

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES  
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017; 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:04 p.m., Monday, August 14, 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 Tari Renner.

Staff Present: David Hales, City Manager, Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry 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.

**5. Recognition / Appointments**

- A. Recognition of Bloomington Firefighters who successfully completed probation: Aaron J. Larson, Joshua M. Kreml, Christian K. Merkau, and Eric R. Davison.
- B. Proclamation recognizing the American Red Cross “Sound the Alarm! Save A Life!” Campaign.
- C. Proclamation recognizing Employee Delvar Dopson for Outstanding Customer Service Award.

- D. Appointments to the Transportation Commission: Angela Ballantini, Jill Blair, Maureen (Reenie) Bradley, Katherine Browne, Michael Gorman, Elizabeth Kooba, and Kelly Rumley.

## 6. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment, and the following individuals provided comments to the Council.

Carolyn Jarvis	Joe Walden	Gary Lambert	Scott Stimerling
Bruce Meeks	Donna Bolen	Carl Woodward	

## 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 Black seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of items 7K.**

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

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

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Minutes of the July 24, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B: Consideration of Approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 9,825,364.87.

The following was presented:

Item 7C: Consideration of Approving Appointments to the Transportation Commission.

The following was presented:

Item 7D: Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 193 of IATSE.

The following was presented:

Item 7E: Consideration of approving the purchase ammunition for Bloomington Police Department utilizing State Bid/Contract #4017592 in the amount of \$62,210.

The following was presented:

Item 7F: Consideration of approving the purchase of a replacement Records Management Software for the Fire Department.

The following was presented:

Item 7G: Consideration of approving the purchase of a Vactron LP873 SDT excavating and potholing machine in the amount of \$78,200.

The following was presented:

Item 7H: Consideration of:

- A. Approving a Resolution for Change Order #1 in the amount of \$17,940.00 to an existing contract with CAD Construction, Inc. for construction of the Police Training Facility Addition; and
- B. Approving and accepting payment in the amount of \$9,618.35 from Shive-Hattery, Inc. in satisfaction of errors in the initial construction drawings for construction of the Police Training Facility Addition that led to the Change Order #1.

The following was presented:

Item 7I: Consideration of approving the purchase of skid track loader for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department.

The following was presented:

Item 7J: Consideration of Analysis of Proposal and Approval of a Contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC in the amount of \$200,000 for FY 2018 Pavement Preservation.

The following was presented:

Item 7K: Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Bloomington City Code, Chapter 3, Section 6.9, Electrical Portable Signs, to allow permanent LED signs no larger than 8 square feet on publicly funded, not-for-profit transit vehicles.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 61

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BLOOMINGTON  
CITY CODE CHAPTER 3 SECTION 6.9

Alderman Mathy expressed concern over the Council permitting the City to do something that we aren't going to allow anybody else in the community to do and does not like the idea of creating an exception to the rule that gives our bus system the ability to have electronic signs on them, but we exclude everyone else. He stated he would like to make a plan to sit down within 90 days to discuss a more holistic approach for all signage for businesses and for non-profit use across the City.

Mayor Renner replied the understanding that Alderman Mathy would have is that administration will bring back, at least for purposes of discussion, of what our options are within 60 to 90 days.

Mr. Hales responded that it certainly can be done and that Alderman Mathy brings up a good point in that do you allow the public sector to do something that the private sector is not allowed to do.

Alderman Mathy stated that we would not be the first City to have this. Some of the bigger metro areas have digital billboards not only on the back of buses but on the sides of them. He felt it would be more progressive to create a set of parameters and rules to make this an even playing field for everybody.

Mr. Hales stated that we had talked about it in jest, but why not allow very similar advertising on solid waste trucks, or city dump trucks or other city vehicles? Many cities have done it. The appropriate thing to do would be to go back to our Citizens' Committee and have them vet this and say should this particular exception be expanded into the private sector.

Mayor Renner stated that there were a number of cities who have helped balance their budget with transit.

Alderman Sage asked about the impact on staff for this as far as consuming time and energy from staff's perspective. He asked are going to move something off of a prioritized Council list to do this.

Alderman Buragas stated that she had a question that might clarify and that Ms. Simpson is here and hopefully she knows about this process, but her understanding from the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting is that the staff has already identified a comprehensive review of the signed ordinance which would include this discussion, and that's already something that they are contemplating doing.

Ms. Simpson stated, they were currently working with a consulting firm to work on the zoning ordinance. That, Mr. Dabareiner has been in discussion and the City Manager can also speak to this about seeing if they could not do our signed ordinance as well.

Alderman Mathy stated that the way that he was reading that is not including mobile signage as well and thought that particular ordinance was talking about permanent signage. If it includes, and part of that process is going to look at mobile signage as well, then he is content at waiting to see the results of that.

Alderman Black asked if they were voting to delay with no action.

Mayor Renner replied that as he Alderman Mathy that he was in favor of this, did not want to delay, do not have a motion yet, but Staff will make sure that within sixty to ninety days, we will try to bring something back.

Alderman Mathy stated not to put a parameter on there in case their signage presentation is not done in that timeframe. He then made a motion to approve Item 7K as written.

**Motion by Alderman Mathy seconded by Alderman Black that an Ordinance be adopted to amend the Bloomington City Code Chapter 3, Section 6.9, to allow permanent LED signs no larger than 8 square feet on publicly funded, not-for-profit transit vehicles, 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 Schmidt Sage, Hauman, Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Black, Painter, and Bray.**

**Nays:**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 7L: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 29, Sections 174, 176, 177, 178, 180, 181, 183, 184 and 192 so that Parking Enforcement is moved from the Police Department to Facilities Management.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 62

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29, SECTIONS 174, 176, 177, 178, 180, 181, 183, 184 AND 192 SO THAT PARKING ENFORCEMENT IS MOVED FROM THE CITY OF

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CITY OF BLOOMINGTON FACILITIES  
MANAGEMENT

The following was presented:

Item 7M: Consideration of Adopting an Ordinance Rezoning 421 and 425 Olympia Drive from M-1, Restricted Manufacturing District, to B-1, Highway Business District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 63

AN ORDINANCE REZONING 204 N. ALLIN STREET, AND OF  
800, 801, 802, 803, 804, AND 806 W. WASHINGTON STREET FROM  
R-2, MIXED RESIDENTIAL, AND C-2, NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING DISTRICT, TO B-2,  
GENERAL BUSINESS SERVICE DISTRICT

The following was presented:

Item 7N: Consideration of Adopting an Ordinance Rezoning 2405 Monica Lane from A, Agriculture to R-1C, Single Family Residential District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 64

AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 421 AND 425 OLYMPIA  
DRIVE FROM M-1, RESTRICTED MANUFACTURING DISTRICT TO B-1, HIGHWAY  
BUSINESS DISTRICT

The following was presented:

Item 7O: Consideration of Adopting an Ordinance Rezoning 806 W. Washington St., 804 W. Washington St., 800 and 802 W. Washington St., 803 W. Washington St., 801 W. Washington St., and 204 N. Allin St. to B-2, General Business Service District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 65

AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2405 MONICA LANE  
FROM A, AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO R-1C, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
DISTRICT

The following was presented:

Item 7P: Consideration of an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code to Allow Possession of Open Alcohol (beer and wine) on Public Property in a portion of Downtown Bloomington during the Criterium Bike Race on August 26, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 66

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE BLOOMINGTON CITY CODE TO ALLOW POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN A PORTION OF DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON DURING THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL CRITERIUM BIKE RACE IN BLOOMINGTON.

The following was presented:

Item 7Q: Consideration of the request from Kaleb Shumara and Valerie Meredith to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their August 26, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 67

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 ON AUGUST 26, 2017, AT DAVIS LODGE

**Regular Agenda**

Item 8A. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of dasher boards, in the amount of \$187,870.94, and authorize a change to the FY 2017 Capital Lease Equipment to add the Hockey Dasher Boards for the Grossinger Motors Arena, including an additional 20% contingency for the project.

Mr. Hales stated that we very strongly are recommending Council authorize this purchase tonight and there are two parts to this motion. It is not only approval for the purchase of the dasher boards in the amount of the \$187,870.94, but then to also add an additional 20% contingency on top of that. He then explained the reason for the contingency and the reasoning for the new dasher board system.

Ms. Cannon stated that the vendor was coming back to town and going to verify that the system that we currently have will be playable through the December time period where we will have the opportunity in our schedule to be able to replace the entire system.

Alderman Mathy asked what the expected life span of the new system was.

Ms. Cannon stated that in it is about 15 years of life expectancy.

**Motion by Alderman Schmidt seconded by Alderman Hauman Council approve the purchase of the Hockey Dasher Boards for the Grossinger Motors Arena, in an amount of \$187,870.94, as well as an additional 20% contingency for the project, through the National**

**Joint Powers Alliance, on its terms and conditions, and authorize a change to add the Hockey Dasher Boards to the budgeted equipment for the FY 2017 Capital Lease.**

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

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

**Nays:**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 8B: Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve energy supply contracts with a one hundred percent renewable energy option.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 28

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CONTRACT

Mr. Rasmussen stated that at the last meeting, it was voted to hire the Stone River Group, and Don Frontone is here to speak from it. Tonight what we wanted to talk about is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve the energy supply contract when that time should come, and there is some urgency to this.

Mr. Frontone stated that since last they were there and were discussing energy, one of the things that he had been working on for some time is a way to save money in the energy purchase realm and explained his expertise and how it was used to create opportunity for clients to meet the best products and prices to meet their needs.

Mr. Rasmussen asked Mr. Frontone to address to the Council why we are doing this now since the contract for us does not expire until May of 2018.

Alderman Bray asked if we attain the best rates through being homogeneous with the other members of our group.

Mr. Frontone replied that the advantage is definitely to size.

Alderman Black asked about the ordinance as written and the three options.

Mr. Hales replied that the opt out provision is required by state law. This issue of choice in order to be able pick between 100% renewable or something less, only came up in the last week.



At this point and time, based on prior direction of the Council, we have been looking at 100% renewable, and there has not been a choice.

Mr. Waller stated that they had a meeting last week just before the packet came out. We met with City manager and had conversations with Mr. Frontone. I was able to make changes to the packet and the resolution. We did make those changes so the packet as presented, it says we have 100% renewable option so it is presented correctly.

Alderman Black stated that the reason he was belaboring this point is because he had not heard about this Normal option to opt in, stay in the Electric Aggregation Program or get the 100% renewable. He stated that he does not see a benefit here, but sees three options.

Alderman Buragas asked a question about the Normal letter and asked if it was specifically to a resident who is already opted out of the aggregation. She stated with regard to renewable energy, she agreed with Alderman Black.

Alderman Sage stated he rejects the idea that the City has to demand that the citizens choose renewable or be penalized and not be in the program. Give people the choice.

Alderman Mathy asked if we are if we are going to buy green energy credits, can we buy them from companies in Illinois.

Mr. Frontone answered that it is something in the future we can investigate and he was open to talking on the City's behalf on any range of issues, but on green energy, generally it is derived through the rec, and that is how they get it.

Mr. Hales stated that he thought they might still not have the right letter and was especially concerned over the paragraph that states, "your electric utility has informed us you are currently served or have chosen to be served by a competitive retail electric supplier". He stated this was not the one letter he was hoping that would have been going out to the bulk of the people because the philosophy was once you are in, you have a very small percentage of people who opt out.

Mr. Frontone explained that everybody is going to get a letter stating you are going to be on an opt out program. On this one if you are currently with your own provider, you are going to reassert that unless they are in that group.

Alderman Mwilambwe stated that he felt that when we start to discuss things like this at length, it means that it is not a good idea to move forward at this point and the idea is not quite ready.

**Motion by Alderman Buragas seconded by Alderman Black that Council authorize the proposed Resolution with an amendment so that the aggregation contract only includes one hundred percent renewable energy that affirms the City's municipal aggregation commitment to one hundred percent renewable energy, and authorize the City Manager to**

**approve energy supply contracts with a one hundred percent renewable energy option, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Resolution.**

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

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

**Nays: Alderman Sage and Alderman Mathy.  
Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

### **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Alderman Black seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 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