



MEETING MINUTES

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MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019, 6:00 PM

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 25, 2019.

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, Joni Painter, Karen Schmidt, Scott Black, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: Tim Gleason, City Manager; Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager; Jeffrey Jurgens, Corporation Counsel; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Scott Rathbun, Finance Director; Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director; and other City staff were present.

Recognition/Appointments

A. Presentation of the City of Bloomington Police Department Police Officer's Commission Certificate to the following Officers who have completed probation:

i. Calvin Rueb

Chief Wheeler and many other Bloomington Police Officers came forward to introduce and welcome Officer Rueb to the Bloomington Police Department. Mayor Renner read and presented the Certificate of Officers to Officer Rueb.

ii. Jordan Downing

Chief Wheeler introduced Officer Downing and, along with many other Bloomington Police Officers, welcomed Officer Downing to the Bloomington Police Department. Mayor Renner read and presented the Certificate of Officers to Officer Downing.

B. Appointments approved by City Council at the March 11, 2019 meeting.

i. Appointment of Olukayode Ajayi to the Human Relations Commission.

Public Comment

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

Table with 2 columns and 2 rows listing names: Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Ballantini, Bruce Meeks, Gary Lambert.

Nancy Marciniac	Art Donaldson
David Kobus	David Eades
Grant Jones	Leon Kaeb
Scott Stimeling	

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed separately.

Alderman Black made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the Consent Agenda, including all the items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Item 7E.

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(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 \$5,853,538.52, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommend the Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers, and Procurement Card Purchases be allowed in the amount of \$5,853,538.52, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

Item 7C. Consideration of renewing Annual Cloud-Based Software Licensing, Hosting and Maintenance with Kronos, Inc., as requested by the Information Services Department. *(Recommend the Purchase be approved, and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

Item 7D. Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ecology Action Center regarding the Solar Bloomington-Normal Program, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommend the Memorandum of Understanding be approved, and the City Manager be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

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

Item 7F. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Change Order in the amount of \$150,000 to the FY 2019 Utility Maintenance Agreement awarded to George Gildner, Inc. for funding sump pump drain line installations and other storm water improvements, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Resolution authorizing a Change Order be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in the approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 11.

Item 7G. Consideration of a resolution waiving the technical bidding requirements and

approving a contract with Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Resolution Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements and Approving a Contract with Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolution.)* Resulting in the approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 12.

Item 7H. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 45 of the Bloomington City Code to require carbon monoxide detectors, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommend that the Ordinance be adopted, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 14.

Item 7I. Consideration of approving a one-year lease extension for Farm #8827 and a new, one-year farm lease for Farm #8425, as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommend the 2019 short-term farm leases be approved, and the City Manager and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7J. Consideration of three (3) Ordinances approving and accepting the dedications of a public storm sewer easements, public water main easements, and sanitary sewer easements and approving associated easement agreements with On Veterans, LLC, On Veterans II, LLC, On Veterans III, LLC and the City of Bloomington, Illinois, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the three (3) Ordinances be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 15, ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 16, and ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 17.

Item 7K. Consideration of a Resolution allowing the Bloomington Columbian Home Association (d/b/a Knights of Columbus #574), to apply for and receive a video gaming license from the City, as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommend that the Resolution be approved, and the Interim City Clerk be directed to process the application.)* Resulting in the approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 13.

Item 7L. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Bloomington City Code increasing the City Manager's settlement authority for workers' compensation claims from \$25,000 to under \$100,000, as requested by the Human Resources Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk authorized to execute the Ordinance.)* Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 18.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Alderman Buragas.

Item 7E. Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc., for the Hamilton Road Water Tower Rehabilitation, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Professional Services Agreement be approved, and the City Manager and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute necessary documents.)*

Alderman Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hauman that Consent Agenda Item 7E be approved as presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

Recused: Alderman Buragas (6:47 PM)

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Presentation of the “Not In Our Town” (NIOT) Annual Report, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced Mike Matejka of “Not In Our Town” (NIOT). Mr. Matejka came forward to address Council. He thanked Council and the City for their long-term contributions and discussed a variety of accomplishments NIOT achieved in 2018.

Item 8B. Consideration of an ordinance enacting video gaming license fees and amending the City Code to set the video gaming license period from May 1 to April 30 of each year, as requested by the Administration and Finance Departments. Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 19.

City Manager Gleason introduced the item and stated that the fees, if approved, would go into the City’s General Fund. He mentioned the funds will be focused toward items of public safety.

Alderman Black asked Mr. Gleason how tonight’s decision effects the moratorium. Mr. Gleason stated that moratorium would not be affected. Alderman Black requested additional information prior to Council addressing the moratorium in the fall.

Alderman Schmidt asked Corporation Counsel Jeffery Jurgens to confirm that the City is not allowed impose a license fee based on the income generated by a license holder. Mr. Jurgens confirmed.

Mayor Renner provided a few examples of issues the City has incurred.

Alderman Hauman expressed interest in allocating funds generated by the fee for entertainment-based projects, rather than public safety projects.

Alderman Painter made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bray that the Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Fees to Enact a Video Gaming License Fee and Amending Chapter 7 of the City Code on the Renewal of Video Gaming Licenses, be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk authorized to execute the Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: Mathy, Sage, Schmidt, and Hauman.

Motion carried.

Item 8C. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Bloomington City Code, Chapter 39, to increase the Local Motor Fuel Tax by four cents (\$0.04) per gallon to a total of eight cents (\$0.08), effective May 1, 2019, as requested by the Public Works Department. Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 20.

City Manager Gleason introduced the item and focused his discussion on the transparency the City intends to provide should the item be approved.

Alderman Mwilambwe ask for additional information on tracking funds generated by Local Motor Fuel Tax.

Mr. Gleason stated that if the item was approved he would be bring forward an item on the April 8, 2019 agenda to create a separate fund within the City's budget to hold and track funding generated by Local Motor Fuel Tax.

Alderman Hauman complimented Jim Karch, Director of Public Works, for his presentation at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 18, 2019.

Alderman Hauman made a motion to approve the proposed motion as presented with an amendment adding a one (1) year sunset provision.

No second was provided. The motion failed on the floor.

Alderman Schmidt encouraged additional communication with the Transportation Commission. She expressed disinterest in the item passing.

Alderman Mwilambwe mentioned the common dislike in increasing taxes amongst all. He expressed concern with the increase but supported the need for additional transparency.

Alderman Bray made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter that the Ordinance

be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Alderman Bray stated that the number one (1) item she hears about from constituents is better streets and sidewalks. She talked about the need to look at multiple options for additional funding. She expressed support of the item and went through all the options presented to Council.

Alderman Mathy discussed the difficulty in the decision and the importance of the City positioning itself for a better plan in the future. He addressed technology implications coming in the future that must also become a priority.

Alderman Sage supported some of the same concerns Alderman Mathy mentioned. He touched on a few other options he believed to be viable options over a Motor Fuel Tax increase. He stated that he would vote no.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Buragas, Painter, Hauman, and Bray.

Nays: Aldermen Sage, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, and Black

Motion carried.

Item 8D. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Source of Funds for the previously approved Miller Park Zoo Concession Stand and Parking Lot, from the \$600,000 portion targeted for a bank loan to a Use of Fund Balance, as requested by the Finance Department. Resulting in approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 21.

Alderman Sage asked Mr. Gleason a few clarifying questions and expressed the importance of Council making fund balance a priority over the item presented.

Alderman Bray asked questions clarifying funding. Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, responded by discussing funding and further describing the savings the City would incur if the item was approved.

Alderman Black made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hauman that the Ordinance 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, Hauman, and Bray.

Nays: Alderman Sage

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

A. Finance Director's Report

City Manager Gleason introduced Scott Rathbun, Finance Director. Mr. Rathbun addressed Council.

Mr. Rathbun pointed out a deviation in the month of December. He was still optimistic that the year would finish as anticipated. He addressed the impact of Item 8D if approved, talked about changes to the BCPA line item, and addressed other line item revenue reductions. He pointed out that the Grossinger Motors Arena had a great February.

Mr. Gleason pointed out several calendar items also available on the website.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner pointed out the success of Harmony Park's events over the weekend and discussed his Open House.

City Aldermen's Discussion

Aldermen Schmidt emphasized the need to support concerned citizens in the issues surrounding fare hikes by Connect Transit. She encouraged her peers to help that conversation along with Connect Transit.

Alderman Mwilambwe echoed Aldermen Schmidt's comments and pointed out that Illinois State University has a contract with Connect Transit where the university funds 100% of students travel.

Alderman Black echoed funding for students being paid by Illinois State University. He discussed Council not having the ability to vote on Connect Transit action items and encouraged streamlining the contact between citizens and Connect Transit.

Executive Session

- A. Claim Settlement - Section 2(c)(12) of 5 ILCS 120 (5 minutes)
- B. Litigation - Section 2(c)(11) of 5 ILCS 120 (10 minutes)
- C. Collective Bargaining - Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120 (10 minutes)

Alderman Hauman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bray to enter into an Executive Session meeting for the purpose of Claim Settlement - Section 2(c)(12) of 5 ILCS 120, Litigation - Section 2(c)(11) of 5 ILCS, and Collective Bargaining - Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Adjourn Executive Session

Alderman Bray made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to adjourn the Executive Session meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried (viva voce).

Adjournment

Alderman Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mathy that the meeting be adjourned.

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


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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Leslie Yocum
Interim City Clerk


Tari Renner
Mayor