



MINUTES

PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019, 6:00 PM

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:00 PM, Monday, May 13, 2019.

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

Aldermen: Jamie Mathy, Donna Boelen, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Joni Painter, Jenn Carrillo, Scott Black, Jeff Crabill, Kim Bray, and Mayor Tari Renner.

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

Recognition/Appointments

A. Proclamation declaring May 2019 “Historic Preservation Month”.

Sherry Grahling, the Chairperson for the Historic Preservation Committee, came forward to accept the proclamation. She invited Council and the citizens of Bloomington to attend the Historic Preservation Committee’s Award Ceremony at the McLean County History on May 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

B. Proclamation declaring May 4, 2019 “Comcast Cares Day”.

Representatives from Comcast came forward to accept the proclamation. Jim McClure, the Project Manager for this year’s Comcast Cares project at Miller Park Zoo, discussed the success of this year’s event and stated that 129 people from the community came out to volunteer in the project.

C. Proclamation declaring the Week of May 19 - 25, 2019, as “Emergency Medical Services Week”.

Fire Chief Brian Mohr came forward to introduce the team members of Medic 1, the busiest medic response team in Bloomington. Brandon Vaughn, Quinn Hersey, and Matthew Musk came forward to accept the proclamation.

D. Appointments approved by City Council at the April 22, 2019 meeting.

- i. Reappointment of Daniel Freburg, Adriane Powell, and Amanda Weissgerber to the Citizens’ Beautification Committee.
- ii. Reappointment of Ronald Crick, Mark Halx, and Kellie Williams to the Cultural Commission.
- iii. Reappointment of Sherry Graehling to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- iv. Reappointment of Arthur Haynes to the Housing Authority Board.

- v. Reappointment of Ky Ajayi and Suresh Krishna to the Human Relations Commission.
- vi. Reappointment of Alicia Henry, Van Miller, and Julian Westerhout to the Library Board of Trustees.
- vii. Reappointment of Justin Boyd and David Stanczak to the Planning Commission.
- viii. Reappointment of Mark Fetzer to the Property Maintenance Review Board.
- ix. Reappointment of Arthur Taylor and Jeffery Woodard to the Public Safety and Community Relations Board.
- x. Reappointment of Cody Hendricks and Ken Ota be reappointed to the Bloomington-Normal Sister City Committee (Japan).
- xi. Appointment of Laura Tepen to the Bloomington Normal Sister City Committee (Japan).
- xii. Appointment of Michael Raikes to the Building Board of Appeals.
- xiii. Appointment of Adam Heenan to the Transportation Commission.

Public Comment

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

Rickielee Benecke	Surena Fish
Heidi Zimmerman	Karla Lane
Laurie Bell	Megan Graf
Margarite Brooks	Scott Stimeling
Jenn Morsch	Ryan Whitehouse
Tamika Matthews	Judy Buchanan

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 Mathy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crabill, that the Consent Agenda, including all the items listed below along with the corrected City Council minutes for April 22, 2019, be approved as presented with the exception of Item 7H.

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the April 22, 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, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$8,519,291.51, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommend the Bills,*

Payroll, and Electronic Transfers be allowed in the amount of \$8,519,291.51, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)

Item 7C. Consideration of approving Appointments/Reappointment to Various Boards and Commissions as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommend that Tyler Noonan be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Tim Gleason be appointed to the Police Pension Board, and James Swanson be reappointed to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission.)*

Item 7D. Consideration of (a) an Ordinance amending the budget to add \$37,662 to Police-Capital Outlay Licensed Vehicles (10015110-72130) and (b) the Purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from Currie Motors of Frankfort, IL, using the Northwest Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (Contract #152), to replace Unit P22, in the amount of \$37,662, as requested by the Police Department. *(Recommend that the Ordinance and Purchase be approved, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

Item 7E. Consideration of (a) an Ordinance amending the budget to add \$37,797 to Police-Capital Outlay Licensed Vehicles (10015110-72130) and (b) the Purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from Currie Motors of Frankfort, IL, using the Northwest Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (Contract #152), to replace Unit P84, in the amount of \$37,797, as requested by the Police Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance and Purchase be approved, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

Item 7F. Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to allow chicken keeping in the R-2 Mixed Residence District for the properties located at 3402 and 3404 East Oakland Avenue, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7G. Consideration of the application of Seoul Mama, Inc. d/b/a Seoul Mama, located at 2103 N. Veteran's Parkway, requesting a Class RBS (Restaurant/Beer and Wine/Sunday Sales) liquor license, which would allow the sale of beer and wine by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the application of Seoul Mama, Inc. d/b/a Seoul Mama be approved, and the license be issued.)*

Item 7H was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Alderman Mwilambwe so he could recuse himself.

Item 7I. Consideration of a Petition for the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 9, Block 2, in Camp Iroquois from Judith R. Killian, Executor of the John Haushalter Estate, to the petitioner, K & K Lakes, LLC, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Lake Lease Transfer be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7J. Consideration of approving a settlement agreement in *Jackson, et al., v. City of Bloomington, et al.*, Case No. 17-cv-1046, in the amount of \$55,000.00, as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommend the settlement in Case No. 17-cv-1046, be approved and the City Manager authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.)*

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Alderman Mwilambwe:

Item 7H. Consideration of a request by the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University d/b/a Illinois Shakespeare Festival, whose event will be held at the Ewing Cultural Center, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Class LB (Limited/Beer and Wine) liquor license, which allows the sale of beer and wine by the glass for consumption on the premises on the date of the event, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the request by the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University d/b/a Illinois Shakespeare Festival be approved.)*

Alderman Painter made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carrillo, that Consent Agenda Item 7H be approved as presented.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Boelen, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Recuse: Alderman Mwilambwe (6:48 PM)

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the boundaries of the Bloomington Normal McLean County Gibson City Ford County Enterprise Zone to support the expansion of the Brandt Industries manufacturing facility in rural Hudson as requested by the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council and the City's Economic Development department.

Tim Gleason, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the item and introduced Mike O'Grady, Interim CEO of the BNEDEC.

Mr. O'Grady came forward to address Council. He provided a brief history of Brandt Industries and spoke about the company's future. He supported the expansion by providing details of the request and opened the floor for Council questions.

Mayor Renner asked Mr. O'Grady to explain the benefits and potential costs to the City

of Bloomington that could be associated to an Enterprise Zone. Mr. O'Grady responded accordingly.

Alderman Painter complimented Brandt and the growth that it brings to the area.

Alderman Painter made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bray, to approve the item as presented. No vote was taken as Council discussion continued.

Alderman Carrillo asked whether Mr. O'Grady had an idea on the potential costs associated to the approval of this item. She also asked how the funds awarded are tracked and recommended that tracked funds be reported to Council. Mr. O'Grady responded that he did not have calculations currently, but that he could report back following completed projects as he would receive reports regarding spending.

Alderman Black asked Mr. O'Grady what happens if a single taxing body votes "No" against the expansion at hand. Mr. O'Grady responded that the expansion would fail. He also stated that 800 acres remain unassigned for future expansion of the Enterprise Zone.

Alderman Crabill asked what the economic impact would be for approving the expanded Enterprise Zone. Mr. O'Grady stated that he had heard that jobs had increased by five (5) additional positions and that Brandt has had very successful sales, which also have an impact.

Alderman Mathy complimented Alderman Carrillo questions and recommended that tracking of spending on the backside. Mr. Grady clarified current processes and mentioned that some reporting does occur on the backside. He, too, complimented the idea of tracking those funds better and mentioned he will pass that onto the permanent CEO. Alderman Mathy also mentioned Brandt had approached Heartland Community College about needing trained staff and opportunities of partnering together to train the community and put them to work. Mr. O'Grady stated that the Brandt had not only reached out to Heartland, but also both District 87 and Unit 5 School districts, as well as their Technical Centers. Alderman Black stated that he would be supporting this item.

Alderman Emig asked how many of the 50-people hired by Brandt Industries are from Bloomington. Mr. O'Grady stated that he could not answer her question, but that he liked the idea of tracking information better and would recommend to his successor that additional tracking details be sought in the future.

Alderman Boelen asked whether other ancillary businesses had started in the area. Mr. O'Grady stated that he was aware of one (1) other small business.

Mayor Renner and Mr. O'Grady pointed out a few other economic benefits to the area.

Alderman Painter made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bray that the Ordinance amending Ordinances which established and encompassed contiguous portions of territory within the Bloomington Normal McLean County Gibson City Ford County Enterprise Zone (and all amendatory Ordinances thereto) be approved 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 Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of appointing a Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Bloomington, as requested by Administration.

Alderman Carrillo asked for clarification of what happens if the Mayor is incapacitated for longer or no longer able to serve what happens.

Jeffery Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, came forward to address Council. He clarified several differences of voting discretion based on why the Mayor was unable to participate.

Mayor Renner asked for nominations from Council.

Alderman Painter nominated Mwilambwe, seconded by Alderman Bray, that the City Council appoint Alderman Mwilambwe as Mayor Pro Tem.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the City Code to clarify references to City Council Member Titles, as requested by Administration.

Alderman Bray asked City Manager, Tim Gleason, how the item ended up on the agenda. Mr. Gleason responded that it was a combination of Aldermanic and staff requests. Alderman Bray then asked Corporation Counsel, Jeffery Jurgens, whether this would create an issue for approval since it did not come through traditional methods of building the agenda via the Council Initiatives process. Mr. Jurgens stated that the City Manager has authority to place items on the agenda and that this item was made through a combination of requests, not causing an issue.

Mayor Renner clarified the traditional procedures.

Alderman Carrillo stressed that she felt the process had been followed and provided history on the original requests.

Alderman Crabill clarified that he had made his request to the City Manager directly and that the City Manager had responded by stating that the request would require an ordinance change.

Alderman Black pointed out that his tenure on Council had included times when Council initiatives were handled in a much more controversial manner. He offered support for the current process used for Council initiatives. He complimented the process and stated that he trusts the City Manager and how items end up on the agenda.

Alderman Mwilambwe thanked Alderman Bray for bringing up the issue. He stressed that traditional processes are understood and that there was no belief that traditional processes had been purposefully negated. He complimented City Manager Gleason on the structure he had brought to Council meetings since being with the City.

Alderman Boelen echoed Alderman Bray and Alderman Mwilambwe. She complimented the process.

Alderman Emig clarified the benefits of tonight's discussion and offered support for the item.

Alderman Painter expressed support for the item.

Alderman Painter made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mathy, that the Ordinance to clarify references to City Council Member Titles be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Ordinance.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason pointed out upcoming calendar events with more information available on the City website. He went on to compliment the Council on attendance at IMRF's Lobby day. He stated that all of Council had been in attendance except two (2) aldermen which had prior calendar conflicts. He went on to discuss the Special Meeting held for Newly Elected Orientation. He discussed the purpose of the meeting and complimented the success

of the meeting.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner also thanked the IMRF Council attendees. He asked Council and the community keep Scott Lockland, long-time member of our media, and his family in their thoughts and prayers. He went on to mention that the citizens in attendance that spoke on the Connect Transit Board were heard and that he believed the City could partner with the Town of Normal to address diversity on the Connect Transit Board. He emphasized the importance of embracing diversity.

City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderman Black touched on the Connect Transit conversation regarding the need for diversity on the Connect Transit Board (Board). He pointed out that in his experience the members serving on the Board are committed to the people. He clarified that Council was not responsible for Connect Transit Board. He stated that he often refers people directly to the Board. He reminded the citizens that the majority funding of the Board comes from the State of Illinois. He recommended that it be proposed that the bylaws of the Board be revisited and reviewed. He suggested that the Board's size be doubled, rather than minimized. He also discussed ridership opportunities and challenged the Board to show the City what it would cost to offer a free fare system entirely.

Alderman Carrillo echoed Alderman Black in reviewing the Board's bylaws and the possibility of expanding the Board. She thanked the citizens who spoke about the Board and went on to thank Mr. Gleason and staff for the Newly Elected Orientation, onboarding, etc.

Alderman Mwilambwe complimented the Orientation and apologized for not being able to attend but recognized the benefits of the Orientation. He also echoed the need for revisiting the Board and thanked his fellow Council members for voting him as Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Mathy expressed support for the Newly Elected Orientation and apologized for not attending. He thanked Alderman Mwilambwe for offering his additional time to be the Mayor Pro Tem and spoke about the new alligator exhibit at Miller Park Zoo. He also complimented Public Works for the extensive road work being completed downtown.

Alderman Bray complimented the Orientation and all the work completed by staff. She offered appreciation to Alderman Black for his bringing up the Connect Transit Board discussion. She discussed term limits applicable to members of Boards and Commissions. She stated that she believed some of the term limit rules were counterintuitive and recommended that the Town of Normal and the City work together on common rules regarding limits.

Mayor Renner clarified that some Boards and Commissions do not allow for term limits and talked about his approach to time limits.

Alderman Bray suggested, in an effort to be consistent, that the City apply term limits in the same manner as the Town of Normal.

Alderman Crabill expressed appreciation for City Manager Gleason and staff for giving up time for the Orientation. He also complimented the onboarding he had received. He discussed the upcoming Kite Fest on Saturday, May 19, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Illinois State University's Hancock Stadium. He also stressed the importance of being considerate of vulnerable citizens and having their representatives serve on the Connect Transit Board.

Executive Session


Adjournment

Alderman Black made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carrillo, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce).

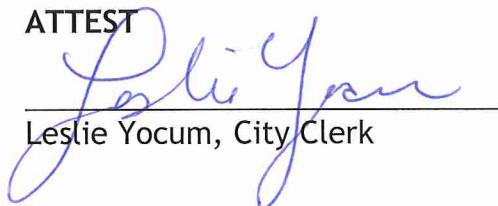
The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST



Leslie Yocum, City Clerk