

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016; 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2016. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer**

**4. Roll Call**

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

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Amelia Buragas, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin, Karen Schmidt, Diana Hauman, Joni Painter and Mayor Tari Renner.

Alderman Absent: Scott Black

Staff Present: David Hales, City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, Cherry Lawson, City Clerk and other City staff were also present.

**5. Public Comment**

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. The following individuals provided comments during the meeting.

Richard Veitengruber  
Barbara Stuart  
Gary Lambert  
Alton Franklin  
Anthony Grant  
Nathan Bridges  
Scott Garth  
Patricia Marton

## **6. Recognition / Appointments**

The following was presented:

### **Item 6A. Appointment of Dustin Cawley to the Historic Preservation Commission.**

The following was presented:

### **Item 6B. Appointment of Lea Cline to the Historic Preservation Commission.**

The following was presented:

### **Item 6C. Presentation and Update of Green Top Grocery, Melanie Shellito. (5 minutes)**

The following was presented:

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Mayor Renner asked Council whether there were any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Alderman Fruin requested Item No. 7G be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Lower requested Items No. 7H and No. 7I be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Hauman, that the Consent Agenda items be approved with the exception of Items 7G, 7H and 7I.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Sage, Painter, Hauman and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

### **Item 7A: Consideration of approving the February 8, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.**

The following was presented:

**Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$5,142,719.26.**

The following was presented:

**Item 7C. Consideration of approving Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission.**

The following was presented:

**Item 7D. Consideration of approval of the FY 2016 Sewer Rehabilitation Contract, City Bid No. 2016-32.**

The following was presented:

**Item 7E. Consideration of approving a Professional Services Contract with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Water Department, RFQ No. 2016-27.**

The following was presented:

**Item 7F. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Right of Way for Annual Community Events.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 03  
RESOLUTION APPROVING TEMPORARY CLOSING OF STATE RIGHT OF WAY  
ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The following was presented:

**Item 7G. Consideration of adopting a Resolution of Support for the Kalamaya Detention Basin Feasibility Study. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 04  
A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A  
POSSIBLE KALAMAYA DETENTION BASIN BIKE PATH**

The following was presented:

**Item 7H. Consideration of adoption of an ordinance for Case SP-06-15 Petition requesting approval of a Special Use Permit for Mini-Warehouses in a B-1 District, Highway Business District for the property located at 1710 RT Dunn Drive. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

The following was presented:

**Item 7I. Consideration of adopting a resolution supporting the 2016 Illinois Municipal League's (IML) Legislative Agenda. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 05  
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2016 ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S  
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The following was presented:

**Item 7G. Consideration of adopting a Resolution of Support for the Kalamaya Detention Basin Feasibility Study. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 04  
A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A  
POSSIBLE KALAMAYA DETENTION BASIN BIKE PATH**

Alderman Fruin believed the Resolution acceptance added another project for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. He suggested prioritizing budgeting for these projects.

Mr. Hales stated same would need to be added to the Parks & Recreation's Master Plan.

Motion by Alderman Fruin, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the Council approve the Resolution, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Sage, Painter, Schmidt and Hauman.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**Item 7H. Consideration of adoption of an ordinance for Case SP-06-15 Petition requesting approval of a Special Use Permit for Mini-Warehouses in a B-1 District, Highway Business District for the property located at 1710 RT Dunn Drive.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 07  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES  
IN THE B-1 DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1710 RT. DUNN DRIVE**

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Alderman Lower questioned parking arrangements for trailers and trucks, Building appearance, signage on/around the building/property and mobile storage units in the lot. He cited concerns for the neighborhood.

Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director, stated the signage complies with City code and parking was defined by striped spaces. Adding additional buildings would not be allowed. Alderman Lower questioned whether stacking mobile shipping containers would be allowed. Mr. Dabareiner stated all equipment would be inside the building other than the trucks.

Alderman Lower questioned the use of a Propane tank. Mr. Dabareiner stated that was not part of the proposal but was discussed.

Alderman Schmidt questioned the facilities location. Mr. Dabareiner stated the site was an allowed "Special Use" within a B-1 zoning district. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) reviewed same. All requirements were met. Alderman Schmidt questioned if same was acceptable according to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dabareiner responded affirmatively.

Alderman Buragas had attended the ZBA meeting on January 20, 2016. She noted that a Public Hearing held by the ZBA provided opportunities for the public to voice their opinions. Letters were mailed to residents/businesses within 500 feet of the property. A sign was at the site notifying the public of potential changes. No one spoke opposed to or in favor of this.

Alderman Lower requested postponing approval. Mayor Renner stated the ZBA had followed City Code.

Alderman Hauman noted the ZBA's landscaping changes were agreed to by the Petitioner.

Motion by Alderman Buragas, seconded by Alderman Hauman, that an ordinance be adopted for Case SP-06-15 for the Special Use Permit for Mini-Warehouses in a B-1 District for the property located at 1710 RT Dunn Drive, and that 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 Lower, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Sage, Painter, Schmidt and Hauman.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**Item 7I. Consideration of adopting a Resolution supporting the 2016 Illinois Municipal League's (IML) Legislative Agenda.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 05**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2016 ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Alderman Lower questioned the topic "Utility Debts Collected through Property Taxes via Special Assessment" from the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Legislative Agenda for 2016. David Hales, City Manager, stated that IML had put together the legislative lobbying priorities. The Agenda was brought before the Council for approval to discuss at the March 14, 2016 City's Legislative Work Session. Alderman Lower cited concern regarding personal Citizen Property rights, due diligence and equal rights under the law. He believed same was speeding up the process faster than normal and standing in the way of distributing laws.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter, that the resolution be adopted supporting the 2016 Illinois Municipal Agenda, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary document.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Sage, Painter, Schmidt and Hauman.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**8. Regular Agenda:**

**Item 8A. Consideration of:**

- 1. Public Hearing for Approval and Authorization to submit the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2016-17 Application and Action Plan.**
- 2. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Community Development Program Application for Program Year 42.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 06**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR FORTY-TWO (42) (MAY 1, 2016- APRIL 30, 2017)**

Jennifer Toney, Community Development Grants Coordinator, provided a brief overview. On May 1, 2016, the Community Development Division would begin its Program

Year 42 (FY 2016-2017). In the past 41 years, the City had applied for funding under the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD required a Master Plan to be filed every five (5) years which was supplemented each year with an Action Plan. The Draft Action Plan Executive Summary with the listed proposed activities was available for review and public comment through February 29, 2016.

Public Notices were completed: 1.) Pantagraph notice on January 24, 2016; 2.) Path-O-Gram notice on January 25, 2016, February 8, 2016 and February 22, 2016; 3.) Mailing and/or email to local Churches, neighborhood associations and social service providers; 4.) Posted at City Hall, Government Center and Bloomington Housing Authority.

A formal application process for non-housing projects was created this year. Applications were accepted between August 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015. Applications were reviewed for compliance with HUD and other Federal regulations. Letters were mailed in October 2015 for eligible and rejected funding.

HUD required the jurisdiction to pursue the following overall goals: "develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low/moderate-income persons." The expenditure of the CDBG funds must meet the community needs as identified in the Council and HUD approved 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. Each community choose from a variety of eligible activities to meet the identified needs designated in the Consolidated Plan.

A draft summary of the 2016-2017 Proposed CDBG Activities as part of the Action Plan (i.e. Budget) for Fiscal Year 42, 2016-2017, was provided. The Low/Moderate Income area encompassed portions of five (5) different wards. Projects had taken place in the remaining four (4) wards due to income eligibility. Division activities impacted the City-wide community, not just specific neighborhoods.

Staff recommended that Council: 1.) Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the filing of the Community Development Block Grant Application for 2016-17; 2.) Approve the proposed budget and activities listed in the 2016-17 Action Plan.

Mayor Renner opened and closed the Public Hearing. The following members of the public provided comment:

Mike O'Donnell  
Cathy Sprague  
Robert Vasquez

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Buragas, that the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 42 be approved, the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Community Development Program Application for Program Year 42 be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the resolution.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Hauman, Painter, Lower and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Recused: Alderman Karen Schmidt.

[8:04 PM Minutes:] Alderman Schmidt left the dais.

[8:05 PM Minutes:] Alderman Schmidt returned to the Meeting.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**Item 8B. Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Agreement between the County of McLean, the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal.**

Mr. Jurgens, Corporate Council, provided a brief overview. On September 21, 2015, the City Council approved an ordinance increasing, by one percent (1%), the rate of its Home Rule Retailer Occupation Tax and Home Rule Service Occupation Tax to 2.5% beginning January 1, 2016. As part of the ordinance authorizing the one percent (1%) increase, the Council directed .25% be dedicated to McLean County for purposes of mental health and public safety.

To effectuate the transfer of the .25% set forth in Ordinance No. 2015-62, representatives from the County of McLean (County), Town of Normal (Town) and City of Bloomington (City) had been working on an Intergovernmental Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions on the transfer and use of the money.

The County was required to use the shared revenues for: 1.) Debt service relating to the expansion and renovation of the McLean County Law & Justice Center Detention Facilities; 2.) County Government criminal justice services related to expanded and renovated detention facility operations for behavioral health services and 3.) Community behavioral health initiatives, services and programs consistent with the McLean County Behavioral Health Action Plan including provisions for an electronic integrated case-management system to be used by Town and City public-safety agencies.

The McLean County Behavior Health Coordinating Council, with the Town and City representatives, would be created to advise the County on its shared revenues budgeting. Both the City and Town would pay sales tax collected from the increase within 30 days of receipt. The first payment would be April 2016.



The County Special Mental Health and Public Safety Fund account maintains the shared revenues. The County would provide a financial report to the City upon request and annually. The Intergovernmental Agreement term was twenty (20) years.

If there was a law change that materially impacted the City's ability to collect the home-rule sales tax, or a material decrease in the County's need for the sales tax sharing, the agreement was to be renegotiated. If the City lowers the home-rule sales tax to 1.5% or less, the City was obligated to negotiate, a new agreement which would assist the County in paying its related bond obligations.

The County approved the Intergovernmental Agreement on February 16, 2016, and the Town would consider same on March 12, 2016.

Alderman Mwilambwe questioned the process if an entity did not spend all funding received. Mr. Jurgens stated there is no provision for the funding to be returned to the City. Alderman Mwilambwe questioned future state if conditions improved for Mental Health. Mr. Jurgens stated renegotiations could take place.

Alderman Hauman inquired about the City's representative for the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. Mr. Jurgens stated an appointment would be made.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter that the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Agreement 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 Sage, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Hauman, Painter, Lower and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**Item 8C. Consideration of adopting three ordinances to establish the proposed Empire Street Corridor Redevelopment Project Area (TIF District).**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 08**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY,**  
**ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE TIF REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPIRE**  
**STREET CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
DESIGNATING THE PROPOSED EMPIRE STREET CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AREA, A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX  
INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE  
EMPIRE STREET CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA**

Austin Grammer, Economic Development Coordinator, provided a brief overview. The City hired Tax Increment Finance (TIF) consultant, Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets (PGAV), to conduct the required eligibility study and draft the "Empire Street Corridor Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan" ("the Redevelopment Plan"). Upon determination that eligibility requirements were met for a TIF District, the process was started to formally approve and establish the TIF District.

Per the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 65, Section 5/11-74.4-1 et. seq. ("the TIF Act"), as amended, the following required procedural steps have been completed: 1.) An Ordinance (2015-57) proposing the establishment of a TIF District was approved on August 24, 2015; 2.) A Joint Review Board (JRB) was convened on January 6, 2016 to consider the Redevelopment Plan. The JRB voted unanimously to support the Redevelopment Plan and recommended proceeding with establishment of the proposed TIF District; 3.) A Public Hearing, to consider the Redevelopment Plan, was convened and closed on February 8, 2016 and 4.) The required waiting period of no less than fourteen (14) days and no longer than ninety (90) days after the Public Hearing to approve the TIF District had been observed.

Alderman Buragas questioned the impact on District 87. Mr. Grammer stated District 87 High School and Junior High campuses would benefit from surplus funds. The Council could partner with District 87 to fund eligible redevelopment project expenses.

Alderman Lower expressed concern with neighboring areas not receiving redevelopment. He cited Eastland Mall. He believed TIF's did not succeed unless the economy was doing well. David Hales, City Manager, stated a National Shopping Center owner/developer wanted to make an investment in Colonial Plaza and was ready with financing. A Lease Agreement with DICK'S Sporting Goods, Inc. had been executed. He stated discussion had taken place with Eastland Mall representatives. The City could partner with them with reinvestment opportunities.

Mayor Renner stated conversations at Mayoral Conferences emphasize the need to reinvest in vacant areas to prevent increase of crime; loss of jobs, investments and property taxes.

Motion by Alderman Buragas, seconded by Alderman Painter, (1) that the ordinance approving the TIF Redevelopment Plan for the Empire Street Corridor Redevelopment Project Area be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. (2) That the ordinance designating the proposed Empire Street Corridor Redevelopment Project Area, a Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. (3) That the ordinance adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Empire Street Corridor Redevelopment Project Area be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

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

Nays: Alderman Lower.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**Item 8D. Consideration of an ordinance approving an Economic Incentive Agreement to support the retention and expansion of The Kroger Co. in the City of Bloomington.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 11  
ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND KROGER  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I**

Austin Grammer, Economic Development Coordinator provided a brief overview. Kroger Limited Partnership I (Kroger) had a ninety (90) year history in Bloomington-Normal. Same was the area's oldest continuously operating grocer. Kroger operated three (3) stores with a combined annual payroll over \$5.2 million employing over 300 area residents. Kroger's stores rank high on the list of McLean County's top grossing retailers.

Kroger was unable to enlarge its existing store at 1550 E. College Ave. in the Town of Normal. The undeveloped parcel at the southwest corner of Hershey Rd. and College Ave. was determined by Kroger to be an optimal location for the new store. Kroger informed City staff that the site's challenges had been quantified and calculated as follows: 1.) Approximately three (3) acres of additional property would need to be acquired by the developer to align the proposed private drive with the signalized intersection on College Ave.; 2.) An eastbound deceleration lane/right turn lane on College Ave. would need to be constructed to provide safe access to the site for eastbound traffic; 3.) Modifications to the existing signalized intersection were required to tie the development into the existing traffic signal system and 4.) A small wetland on the site would need to be mitigated before construction can commence.

Kroger proposed the construction of a 128,000 square foot Kroger Marketplace and fuel center on the site, a total investment of \$25.7 million. The Economic Incentive Agreement would rebate one third (1/3) of a sales tax rate equal to one percent (1%) sales tax over ten (10) years up to \$2.57 million (10% of the total investment) to offset development costs.

Kroger intended to partner with Connect Transit by installing bus shelters on College Ave. and Hershey Rd. and incorporating sidewalks throughout the development.

Staff was supportive of Kroger's requested incentive and recommended that the Council approve the proposed Economic Incentive Agreement to support the retention and expansion. Kroger had indicated that construction of the new Marketplace store would start as early as the spring/summer of 2016 and the new store would open by the summer/fall of 2017.

Alderman Lower expressed concern for plans with the current Kroger store on Oakland Ave. Mr. Grammer stated Kroger had no plans of vacating same.

Alderman Hauman questioned whether the materials and services to complete the project would be locally purchased or acquired. Brianna Cotman, Kroger Partnership I representative, stated bids would be taken.

Alderman Schmidt questioned if using local labor was encouraged within the agreements. Mr. Grammer agreements were reviewed by Corporation Counsel. Alderman Schmidt commended Kroger for incorporating sidewalks and bus shelters.

Alderman Buragas noted that this would be the first Kroger Marketplace in the State of Illinois and the City was chosen for same. She believed that companies don't recognize the dividing line between the Town and City which was a benefit for all. She commended Kroger for putting much thought into traffic and pedestrian safety.

Alderman Painter stated she was looking forward to the new Marketplace.

Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Hauman, that the ordinance for the proposed Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Kroger Limited Partnership I be approved, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Hauman, Painter, Lower, Schmidt, and Buragas.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**Item 8E. Presentation of the City Manager's Proposed FY 17 Annual and Capital Operating Budget.**

Mayor Renner stated the Fiscal Year 2017 Drafted Budget was located on the City's website. Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 ends April 30, 2016. There would be opportunity for Public input at the Mayor's Open Houses or correspondence with Council.

David Hales, City Manager, stated the Budget Workshop would be held on March 12, 2016. Formal Budget Hearing would be held on March 28, 2016. The Budget FY 17 adoption was tentatively set for April 11, 2016.

The overall City financial condition was very strong. The adoption of the one percent (1%) sales tax had allowed a positive budget. The General Fund balance was close to fifteen percent (15%), allowing cash to be paid for Capital equipment purchases. He highlighted the five (5) Council priorities set last year: 1.) Economic Development; 2.) Infrastructure; 3.) Financial Planning; 4.) Reduced Emergency Response Times and 5.) Downtown Implementation Plan. The Budget and Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) would continue to reflect these priorities.

The Home Rules (HR) Sales Tax increase demonstrated the City's commitment to partners and collaborate with other governmental entities. The partnership with Connect Transit would continue to match a pro-rata contribution by the Town of Normal to expand service in the Bloomington/Normal area. He stated funding was requested for B-N Advantage (Advantage). Funding would be set aside for Advantage recommendations/ideas for the City to be competitive and pro-active in retaining, expanding and attracting business. Mr. Hales stated the budget for street resurfacing would double. Priority-based Budgeting initiative was proposed. Each Director would be asked to prioritize the programs they were accountable for in their areas of responsibility along with the current service level. This would validate budget allocated for these programs.

The first (1<sup>st</sup>) Five (5) Year CIP would be introduced in sixty (60) days. A bond in the amount of \$20 to \$30 million would be part of same. This would allow a large street resurfacing project to begin spring of 2017. Nine (9) months of preparation and coordination would be needed prior to actual work. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) CIP project would be Storm Water and Sanitary Sewer. Inflow and infiltration problems were affecting the Sanitary Sewer system. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) was aware of the problem. One hundred (100) miles of approximately one hundred (100) year old sanitary sewer lines in the older part of the City required updating. The five (5) Year CIP could rise to \$50 to \$80 million. Fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding General Obligation (GO) Debt would be paid in ten (10) years.

Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director, reviewed the FY 2017 Proposed Budget. The General Fund was 51% of the Budget. Water and General were 62% of the budget. Expenditures were changing by \$20.5 million or eleven percent (11%) from FY 2016. The

initiatives built into the budget: 1.) Capital Improvements (Streets, Sidewalks, Facilities, Sewer, Storm and Water Infrastructure); 2.) Capital Equipment & Vehicles (Fire Engines, Police Cars, Mowers, Network Infrastructure); 3.) Funding for the Community (McLean County Mental health, Connect Transit, McLean County History Museum, B-N Advantage); 4.) City Initiatives (Codification of City Code, Zoning Ordinance, Body Worn Cameras, Downtown Parking Evaluation, Operations Facility Evaluation). The change in General Fund expenditures was \$10.2 million or a ten percent (10%) increase. Capital included \$4.8 million for street resurfacing. Payments to other Agencies included \$2.4 million to McLean County Mental Health, \$610,000 to Connect Transit and \$390,000 for B-N Advantage.

Projections for the \$7.4 million deficit were made one (1) year ago. Deficit resolution before the HR Sales Tax showed a \$1,098,159 remaining deficit. Ms. Sylva reviewed the allocation of the one percent (1%) HR Sales Tax or \$9.7 million: 1.) \$2.4 million to Mental Health; 2.) \$2.4 million to Streets Infrastructure; 3.) \$1 million to Connect Transit and B-N Advantage; 4.) \$1.08 million to Capital Improvements; 5.) \$580,000 to Capital Equipment; 6.) \$786,000 to General Fund Operations and 7.) \$1.4 million Contributed to Fund Balance.

She further noted a three (3) year projection had a balanced Budget. The Water Fund had an estimated \$200 million in capital improvement requirements. Master planning was included in the FY 2017 budget. The Sewer Fund had \$90 million and the Storm Water Fund had \$44 million in capital needs as outlined in the Adopted Master Plan. The Sewer and Storm Water rate study would provide funding strategies to address same. The Solid Waste Fund's capital needs were limited to equipment, vehicles and refuse carts.

Alderman Lower questioned the growth of the economy with the added 1% tax. Mr. Hales stated of the two (2) sales taxes, the state one percent (1%) and the HR one percent (1%), one is four percent (4%) and the other is 2.5% above last year.

The following was presented:

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

David Hales, City Manager, had no comments.

### **Mayor Discussion**

Mayor Renner stated a few members of Council were going to Washington D.C. for the One Voice trip next week.

### **City Alderman's Discussion**

Alderman Schmidt stated Connect Transit was open to discussions on route stops.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

**ATTEST**

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Tari Renner, Mayor

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Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk