

SUMMARY MINUTES  
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017; 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, February 27, 2017. 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, Scott Black, Karen Schmidt, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Jim Fruin, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: David Hales; City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry L. Lawson; City Clerk, Steve Rasmussen; Assistant City Manager, Brendan Heffner, Chief of Police; Bob Yehl, Water Director; Scott Sprouls, IS Director, Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director, Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; and other City Staff were also present.

**5. Recognition/Appointments**

**6. Public Comment**

Jesse Smart	Alton Franklin
Chris Gramm	Gary Lambert
Bruce Meeks	JL Smith

**7. Consent Agenda**

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion, and is provided in BOLD, and items that Council pull from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed with a notation Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

**Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of item 7F.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B: Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$5,077,965.88.

The following was presented:

Item 7C: Consideration of approving an extension of a Professional Services Contract with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Water Department, RFQ No. 2016-27.

The following was presented:

Item 7D: Consideration of approving the lease term extension provisions included in the short-term farm leases for the 2017 crop season.

The following was presented:

Item 7E: Consideration of approval for Staff to provide notice to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT/State) of City concurrence to award contract to H.J. Eppel & Co. for the construction of Benjamin School Trail Project.

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of approving Ordinance directing the sale of surplus real estate at 206 Darrah in the City of Bloomington. ***(Pulled from the Consent Agenda)***

The following was presented:

Item 7G: Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for a Noncommercial Parking Lot in the R-2 Zoning District for the property located at 907 & 909 N. Roosevelt Ave.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A  
NONCOMMERCIAL PARKING LOT IN THE R-2 DISTRICT  
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 907 & 909 N. ROOSEVELT AVE

The following was presented:

Item No. 7H: Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for the Expansion of An Existing Senior Living Facility, known as Westminster Village, in the R-3B Zoning District for the property located at 2025 E. Lincoln Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 -17

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE EXPANSION OF AN  
EXISTING SENIOR LIVING FACILITY, KNOWN AS WESTMINSTER VILLAGE,  
IN THE R-3B DISTRICT  
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 2025 E. LINCOLN AVE

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of approving Ordinance directing the sale of surplus real estate at 206 Darrah in the City of Bloomington. (*Pulled from the Consent Agenda*)

Alderman Fruin stated that he would like Item 7F removed from the consent agenda. In this particular case, there is an appraisal and we are going to put this out for sale and we are asking that the minimum bid be the same as the appraised price. Stated he would go with the Staff approach but finds it unusual to see a minimum bid equaling the appraised price. Alderman Fruin stated that he mentioned a few weeks ago that he offered one opinion that the Council and the Staff look at our properties and see which ones can be disposed of – the ones that aren't being utilized, whether vacant property or a building and whether we give them away, sell them, donate them to a community group. If they are not being utilized, let someone use them.

ORDINANCE 2017 – 15

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE AT 206 N.  
DARRAH IN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

**Motion by Alderman Fruin, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that Council approve Ordinance directing the sale of surplus real estate at 206 N. Darrah in the City of Bloomington, including to advertise and accept bids for sale of the property, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Ordinance.**

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

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

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

## **8. Regular Agenda**

The following was presented:

Item No. 8A: Future collaboration on regional economic development between the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal and dissolution of the Metro Zone.

Mayor Renner stated that the 30-year old Metro Zone agreement may have made sense at the time of its drafting. However, a lot has changed in our community. The old agreement is no longer in the best interest of Bloomington and its taxpayers. We know that we can work with our members of Normal. We believe that we need to have an agreement that is consistent with the entire community leveraging all of our assets. We have been in discussions with Normal about this at a very high level for well over two years. We have been in more intense discussions with them over about the last three to four months about some possible compromise. We were not able to come up with compromise language that either community would agree on at this point.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05**

#### **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NEW PROCESS OF JOINT COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND THE TOWN OF NORMAL ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DISSOLVING THE METRO ZONE**

**Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe that the resolution calling for a new process of joint collaboration between the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal on regional economic development and dissolving the Metro Zone, 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:**

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

**Nays: Aldermen Diana Hauman and Jim Fruin**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 8B: Presentation of the Bloomington Police Department 2016 Annual Report.

This presentation will provide an overview of the Uniform Crime Report and crime occurrences during the calendar year 2016. The presentation will also compare and contrast the City's own historical data along with neighboring cities similarly situated. In addition, the Police Department's goals and priorities for 2017 will be outlined.

The following was presented:

Item 8C: Presentation of the Proposed City Manager FY 2018 Budget.

The Citywide FY 2018 Proposed Budget is \$213,830,887 which is a 3% increase over the FY 2017 Adopted Budget of \$207,620,553. The FY 2018 General Fund, which is 49% of the total budget, is proposed to increase by 0.61% or \$635,391 over the FY 2017 General Fund Adopted Budget of \$104,794,506.

## **9. City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. Hales had no further comments to offer.

## **10. Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Renner thanked Mr. Hales and the department heads.

## **11. City Alderman's Discussion**

Alderman Fruin stated there was gentleman in the second row and asked Mayor Renner if he wanted to call him out and ask him to introduce himself and maybe make some comments.

Alderman Black wanted to thank Mayor Renner and City Manager Hales for the addition of a number of things not seen in the past. These types of social things are needed for Bloomington and will make a genuine impact in the community.

Alderman Schmidt reported on a conversation with Jeannie Hamilton from Bloomington Public Library and the outgoing and incoming board president.

Alderman Buragas touched on one of the items in the Consent Agenda.

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.**

**Motion carried (viva voce).**

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

**ATTEST**

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Tari Renner, Mayor

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Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk