



ADDENDUM I

BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MAY 11, 2015

ADDITION TO CONSENT AGENDA

- Item 7B. Bills and Payroll. (Recommend that the bills and payroll be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.) *City Council Memorandum and attachment.*

ADDITION TO REGULAR AGENDA

- Item 8D. Budget Task Force. (That the City Council approve a Resolution Establishing the Formation of a Budget Task Force Committee.) *City Council Memorandum and Resolution.*



FOR COUNCIL: May 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Bills and Payroll

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the bills and payroll be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1. Financially sound City providing quality basic services.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Total disbursements to be approved \$4,540,648.64, (Payroll total \$2,062,330.64, and Accounts Payable total \$2,478,318).

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Patti-Lynn Silva, Director of Finance

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

(ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

Attachment: Attachment 1. Bills and Payroll on file in the Clerk's office. Also available at www.cityblm.org.
Attachment 2. Summary Sheet Bills and Payroll Report

Motion: That the bills and payroll be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.

Motion: _____ Seconded by: _____

	Aye	Nay	Other		Aye	Nay	Other
Alderman Black				Alderman Mwilambwe			
Alderman Buragas				Alderman Painter			
Alderman Fruin				Alderman Sage			
Alderman Hauman				Alderman Schmidt			
Alderman Lower							
				Mayor Renner			

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON FINANCE REPORT

Council of May 11, 2015

PAYROLL

Date	Gross Pay	Employer Contribution	Totals
4/30/2015	\$ 1,263,615.52	\$ 110,114.39	\$ 1,373,729.91
5/1/2015	\$ 294,270.51	\$ 81,890.76	\$ 376,161.27
5/8/2015	\$ 229,920.60	\$ 77,696.70	\$ 307,617.30
4/30/2015-5/1/2015	\$ 4,421.77	\$ 400.39	\$ 4,822.16
Off Cycle Adjustments		\$ -	\$ -
		PAYROLL GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,062,330.64

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Date	Bank	Total	PCARD
5/11/2015	AP General	\$ 1,737,620.78	
	AP BCPA		
5/11/2015	AP Comm Devel	\$ 92.00	
	AP IHDA		
5/11/2015	AP Library	\$ 50,586.00	
5/11/2015	AP MFT	\$ 12,104.62	
4/30/2015	Off Cycle Check Runs	\$ 677,914.60	
	AP GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,478,318.00	
			PCARD GRAND TOTAL
			WIRE GRAND TOTAL
			Total
			\$ 4,540,648.64

Respectfully,

Patti-Lynn Silva
 Director of Finance



FOR COUNCIL: May 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Budget Task Force

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: That the City Council approve a Resolution Establishing the Formation of a Budget Task Force Committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1: Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1a: Budget with adequate resources to support defined services and level of services.

BACKGROUND: The Mayor has proposed the creation of a Budget Task Force designed to: (1) examine and make recommendations that outline different approaches to address the City's long-term structural budget challenges; (2) work with City staff to produce budget scenarios that provide the City Council with options to address the long-term structural deficit; and (3) present a report to the City Council at its work session in September. The Budget Task Force is not designed to usurp the discussions of the City Council on these matters, as the City Council's discussion on budget and fiscal issues, with a focus on infrastructure, will also continue.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Task Force Members will not be paid, although City staff will assist the Task Force as directed by the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Jeffrey R. Jurgens, Corporation Counsel

Financial & Budgetary review by: Patti-Lynn Silva, Director of Finance

Recommended by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tari Renner".

Tari Renner
Mayor

Attachments: Attachment 1. Resolution

Motion: _____

Seconded by: _____

	Aye	Nay	Other		Aye	Nay	Other
Alderman Black				Alderman Mwilambwe			
Alderman Buragas				Alderman Painter			
Alderman Fruin				Alderman Sage			
Alderman Hauman				Alderman Schmidt			
Alderman Lower							
				Mayor Renner			

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FORMATION OF A
BUDGET TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has an annual general fund operating budget of approximately \$95,000,000 and had to utilize money from its reserves to pass a balanced budget for FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City is expected to face a projected structural deficit of approximately \$8,000,000 in its general fund in Fiscal Year 2017 and could lose up to an additional \$4,000,000 in loss of state income tax or similar state revenues as proposed in the Gubernatorial budget; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2008, the City had a negative unreserved fund balance in its general fund in the amount of (\$109,000) and since said time has worked to improve the City's reserves; and

WHEREAS, upon implementation of certain policies by the City Council, including a Fund Balance Reserve Policy, the audited unreserved fund balance grew to \$14,000,000 by fiscal year 2014; and

WHEREAS, common accounting practices call for unreserved fund balance to be 10 to 15 percent minimum with a goal of two months of operating expenditures be available for unforeseen or catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, during this same time, the City Council has pursued master planning of major infrastructure, transportation, streets, sidewalks, park, zoo, and bicycles, to measure and evaluate the condition, demand and estimate future City costs; which is still underway. Early estimates are calling for an estimated \$400,000,000 in deferred capital needs for all funds. Approximately, \$110,000,000 is associated with the general fund for facilities improvement and repair, and street resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the City has two major sources of revenue, including sales tax (approximately 28 percent of general fund revenues) and property tax (approximately 18 percent of general fund revenues);

WHEREAS, the City has seen lower than estimated sales tax revenue over the last two fiscal years and has held the sales tax rate steady since fiscal year 2009 when there was a .25 percent increased earmarked for the annual debt service related to the U.S. Cellular Coliseum and to help restore the general fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the City's property tax has either been held constant or decreased in recent years, notwithstanding a slight increase in fiscal year 2011 which was earmarked for City pensions; and

WHEREAS, to help address previous fiscal issues, the City reduced the total number of full time equivalent employees, going from 864 in fiscal year 2008 to 760 in fiscal year 2014. Notwithstanding the reduction in staff, during this same time period the City population grew

(estimated growth was at least an additional 14,000 people through 2013), increasing the demand for City services; and

WHEREAS, the increased demand for services, the increased costs of providing services, and the emergency repair of aging infrastructure is converging with declining or flat general fund revenues to create a structural deficit; and

WHEREAS, other long-term cost saving measures instituted by the City Council included an aggressive Police and Fire Pension Funding Policy, which required a short-term investment of approximately \$6,000,000 to save the City up to \$70,000,000 over the life of the pension; and

WHEREAS, extensive citizen engagement has taken place over the last two years, from multiple agencies, both regionally and locally, on the City of Bloomington and its finances. Citizen, meetings, surveys, academies and other public engagement have revealed a public understanding noting the need to increase revenue with corresponding efforts to make reductions and gain efficiencies in city operations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Bloomington has proposed the formation of a Budget Task Force to examine the City's fiscal situation and make recommendations on budgetary matters; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will be composed of nine members, including three aldermen, two representatives from the business community as recommended by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, two representatives from the non-profit community and two additional community representatives; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Task Force shall include: (1) examining and making recommendations that outline different approaches to address the City's long term structural budget challenges; (2) with the use of priority based budgeting as a tool, working with City staff to produce budget scenarios that provide the City Council with options to address the City's long-term structural deficit; and (3) presenting a report to the City Council at a Work Session Budget meeting on or before September 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force shall be in existence from adoption of this resolution and shall cease its operations upon presentation of the report on or before September 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force shall be subject to the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and shall elect from one of its own members a secretary to take meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager shall be responsible for providing the Task Force with necessary staff to assist it in its functions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee shall consists of those persons identified within this Resolution;

WHEREAS, City Council will simultaneously continue to discuss the City's budget and fiscal issues, with a focus on infrastructure, and will incorporate reports from the Task Force into these discussions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The above stated recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Bloomington hereby formally creates the Budget Task Force Committee, which shall be considered an *ad hoc* committee. The Task Force shall consist of nine people, including: Alderman Sage, Alderman, Black, Alderman Buragas, John Zeunik (community representative), Jamie Mathy (community representative), Dontae Latson (non-profit representative), Deana Frautschi (non-profit representative), and two individuals to be named by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce to represent the business community. The Task Force shall be co-chaired by one Alderman and another member of the Task Force as decided and elected by the Task Force. The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of one of the alderman appointed to the Task Force and thereafter at the call of either of the co-chairpersons. A majority of the Task Force (i.e., 5 members) shall constitute a quorum of the Task Force to conduct business.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Bloomington, Illinois, May 11, 2015, by a vote of ____ to ____.

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry Lawson, City Clerk