



**MEETING MINUTES  
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:02 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2019.

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Jamie Mathy, David Sage (Absent), Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman (Absent), Kim Bray, Karen Schmidt, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: Tim Gleason, City Manager; George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Scott Rathbun, Finance Director; Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director; and other City staff were also present.

**Recognition/Appointments**

- A. Proclamation declaring January 23 as "ISU Mennonite College of Nursing Day".

A representative of ISU Mennonite College accepted the proclamation and briefly addressed Council.

- B. State of the City Address, Mayor Tari Renner

Mayor Renner addressed the City. He stated that the City is strong, but like any other City, has its' challenges. He recognized new members of staff and a variety of projects ongoing in the City. He acknowledged members of Council and Boards/Commissions that have helped to boost the City. He emphasized that Bloomington is on the move in the right direction and that he looks forward to the City continuing to gain strength. The presentation lasted 15 minutes.

**Public Comment**

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

Scott Stimeling

## Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Bray that the Consent Agenda, including all the items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Item 7C.

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting. *(Recommend the reading of minutes be dispensed and approved as printed.)*

Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers, and Procurement Card Purchases in the amount of \$12,406,884.23. *(Recommend the Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers, and Procurement Card Purchases be allowed in the amount of \$12,406,884.23, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

Item 7C was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Alderman Buragas so she could recuse herself from the vote.

Item 7D. Consideration of the Purchase of Replacement Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Computers from CDS Office Technologies, at a price of \$260,870, through Bid #2019-21, as requested by the Information Services Department. *(Recommend the Purchase of thirty-eight (38) Replacement Panasonic CF-33 Toughbook Laptop Computers from CDS Office Technologies, through Bid #2019-21, in the amount of \$260,870 be approved, and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

Item 7E. Consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition from Carl V. Thacker Jr., Travis Thacker, Randy Lenz and Travis Wieland, requesting to rezone the properties located at 802 North Morris Avenue, 1111 West Chestnut Street, 1109 West Chestnut Street, and 1107 West Chestnut Street from R-1C, High Density Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Office District, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance approving a petition from Carl V Thacker Jr., Travis Thacker, Randy Lenz and Travis Wieland, requesting to rezone the properties located at 802 North Morris Avenue, 1111 West Chestnut Street, 1109 West Chestnut Street, and 1107 West Chestnut Street from R-1C, High Density Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Office District be adopted, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7F. Consideration of a Change of Ownership application from LKH, Inc. d/b/a Cheeks Bar & Grill, located at 1206 Towanda Avenue, currently holding a Tavern and Package Sales, All Types of Alcohol, Sunday Sales (TAPS) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the Change of Ownership application for LKH, Inc. d/b/a Cheeks Bar & Grill be approved.)*

Item 7G. Consideration of a Change of Ownership Application from Penalty Box Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Baxter's American Grille, located at 3212 E. Empire Street, currently holding a Restaurant All Types with Package and Sunday Sales (RAPS) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the Change of Ownership Application for Penalty Box Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Baxter's American Grille be approved.)*

Item 7H. Consideration of a Change of Ownership Application from Coppertop, Inc. d/b/a Coppertop Lounge, located at 1107 W. Locust St., currently holding a Tavern and Package Sales, All Types of Alcohol, Sunday Sales (TAPS) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the Change of Ownership Application for Coppertop, Inc. d/b/a Coppertop Lounge be approved.)*

Item 7I. Consideration of a Change of Ownership Application for Roko's, Inc. d/b/a Pub I, located at 505 W. Market Street, currently holding a Tavern and Package Sales, All Types of Alcohol (TAP) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the Change of Ownership Application for Roko's, Inc. d/b/a Pub I be approved.)*

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

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

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Alderman Buragas. She recused herself from voting at 6:27 p.m.

Item 7C. Consideration of approving appointments to various Boards and Commissions. *(Recommend Amelia Buragas be reappointed to the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council Board and Robert B. Fazzini be appointed to the Public Building Commission.)*

**Motioned by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Bray that Item 7C from the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

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

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

**Nays: None.**

**Recused: Amelia Buragas (6:27 p.m.)**

**Motion carried.**

## **Regular Agenda**

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Consideration of (1) an Agreement with ACE Sign Company for the construction and installation of Wayfinding Signage and Gateways in Downtown Bloomington, in an amount up to \$580,080, depending upon the award option chosen and (2) an Ordinance amending the

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, in an amount up to \$330,080, depending upon the award option chosen for Wayfinding Signage and Gateways Agreement, as requested by the Public Works Department.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced the item and discussed the cost savings associated to the project thus far. City Engineer Kevin Kothe and Dave Park, chair of the Downtown Signage Committee, addressed Council. Mr. Park gave an overview of the Committee's involvement and Mr. Kothe gave an overview of signage plans, discussed the bids received, and reviewed the options presented.

Aldermen Mathy and Black showed support of the project.

Alderman Bray made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that (1) the Agreement with ACE Sign Company for the construction and installation of Wayfinding Signage and Gateways in Downtown Bloomington, in an amount up to \$580,080 and the City Manager and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents; and (2) the Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, in an amount up to \$330,080, be approved and the Mayor and Interim 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 Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black and Bray.

**Nays:** None.

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, for Phase II design of Hamilton Road, from Bunn Street to Commerce Parkway, in the amount of \$558,460.32, as requested by the Public Works Department.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced the item, followed by a presentation from Public Works Director Jim Karch. Mr. Karch discussed the importance of finishing this project and the steps going forward should the project be approved.

Alderman Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe that the Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, for Phase II design of Hamilton Road, from Bunn Street to Commerce Parkway, in the amount of \$558,460.32, be approved, and the City Manager and Interim 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 Mathy, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black and Bray.

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

### **City Manager's Discussion**

City Manager Tim Gleason discussed where to find the upcoming Schedule of Events calendar, Historic Rt. 66 banners coming to the City, and the January 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting being held on a Tuesday due to Martin Luther King day.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Renner welcomed Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus who will start in February.

### **City Aldermen's Discussion**

Aldermen Schmidt and Mathy recognized the E-Sports events at the Arena as sold out and very successful.

Alderman Mwilambwe shared his experience of meeting a couple who had traveled from abroad to take Rt. 66 across the country.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Renner stated he would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Claim Settlement under Section 2(c)(12) of 5 ILCS 120. He clarified that no formal action would be taken during or after the Executive Session.

**Alderman Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Black to enter into an Executive Session meeting for the purpose of Claim Settlement - Section 2(c)(12) of 5 ILCS 120.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

### **Return to Open Session**

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to return to the Open Session meeting.

**Alderman Bray made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter to return to the Open Session meeting.**

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

### Adjournment

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to adjourn the Open Session meeting.

Alderman Mwilambwe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried (viva voce).

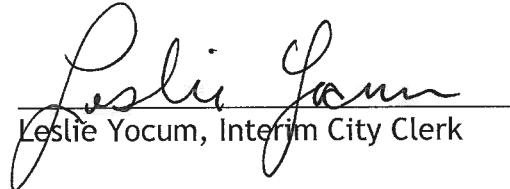
The meeting adjourned at 7:01p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST



Leslie Yocum, Interim City Clerk