

**SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JULY 10, 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, July 10, 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: Jamie Mathy, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray, Karen Schmidt and Mayor Renner.

Staff Present: David Hales, City Manager; Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry L. Lawson; City Clerk; Brendan Heffner, Chief of Police; Brian Mohr, Fire Chief; Scott Sprouls, IS Director, Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; and other City staff were also present.

Staff Absent: Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager

5. Recognition / Appointments

- A. Appointment of Robert Schultz be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- B. Reappointment of Judy Buchanan to the Connect Transit Board.

6. Public Comments

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

Louis Gooseland
Ruth Haney
Jennifer Johnson
Stefen Robinson

Donna Gaston
Sophie Charles
Ky Ajayi
Heather Johnson

Jenn Carrillo
Josh Lewis
Barbara Findley-Stuart

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 Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Black, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Minutes of the June 26, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting. (Recommend that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.)

The following was presented:

Item 7B: Consideration of Approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 8,367,375.42.

The following was presented:

Item 7C: Consideration of Approving Appointments and Reappointments to Various Boards and Commissions.

The following was presented:

Item 7D: Consideration of approval of the Continuum of Care Families and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Agreement (Project IL0283L5T121608).

The following was presented:

Item 7E: Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract with Local 49 Firefighters.

The following was presented:

Item 7F: Consideration of an Ordinance approving the request for Annexation of the property commonly referred to as and located at 2405 Monica Lane.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 –52
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT AND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS 2405 MONICA LANE

The following was presented:

Item 7G: Consideration of the application of McLean County Fair Association, d/b/a McLean County Fair Association, located at 2242 Westgate Dr. requesting a LB, limited liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises for the following dates: August 2nd through August 5th, 2017.

The following was presented:

Item 7H: Consideration of the application of CCW, LLC d/b/a HuHot Mongolian Grill located at 2103 N. Veterans Pkwy., Ste. 324 requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

The following was presented:

Item 7I: Consideration of the application of the Lil Beaver Brewer, LLC, d/b/a Lil Beaver Brewer, located at 16 Currency Dr., Unit B, requesting a TBPS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises and the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week

The following was presented:

Item 7J: Consideration of the application of Aix Indigo, LLC d/b/a Giordano's Famous Stuffed Pizza located at 1505 N. Veterans Pkwy., Ste. A requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

The following was presented:

Item 7K: Consideration of approving a petition for the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lots 3-5 in Block 4 of Camp Kickapoo, from George P. & Susan J. Freeman to Robert & Traci Freitag.

The following was presented:

Item 7L: Consideration of approving a petition for the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 7 in Block 4 in Camp Kickapoo, from Raymond & Joan Johnson to Johnson Family Trust – Karla R. Farr Trustee.

The following was presented:

Item 7M: Consideration of approving a petition for the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 19 in Block 3 of Camp Kickapoo, from Mark and Karen Oostman to David and Laura Elkins.

Public Hearing

The following was presented:

Item 8A: Public Hearing on a Resolution to amend the 2015 City of Bloomington Bicycle Master Plan by including Washington Street from Lee Street to St. Joseph Drive as infrastructure identified within the Plan

Mayor Renner opened the Public Hearing and the following citizens provided testimony.

Bruce Meeks	Neil Gridley	Donna Boelen
Trevor McGuire	Patrick Dullard	Amanda Hogenson
Stacey Tuff	Aaron LeNeve	Michael Gorman
Mike Mc Curdy	Stefanie Michaels	Jim Wabaum

Mr. Karch stated we are recommending that you approval of the amendment, and stated he is available to address any concerns. One of the biggest benefits of this is overall corridor from a multimodal transportation point and that is really one of the key facets. Residents have expressed concern that there is no room or place for bicycles on Constitution Trail. That is a wonderful amenity. This community is very thankful to have that, it is well used, but it is a recreational vehicle. We also need to have transportation ability to get to where you go for businesses, to be able to get to your residence, to be able to get even the trail. That is where this overall comprehensive transportation network is going to be very important, and that is what we are looking to amend today. One of the other things that we are going to be talking about a little bit is parking. We received a large amount of public feedback on this and have had two different public meetings, which are summarized. Mr. Karch then gave the summary of the two meetings.

Mayor Renner asked if there were questions for Mr. Karch.

Alderman Buragas stated she wanted to make clear that all the proposals in this document that has been presented for our consideration are consistent with state and federal regulations and also are based on best practices or industry recommendations from organizations like the National Association of City Transportation Officials. Mr. Karch stated that that was correct.

Alderman Buragas asked if there would still be allowance of time-cap discussions about some of these intersections that are not being dealt with this particular year to make sure that we get the best result possible.

Mr. Karch answered that as we make resurfacing and as we expand it, there is still going to be a public input process. What this is, is this is to expand the potential for ways and areas for us to look at.

Alderman Black commented about the bike lane and was excited to hear the public feedback..

Alderman Mathy stated that he had been receiving a lot of messages from businesses that are located in the Downtown corridor along the Washington Street, who are concerned about the loss of those parking spaces and asked if the bike route could be moved.

Mr. Karch stated that whenever you talk about bike accommodations, we have to be realistic that there are times there are going to be some hard choices. If you cannot park right in front of a business, even if it is around the corner, it is just very difficult.

Alderman Schmidt stated she had received comments from business owners about Washington Street in the Downtown area. I have been very encouraged by the tone of those, which is how can we solve this, not we should not do this.

Mr. Karch commented that there are always opportunities for additional conversations about parking, and there are so many different ways that you can do it.

Alderman Schmidt asked if Mr. Karch could talk a little bit more Female could talk a little bit more about what the process is going forward.

Alderman Mathy stated that he had received supportive emails from businesses as well.

Alderman Buragas commented about street widths and that there is a positive correlation between lane width and speed and one of the primary concerns we have in this area with regards to public safety is the speed at which many vehicles drive.

Mr. Karch replied that people travel what they feel comfortable with. You can set the speed limit at whatever, there is no offense intended, but you as elected officials can set it whatever you feel like you want to set it at. People will typically drive what they feel comfortable with and by narrowing lanes, by making parking, by allowing parking, by shrinking down the drivable width, you slow down traffic.

Alderman Sage asked whether District 87 was okay with this proposal.

Mr. Karch replied that they had not received support or anything against from District 87

Mayor Renner opened up the public hearing.

8. Regular Agenda

Item 9A: Consideration of approving a Resolution to amend the 2015 City of Bloomington Bicycle Master Plan by including Washington Street from Lee Street to St. Joseph Drive as infrastructure identified within the Plan.

Alderman Sage stated that he had concerns about the safety around Washington grade school but would be supporting this.

Alderman Buragas stated that she appreciated Alderman Sage's comment and pedestrian safety in that area is the highest priority. Vehicle and cyclist safety also is a priority and a large priority, but we need to specifically focus on there and maybe look for innovative and different ways to improve the safety in that area. There are a significant portion of people in our community, who use bicycles as their primary means of transportation for a wide variety of reasons and in talking to people, it has become clear to me that when it comes to transportation, regardless of whether you bike, you drive, you take the bus or you walk, everyone wants the same thing - they want affordable, accessible and safe modes of transportation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 27
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2015 CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Motion by Alderman Hauman seconded by Alderman Buragas that a Resolution to amend the 2015 City of Bloomington Bicycle Master Plan by relocating the bicycle lanes from Grove St. to Washington St. be adopted 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 Sage, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Hauman, Schmidt, Black, Painter, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 9B: Grossinger Motors Arena Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report. (*Presentation only*)

Ms. Cannon recapsulated the 2016-17 fiscal year as the Bloomington Coliseum and spoke of the number of events that could be held in this large building. She also spoke of the coliseum's financial performance and it was not on target this year and the reasons why. She stated that they provide an economic impact to the entire community as many of the events held bring in people

from all over the Midwest, not just the state of Illinois. There were over 159,000 guests that came to the venue last year. Many safety and security improvements have been done. We have a new point of sale system and are working through the learning process with that. We have new menu boards and are looking at new menus. We are using local suppliers whenever possible. In looking at goals, our highest priority is making sure that our ADA guests are comfortable and have access to move about the building in comfort.

Alderman Black commented that one of the challenges across the industry the chip readers that take longer to process payment and asked Ms. Cannon if she knew a percentage of how many people are paying with credit cards or debit cards.

Ms. Cannon responded by stating that it is increasing every year, but she would say in excess of 60% of the transactions are credit or debit card pay.

Alderman Scott Black stated it is undeniable that the Coliseum has had a major impact. His constructive criticism would be marketing as he often hears about shows after the fact.

Ms. Cannon stated that marketing is a top goal for our group this year.

Alderman Buragas asked if Ms. Cannon had a feel yet for what are reasonable expectations are in terms about you know the year-to-year operating budget for this facility.

Ms. Cannon replied that she thought that the next budgeting cycle will be much more accurate and to the point and would be our best one yet.

Alderman Mathy asked what realistic number for the number of shows that we can bring in if those are where the money could be made.

Ms. Cannon replied that probably what we would like to budget for would be 13 to 15.

Alderman Mwilambwe stated that we have a great opportunity to not only change the name but also change the reputation as well. It will be important continue to build that momentum every year, so that we do not fall back into a negative conversation about the Coliseum

Ms. Cannon stated that it is now the arena and we are going to now call it the arena.

The following was presented:

Item 9C: Consideration of Approving a Resolution that welcomes and recognizes the importance of the immigrant population in the City of Bloomington. **(Removed from the agenda.)**

Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Hauman to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk