

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018; 7:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2018.

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: Steve Rasmussen, Interim City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director; Greg Scott, Assistant Chief of Police; Brian Mohr, Fire Chief, Scott Sprouls, IS Director; Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Bob Yehl, Water Director; and other City staff were also present.

Recognition/Appointments

- A. Introduction of Robert Mahrt, Interim Community Development Director
- B. State of the City Address, Mayor Tari Renner (*Presentation 10 minutes*)

Public Comment

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

Scott Stimeling	Donna Boelen	Tyson Mohr
Tim Tilton	James Pearson	Jim Waldorf

“Consent Agenda”

(All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member, City Manager or Corporation Counsel so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the Regular Agenda, which is Item #8.

The City’s Boards and Commissions hold Public Hearings prior to some Council items appearing on the Council’s Meeting Agenda. Persons who wish to address the Council should provide new information which is pertinent to the issue before them.)

Motion by Alderman Hauman and second by Alderman Mwilambwe that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of Item Nos. 7C and 7E.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the December 18, 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 \$14,501,208.56. *(Recommend that the Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers be allowed in the amount of \$14,501,208.56. and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of approving the revised schedule for Council Meeting and Council related Boards and Commission Meeting dates for the 2018 Calendar Year. *(Recommend Council approve revised 2018 Calendar of Meeting dates for the City Council and Council related Boards and Commissions.) (Pulled from the Consent Agenda for Council discussion)*

Motion by Alderman Bray and second by Alderman Sage that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be stricken for the proposed January 16, 2018 and approve the remainder of the calendar as proposed. The City Code does not automatically reschedule a Committee of the Whole Meeting if that meeting falls on a holiday. The Committee of the Whole Meeting is not a required scheduled meeting per the Code.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Sage, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, and Bray.

Nays: Aldermen Black, Buragas, Mathy, and Hauman

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of approving an Agreement with Tyler Technologies Inc. for Maintenance and Support to provide a computer-aided dispatch solution for use by the Police and Fire Departments. *(Recommend that an Agreement with Tyler Technologies be approved, and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts to establish, define, and coordinate a mutually beneficial relationship. *(Recommend City Council approve a five year automatic renewing Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the related documents.) (Pulled from the Consent Agenda for Council discussion)*

Motion by Alderman Schmidt and second by Alderman Hauman that this item be tabled until not later than March 1, 2018 to a Work Session or Committee of the Whole in order for Council to review and discuss the item further.

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

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

Nays: Alderman Scott Black

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of authorizing a Rejection of a Bid for New Single Line Stopping System with Air Drive Motor. *(Recommend City Council reject the bid for a New Single Line Stopping System with Air Drive Motor.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of a Resolution accepting the Warranty Deed for Lot 219 in Wittenberg Woods at Prairie Vista Second Addition to fulfill the park land dedication requirement set forth in the Annexation Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Wittenberg II, LLC. *(Recommend approving a Resolution accepting the Warranty Deed for Lot 219 in Wittenberg Woods at Prairie Vista Second Addition to fulfill the park land dedication requirement set forth in the Annexation Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Wittenberg II, LLC be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE WARRANTY DEED FOR LOT 219 IN WITTENBERG WOODS AT PRARIE VISTA SECOND ADDITION TO FULFILL THE PARK LAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND WITTENBERG II, LLC

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of approving an Ordinance adopting a Sexual Harassment Policy. *(Recommend an Ordinance Approving the City of Bloomington Sexual Harassment Policy be adopted and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the Ordinance.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2018- 1

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a petition from Vale Church for the dedication of a 20' utility easement, located at 3211 Ireland Grove Road. *(Recommend an Ordinance be passed approving the easement dedication plat and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - 2

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF AN EASEMENT LOCATED AT 3211 IRELAND GROVE ROAD, BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS

“Regular Agenda”

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Presentation and discussion of The Downtown Task Force Final Report. *Discussion only. (Presentation by the Downtown Task Force 10 minutes, Council discussion 20 minutes.) No Motion.*

Alderman Buragas stated, the Bloomington Downtown Task Force was formed on May 8, 2017, with the explicit goal of establishing top priorities for Downtown Bloomington for the next three to five years, and to come up with some sort of action plan to move those priorities forward.

The Task Force were directed to provide a clear line of sight between those recommendations that we make and the existing planning documents. The Task Force has accomplished that goal as you hoped it would. Each section contains a number of citations back to our master plans, so you'll know where we got some of these ideas and why we believe that there's firm justification for doing that.

The process was relatively straightforward. We started with the planning documents which were provided to all of our members. Those included the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan, also known as, "Bring It On Bloomington." It also included the Downtown Strategic Plan which is often referred to as the "Far Plan," and a few other smaller plans such as the Downtown Street Gate Plan looking at the downtown area.

We also held a public listening session that was well-attended, whereby all of our meetings were public, and publicly posted. The initial preliminary findings were reported on August 31st and then the final report was ratified on October 24th. Final report organization that we were encouraged by Tom Dabareiner, the former Community Development Director begin looking at ways to improve the downtown area in three different categories: place-making, supportive, and catalyst.

We recognize, primarily, improvements in place-making will benefit those who already visit the downtown area, which is a very worthwhile endeavor. So, we didn't make a lot of recommendations in that area, because we know that this Council knows that's a given--that downtown infrastructure needs to be taken care of. But we did make some recommendations with regard to parking.

Finally, the catalyst, which, by far, took up the least amount of time on the Task Force. We really did focus on the place-making more so than anything because, that is the least investment that can be made with potentially the highest return. Mr. Dabareiner encouraged us to look at a catalyst project in a much narrower focus than perhaps I had been, and to look only at those projects that are likely to bring large numbers of new people into the downtown area on a daily basis.

Public decorative lighting received a lot of public support. And we've certainly seen the impacts of that because our Parks Department is already ahead of us on this one. In this holiday season, had more decorative lighting than in the past, and I've heard lots of compliments about the downtown area in that regard.

Public art also receive much support as well. We already have a very robust art community in the downtown area. It's something that our residents value. We can also make that functional. This is one of my favorite examples of that, a crosswalk that is marked. So not only does this type of activity enhance the appearance of downtown, but it also has safety aspects, by reminding drivers and other users of the street that this is an area where pedestrians are welcome.

Next, we get into public spaces and walkability. Again, this is an area where we received a lot of public feedback, and some of the proposals that were initially mentioned turned out to be our experts helped advise us on which ones were most likely to be successful in our area. So, one we heard a lot about was the potential of a pedestrian mall. That is, closing down a street and making it pedestrian only. We were encouraged to be cautious in that regard and not to get ahead of ourselves, that other methods might be more effective because many communities have found, unfortunately, that if you close down a street too soon or you can have a very negative impact on those local businesses.

We don't want to do anything in the downtown area that's going to hurt any of the individuals who have already invested a great deal in that area. But we can still achieve that feeling and that desire, and that's looking at some of the innovation in what's called a, "Shared space model."

The other one is public spaces in terms of public plazas. We heard a lot from residents about a desire to have more places for public gathering. And here's where we kind of as a downtown luck out, because we already have a public plaza in front of the Law and Justice Center.

The final area we looked at in terms of that supportive was parking. The Task Force is intimately aware that it was a limited process. While we may make recommendations, a great deal more due diligence needs to be taken before any of these particular recommendations can be followed through by council. This is a good example of this.

One of the recommendations is to take Main and Center, reduce it from two lanes down to one so that both sides of the street can have diagonal parking. This is a relatively quick and easy way to increase the amount of parking in the downtown area in the short-term.

A couple of areas of opportunity in the very, very short-term that I would like the Council to at least think about in terms of moving forward. Front Street is in terrible condition. It's gotten significantly worse because of the infrastructure that was performed this summer, and it needs to be resurfaced. In fact, the Public Works Department tentatively has both Front and Jefferson in the downtown area under the resurfacing plan for next year.

This presents an opportunity to consider a public plaza, as residents in the community would like more opportunities for having public areas. Regarding the shared street model, Jefferson Street is up for resurfacing. One thing the Council may want to consider is whether we want to try something different. There's no single model; however, you can see how in a downtown area, this creates a different feeling, a different ambience, a different way of using and interacting with the public right of way. And actually, recapturing that public right of way, which is pretty prime area in a downtown, so that everyone can use it.

Alderman Buragas suggested as a pilot project, that Council consider the Northern block of Jefferson Street that is bordering the History Museum. That square is considered to be an area of prime use in terms of public events. It has the Farmer's Market every Saturday. That we might consider whether or not we want to do a pilot project there to see what we can achieve, to see what we can do in the downtown area.

Alderman Schmidt thanked the Task Force for its work and asked how much funding it take to change the look and feel around the court house. Alderman Buragas stated, she does not have that figure, as that was a limitation of the Task Force. That although the Task Force could have used city resources and staff, they chose not to do so. If the Council is interested, perhaps the Public Works Department could provide us with some concept or some way to get that information.

Alderman Hauman thanked the Task Force and stated, she had attended a couple of meetings as well as some of the public meetings, and the discussions were robust. I saw things suggested that I never would have thought of for downtown.

Alderman Black thanked Alderman Buragas for the presentation and leadership on the Task Force then asked whether there a vision to bring back actual ordinance recommendations to accomplish some of the things highlighted in this plan. Alderman Buragas stated, that depends on the Council's

discretion. I certainly would defer to the mayor if he has a specific idea for how to move forward. As Task Force Chair, what I would like to see is the Council ratify the recommendations in the Final Task Force Report as it would empower staff to begin looking into some of the proposals.

Alderman Black stated from a policy stand-point, there was some discussion nearly five years ago to shut down Main Street from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He suggested the City take action on it. He commented on the parking concerns in the downtown area stating, perhaps we need to accommodate that to drive those visitors down there. I'm a big believer too that we need to be having paid parking. They should be metered, and a dollar an hour. And if you buy a cup of coffee or get a sandwich or whatever it might be, buy something, you can get your ticket comped. These are the types of things that can be revenue generators for us, that can fund some of these types of projects. I would really encourage the Mayor and this Council to seriously consider these types of proposals to actually make some definitive changes to our downtown.

Mayor Renner expressed his agreement, and indicated that he would be willing to work with any of Council to bring forward an ordinance.

Alderman Mathy thanked Alderman Black for bringing forth his concerns and questions. One of the more pressing concerns from property owners in the metro downtown area is they want the ability to do more. They feel like right now that they're constrained in terms of things like the ability to do decorative lighting outdoors. We heard multiple requests from people that they want to do more plantings and more flower pots, and more decorations and things of that nature. Multiple owners expressed frustration in that Council could change an ordinance to permit outdoor cafes; however, there is no ordinances in place to prohibit stores from having outdoor sidewalk sales and things of that nature.

Alderman Buragas stated, many of these proposals are interrelated, and parking is an excellent one. There is a reason we have a perception issue, and that has to do with the willingness to walk scale. And then in downtown Bloomington, the willingness to walk is about 500 feet. In a fully robust revitalized downtown, you can expect something almost three times as far. We could tell people just walk farther, but I think we would be unsuccessful in that because there's a reason people don't want to walk in our downtown, it's because it lacks walkability.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Discussion and possible direction on the operational structure of the John M. Scott Health Trust. *(Review, discuss and provide direction on the operational structure of the John M. Scott Health Trust.) (Presentation by Jeffrey Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, 10 minutes and Council discussion 20minutes.) No Motion as Council provided direction to staff proceed forward as presented, with the amended declaration of the bylaws that set up the John M. Scott Trust, that supports the all grants model concept. City would assume responsibility for the JM Scott Trust, expense and staff involvement, and return to Council with a final proposal for its consideration.*

Mr. Jurgens provided an overview of this item. Then, Supervisor Skillrud would like to offer a few comments, and Susan [inaudible 00:31:59] from the commission. Tom Herr, Attorney for the Trust is also available to answer questions from the Council.

The council memo provides kind of a high level overview, but essentially, the last time we talked about this, there seemed to be what we considered to be a consensus or some growing direction to look at a model that focused more on grants from the trust as opposed to direct services. However, one of the items that was discussed by several council members was having kind of a revolving grant that could potentially go to Bloomington Township. That would continue to allow the supervisor in the township to continue to provide some direct services that was being advocated for by Supervisor Skillrud.

Mr. Jurgens referenced the revised documents presented to Council an amended Declaration of Trust that sets up kind of this new format and this new programming, along with what would be new Bylaws for the Commission. The Commission remains purely advisory. They would be responsible for evaluating and recommending a small number of grants, you know, say, four to five grants to different organizations that provide kind of the medical services that were originally contemplated by Judge Scott.

One of those would potentially be to the Bloomington Township that could continue to provide the type of direct services that were being proposed by Supervisor Skillrud. These recommendations would then come from the Commission to the City Council as trustee. The Council would then have the ultimate say on whether or not you agreed with the grants that were being proposed, and whether or not they should be funded or not, and how that money is going to be spent. There are a couple of caveats to all of this, this contemplates that we would dissolve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township; the Township would no longer be serving as the administrator of this Trust. Instead, we've looked at maybe doing an internal operation of that with our current Grants Coordinator, Jennifer Toney, potentially being that person that would help. We still need to, kind of, do some final evaluation as to what exactly those time commitments would be and what the reimbursement would be for that.

Two other quick things to mention about the way these documents were drafted. The Commission is a little bit of a different make up than what we currently have. The Commission is made up of certain representatives from certain entities within the community. The new proposed make up is to have certain disciplines, medical backgrounds, finance, and administrative backgrounds. There is not any specific organizations that we will pull people from with limited exception to that. Under the proposed bylaws, it says that one of the members can be a representative from Bloomington Township or a representative of other township supervisors.

Council does have the option, to continue to require the supervisor of Bloomington Township to be a standing member of that Commission, and you can either have that in the bylaws or in the trust document. If it's in the trust document, we have to go back to court to revise that. If it's in the bylaws, that's just going to require your approval to have a little bit more flexibility and change that. The same goes with how strict or how you want to set up that potential revolving grant to the City of Bloomington Township.

Mr. Jurgens stated, the documents in the packet are the bylaws for the Commission, which essentially provide that the Supervisor every year can submit a proposal for one of those direct services grants. The Commission would evaluate and make the recommendations to you as the Trustee. Depending upon the direction of the Council, the City could narrow or broaden, how it is set up in the documents proposed to you. If you wanted to be more, an alternative to that would be to put it in the

actual trust document or more clearly stated in the bylaws; that is, to be one of the potential grants that is going to be considered each year, depending on there being a need for that.

Once staff has prepared those documents, we will present it along with an ordinance to authorize all of these changes to dissolve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Then we will have to go into court to amend the trust, as well as amend the declaration.

Mayor Renner asked, what problem are we trying to fix?

Mr. Jurgens stated, there are couple problems that we're trying to fix. One, we're trying to make sure that we keep overhead cost as low as possible of the Trust. We're trying to maximize the amount of people that are helped and served by the money that we're using from the trust. We're also trying to navigate a changing healthcare landscape where people are getting their healthcare needs met in different ways from the government.

Ms. Skillrud stated, that she agrees with some of the changes proposed in the amended documents, both the declaration of Trust and the bylaws, as well as the clarification to serve all of McLean County. She agrees with the clarification of the staff administrator and the rules and responsibilities of the trustee and the commissioners. I think there are some good things in there, especially with Conflict of Interest as well.

In reviewing the staff administrator information, I do think that this is...the amended documents do add more time to what's existing in the efforts to administrate additional...or take minutes and do additional reporting and administrative duties for the other committees that they're providing in there. She ask whether it is the City Council's intention to transfer the trust dollars to a 501(c) (3). She asked whether it is possible for the Trust remain at the City, as a way to save spending time and effort and money in revising the whole document. This document positions it for a 501(c) (3). What we have in an existing document that can be tweak is far more supportive of fluctuations in the economy, or the medical and health related issues that may pop up.

Right now, as the past practice and what has happened, is a fluctuation in grants already. Since 2014, when we knew Affordable Care Act was coming into play, grants have increased in terms of how much we've spent on grants and what's been budgeted for that. There has still maintained a direct services component of that. A lot of the direct services component needed to be tweaked.

Those tweaks could have benefited many more people in terms of those that are on Medicaid, but those services aren't being provided, and no income. Those with no income that could have helped as well. So, I just wanted to state that. Coming from the social service perspective, I see this on a daily basis in terms of what's presented at the Township.

The greatest transparency to the public is to abide by Open Meetings Act. If the Commission complied with the Open Meetings Act, a lot of the redoing of the bylaws is not necessary. Article 6, "The meeting of the bylaws" would not even be a part of it because it would be a part of the city. What the bylaws could be codified to add to the city code just like any of the other commissions and committees.

Third and lastly, there is a concern. I appreciate the fact, first, that the City of Bloomington Township was written in there as a revolving grant, but there are concerns with that and I'm going to express that to you now. If it is the intent of the City Council to serve the population of McLean County residents in identifying the unmet need...I mean identifying unmet need through a program such as Township, then we have an issue because the City of Bloomington Township serves only those individuals within the boundary of the City of Bloomington. She asked, who then would serve the other individuals of McLean County? If you say other townships such as Normal Township, what about the extended areas of McLean County?

Ms. Skillrud stated, the restriction that the City of Bloomington has is significant. It only deals with City of Bloomington, and that's something that we would need to address. In finalizing this, whether this become a City of Bloomington administrated John M. Scott program, or it remains that the City of Bloomington Township which at this point, we are at four percent (4%) administrative cost. I find that our situation is very competitive in terms of how we're dealing with administratively. I believe that the direct services should be still considered, and I ask you to think through that.

Mr. Herr stated he was willing to address the Council with my thoughts and comments. Sue Grant is also here, if you have questions.

Mayor Renner asked for clarification of Mr. Herr's role as an attorney. He asked whether Mr. Herr is the attorney for the Scott Commission or the Scott Commissioners, as it is unclear.

Mr. Herr stated most of his interactions has been with, from a legal standpoint, has been with Mr. Jurgens, the City Council and the Commission. He had addressed the City Council as a whole. But from a legal standpoint, I represent the trustee, not the mayor, not the individual council members, the City of Bloomington as a trust. It's a little bit unusual. He represents the Trust, the entity itself.

His approach to this has been to take into account the strategic planning process that the Commission went through, of which Deb Skillrud was the city's representative in that as the administrator of the trust. Ms. Skillrud was certainly in some of those early planning meetings. The Commission also engaged an independent strategic planner, as my recollection.

The City Council directed the Bronner Group to conduct an audit and an evaluation, and they also asked for my input, which he had provided. He provided a strong recommendation based upon that process and also based upon my experience as a Trust Attorney, that the City Council consider this format. It's not criticism of Deb Skillrud or the Township for the work that has been done. It's not a criticism of anyone. It's really a change in circumstances. This has been a lengthy process and when I look at who is going to best determine the needs of the community that lies with the healthcare professionals in the community. They have relied heavily on their own process. I think, every three years they undergo a needs assessment on their own. All of the hospitals, the public and the mental health department, all of them have gone through this process. They intend to continue to do that and that would be an integral part of how the Commission determines what those needs are.

In terms of the documents that exist themselves, it's my opinion they're no longer viable. I think the city has a significant risk in underserving and not meeting the needs as intended by the Trust without taking some type of action. He stated that he have not looked at the numbers in terms of number of

patients served, but thinks the funds are currently being underutilized, and that should be a big motivator for the City to take some action here, to look at this program and how it's being run.

The Trust itself is intended to be for now and in the foreseeable future. The Bylaws are intended to be more flexible. Ultimately, the final discretion resides with the court, but the City as Trustee has certain duties and responsibilities which are fairly clear in the Trust document; as well as provide flexibility, whether it's a township grant, McLean County residents. Bloomington is in McLean County, so they will be well-served.

Mayor Renner stated, the main reason for bringing this forward is that there may be some moneys that we're not utilizing. That the Affordable Care Act has begun to provide some of these, but we're not sure that this will be around at least in the form that it is.

Mr. Herr stated, that was a motivating factor. The Bronner Group study is clear on that. You don't have to rely on anything other than those facts. There were also, though, a number of conflicts between the various documents. Prior legal counsel for the City did some of the resolutions in the Intergovernmental Agreements, and it was piecemealed together. The Bylaws didn't match up and so that's why we were engaged to reengage, to help with some of this. This is our best recommendation.

Alderman Schmidt stated, she like the proposal a great deal, and think it provides for flexibility. She likes the makeup of the Commission and the way that it can represent the different medical constituencies. She followed-up on Ms. Skillrud questions to Council asking about 501(c) (3). In reviewing the amended Declaration of Trust, there's an article that speaks... The administrative provision talks about 501(c) (3). She asked whether it is the intention that this is a 501(c) (3), or is it a 501(c) (3)?

Mr. Herr stated that it was by default. A city in and of itself is automatically a 501(c) (3) organization. It does not have to apply for tax exempt status. There was some thought and some recommendation that I had made early that possibly this become a separate 501(c) (3), where the city would take a step back. Would still be ultimately the trustee, but it would be a totally separate entity just as a degree of separation for liability purposes.

Alderman Schmidt asked for clarification on how the Trust speak to McLean County residents. It looks as though there is a privilege to the City of Bloomington Township for a grant that is not privilege to any other township in McLean County.

Mr. Herr responded, he does not know whether to refer to it as a privilege. Jeffrey: I'm maybe too much in the weeds here, but I do think one of the things that is an objective here is not to have 20 or 30 grants. I think they're looking at, you know, a smaller number of grants with high impact. So, I think when you're potentially talking about Bloomington Township, you're obviously talking about potentially serving a large number of people.

Mr. Jurgens added, it might be the situation that Bloomington Township might be able to make that case a little stronger. Anybody would be able to apply, they'd all have to meet that criteria. He heard the members of the Council stating "We have a long history of the Township providing some of those direct services, therefore advocating for that to be in the language.

Alderman Mathy stated, would the Township have to meet all of the reporting requirements of a grant outcomes for persons served. Is that what we're talking about when we're talking about reporting?

Mr. Herr stated that would be part of the policies and procedures that are yet to be developed, including some of the staff administration issues. This is conceptual the framework. In terms of how grants would typically be administered, there would be some legal component of it where we verify their status as eligible grant recipient. Then there is the follow up which should be done really by the commission. Some of the Bylaws call for implementing those types of policies and procedures into their plan.

Alderman Mathy asked who is in charge of the financial investing of the Trust. Who's the financial adviser now and who would be the financial adviser if we switched to this model? Mr. Herr responded we maintain an Investment Committee, and that Investment Committee would again report to the City. In terms of the investment adviser, it's Vanguard.

Ms. Skillrud stated in terms of the Vanguard returns, there is a question in the amended Declaration of Trust, on 4.2. She spoke with the Chairman of the Investment Committee about this and there is a change of structure or a change in wording regarding the way that the funds are viewed.

Ms. Grant, chair of the John Scott Commission stated, we have talked about the decline in services. The Bronner Report demonstrated that we've had a 63% decline in services since 2014. Ms. Skillrud reported a very compelling story about a single person who walked in the door. However, in September, John Scott served one client. In October, they served one client, and in November, they served two clients. The Commissioners are looking at the bigger picture, not just those individuals that walk in the door. The entities that we are proposing receive grants are many of them already receive grants from Township as well, are places like the Community Health Care Clinic. The Center for Human Services, the Health Department, places that help the people like that single individual that Ms. Skillrud spoke about.

Mayor Renner asked whether Ms. Grant was indicating that in a month, there was only one person that the John Scott or that the township served? Ms. Grant stated, not the Township. We're only talking about John M. Scott services.

Mr. Jurgens stated, the City would like to receive some direction on this. To the extent the Council is ready to let us know to formulate that next step. The City would like get to the next point of where we give you something to bind you and get you to make that decision.

Alderman Sage asked whether the amendments support the all grants model. Mr. Jurgens affirmed.

Alderman Mwilambwe asked what the next steps in the process are; Council provide direction to the City. Mr. Jurgens stated, the next step is going to be for staff to develop this in terms of the City taking over the administration of the Trust. What those expense may or may not be, who's going to do what. It might not be realistic to have our city staff person take the minutes of the Commission Meetings and attend the Commission Meetings, but maybe it is realistic to have them do the administration of the grants.

He continued that we have to sit down as a team and work through those issues, and would later return to Council with a final proposal of some final documents for approval to move on to the next step which would be presenting them to a court.

Mayor Renner asked whether there is a consensus of the Council to move forward and direct staff to begin that process of developing the documents for the City to administrator the John M. Scott Trust.

Alderman Hauman – yes; Alderman Black – no; Alderman Schmidt – yes; Alderman Painter – yes; Alderman Buragas – yes; Alderman Mwilambwe – yes; Alderman Sage – yes; Alderman Mathy – yes; and Alderman Bray – yes.

City Manager’s Discussion

Mr. Rasmussen stated, staff has received several different items of guidance from the Council on how to proceed. We'll move forward and I'll report back to you.

Mayor’s Discussion

Mayor Renner stated, he was luckily in California when we had the worst part of our weather. I came back to only one day of it. He wished to recognize former member Jim Fruin.

City Aldermen’s Discussion

Alderman Hauman wish to recognize City Manager Rasmussen in his interview with Mark Peterson today on WGLT. It was hopeful. She had heard them speak of common interest. On Tuesday, January 23, 2018, Alderman Mathy and I will be holding ward meeting from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, and there will be more information coming out. Nora Dukowitz, Communication Manager is putting together a flier and information for us. She recognized Harmony Park receipt of a \$25,000 grant from State Farm to help with making Rollingbrook Park next year a fully accessible park.

Alderman Schmidt stated, she, Alderman Black and Alderman Sage will have a Town Hall Meeting tomorrow evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Ballroom of the BCPA, with the focus on looking at the FY19 budget and some of the top decisions we have to make.

Adjournment

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting.

Motion by Alderman Black, second by Alderman Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourn at 9:14 pm.

Motion carried: Viva Voce

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ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk