017. The Public Hearing would be in March of 2017, and Council could adopt the Ordinances around April 2017.

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe, that an Ordinance authorizing the preparation of Redevelopment Project Plan with respect to the designation of a certain area as a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area (North Main Street / Chestnut Street) be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Black, and Fruin.

Nays: Alderman Lower.

Recused: Alderman Karen Schmidt

[8:02 PM Minutes:] Alderman Karen Schmidt left the dais.

[8:30 PM Minutes:] Alderman Karen Schmidt returned to the Meeting.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8E. Presentation and discussion regarding Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act on disclosable payments to Laurie Wollrab.

Mayor Renner gave background information as to why this item was being presented.

Mr. Jurgens stated Council approved a Resolution saying The City would explore ways to stop the practice of Pensions Spiking. The City began changing its policies back in 2009. It started with the Union contracts and then finished with classified employees in 2012. This policy is no longer in effect for the City of Bloomington, however, there is a cycling out of grandfathered employees, which is why tonight's item is being presented to Council. This information is presented solely for public information.

Alderman Painter stated she was under the impression that there are twenty-five other employees that are grandfathered in on this policy. She asked whether their names would be mentioned as well.

Mr. Jurgens stated there is not a guaranteed number as to how many employees will be eligible for and will actually use this benefit. There are too many factors varied in for each individual to know, until they retire, if they will be able to use this benefit.

Alderman Black cited the 3 options in the material presented to Council in regards to where the Council goes from this point on. He stated his preference would be option two; in which there would be an earlier effective date. Changes happen and drastic policy changes have been made from time to time within private sectors.

Alderman Buragas stated she is often asked "Why has Council not fixed this problem?" She stated Council has fixed this problem to the extent they legally can, or that they are comfortable with to not receive any sort of legal challenge.

Mr. Jurgens stated that citizens, employees, and Union representatives are claiming once you provide and give a Pension benefit, it is unconstitutional to then take it away. There are a lot of counter arguments to this, however, the City is waiting to see how the Springfield case resolves; involving this exact matter of business.

Alderman Schmidt stated she is also in support of option two from the list of options given to Council. She wanted it brought to light all the hard work Ms. Wollrab has provided over the many years for the City of Bloomington. This item is presented to the public for legal matters only.

No motion was taken. Presentation and discussion only.

The following was presented:

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Hales had no items of discussion.

Mayor Discussion

Mayor Renner reminded everyone that the Christmas Holiday Parade is coming up, and bragged that Bloomington was ranked 4th best City to live in for a University Grad according to Value Penguin Company. They looked at livability, crime rate, affordability of housing, and cultural amenities.

City Alderman's Discussion

The Alderman had no items of discussion.

Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk