



MEETING MINUTES
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MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019, 6:00 PM

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:01 PM, Monday, March 11, 2019.

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

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

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

Recognition/Appointments

A. Proclamation declaring April 2019 “Child Abuse Prevention Month”.

Dorothy Davis from Children’s Home & Aid came forward to accept the proclamation.

B. Appointments approved by City Council at the February 25, 2019 meeting.

i. Appointments of Raymond West to the Human Relations Commission and Robert Ballantini to the Transportation Commission.

Public Comment

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

Bruce Meeks	Gary Lambert
Dee Irvin	Scott Stimeling
Fernando Cornejo	

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 Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Black 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 February 25, 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 Purchases in the amount of \$5,974,755.03, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommend the Bills, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers be allowed in the amount of \$5,974,755.03, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

Item 7C. Consideration of approving an appointment to the Human Relations Commission as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommend Olukayode Ajayi be appointed to the Human Relations Commission.)*

Item 7D. Consideration of the Purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F-150 truck from Roesch Ford Commercial Truck Center, using the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (contract #187, exp. 1/13/2020), in the amount of \$29,175, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F-150 truck from Roesch Ford Commercial Truck Center be approved, and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

Item 7E was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Alderman Hauman.

Item 7F. Consideration of the 2019 Supportive Housing Program/Continuum of Care Grant Agreements (IL1603L5T121801, IL0283L5T121810, IL0289L5T121811 and IL0288L5T121811), in the amount of \$294,035, with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as requested by the Community Development Department - Office of Grants Administration. *(Recommend the 2019 Supportive Housing Program/Continuum of Care Grant Agreements with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development be approved, and the City Manager and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7G. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Change Order, in the amount of \$100,000, for Purchase Order #20190024-00 with Ferguson Enterprises and the Purchase of Neptune Water Meters and Accessories, for the FY 2019 Water Meter Installation Program, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Resolution authorizing a Change Order in the Amount of \$100,000 and the Purchase of Neptune Water Meters and Accessories be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolution.)* Resulting in approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 09.

Item 7H. Consideration of a Resolution to adopt the Official 2018 Zoning Map for the City of Bloomington incorporating all map amendments from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommend the Resolution be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in approval of RESOLUTION NO.

2019 - 10.

Item 7I. Consideration of an Ordinance approving the Final Plat of Resubdivision of Lots 35, 36, 37, & 38 in Whispering Pines Second Addition, so the property owner can combine the four lots into one, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 09.

Item 7J. Consideration of an Ordinance suspending portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington on March 23, 2019 from 4 P.M. to 12 midnight, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 10.

Item 7K. Consideration of the application of Personal Assistance Telephone Help d/b/a PATH, Inc., requesting a Class LA (Limited/All Types) liquor license for an event at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts, located at 600 N. East Street, on April 4, 2019, which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises on the date of the event, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the application of Personal Assistance Telephone Help d/b/a PATH, Inc. be approved, and the license be issued.)*

Item 7L. Consideration of a Change of Ownership application for Keg Grove Brewing Company, LLC d/b/a Keg Grove Brewing Company, located at 712 East Empire Street, Building 2, currently holding a Class TBPS (Tavern/Beer and Wine/Package and Sunday Sales) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the Change of Ownership for Keg Grove Brewing Company, LLC d/b/a Keg Grove Brewing Company be approved.)*

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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

Item 7E. Consideration of a Contract with Hoerr Construction, Inc. for the FY 2019 CCTV Sewer Inspection Project (BID # 2019-27), in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Contract with Hoerr Construction, Inc. be approved, and the City Manager and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Alderman Hauman questioned the difference in the amount of the request and the actual bid amount. City Manager Tim Gleason responded accordingly.

Alderman Hauman made motion, seconded by Alderman Schmidt 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 Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, and Hauman.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Item 8A. Public Hearing for the FY 2020 Proposed Budget, as requested by the Finance and Administration Departments.

Mayor Renner opened the hearing to receive public comment (6:23 PM), and the following individuals provided comments to the Council:

Scott Stimeling	Gary Lambert
Bruce Meeks	

The public hearing closed at 6:30 PM.

Regular Agenda

The following was presented:

Item 9A. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 of the City Code on Exceptions to the Moratorium on Video Gaming Licenses within the City, as requested by the Administration Department. Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 11.

Corporation Counsel Jeffery Jurgens came forward to explain the Ordinance.

Alderman Hauman expressed concerns of limiting the Ordinance to fraternal organizations only.

Alderman Black expressed support for the Ordinance and recognized that the Ordinance will be helpful to fraternal organizations.

Alderman Painter expressed concerns regarding contradictory opinions she has recently received regarding video gaming.

Alderman Buragas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Black that the Ordinance be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the Ordinance.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, and Hauman.

Nays: Alderman Painter

Motion carried.

Item 9B. Presentation of the Bloomington Police Department's 2018 Annual Report.

Police Chief Wheeler and Assistant Chiefs, Greg Scott and David Donath, came forward. Chief Wheeler presented 2018 statistical data to Council. He broke data down amongst a variety of categories such as homicides, robberies, motor vehicle theft, and Driving Under the Influence (DUIs). He discussed commitments and goals of the department for years to come and opened the floor to Council questions.

Alderman Schmidt thanked Chief Wheeler and the department for their work. She complimented Chief Wheeler on his recent forum with the community and recommended that the City work together with community partners to improve the services provided.

Chief Wheeler described his ideas and plans for working with other community partners.

Alderman Black complimented Chief Wheeler, his department, and the goals that have been set openly for the future.

Item 9C. Consideration of an Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Text Amendments to Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code and the Zoning Map Amendments, as requested by the Community Development Department - Planning Division. Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 12.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced the item. He discussed the importance of bringing the Zoning Ordinance forward on an annual basis going forward. He welcomed Bob Mahrt, Community Development Director, to the podium.

Mr. Mahrt thanked a variety of key players who assisted in the Zoning Ordinance update and introduced City Planner Katie Simpson.

Ms. Simpson gave an overview of the process and broke down the goals of the Ordinance update. She walked through a variety of analyses, highlighted compliance accomplishments, and focused particularly on individual districts/zones. She thanked the Council for their efforts in assisting and making the update possible.

Corporation Counsel Jeffery Jurgens discussed the motions and went through the proposed staff amendment requests.

Alderman Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hauman that the correct motion be brought forward.

Alderman Painter expressed concerns with giving full authority to the Zoning Board of Appeals and requiring the Circuit Court be part of the appellate process.

Alderman Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sage to approve the Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Text Amendment to Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code, as corrected regarding “Manufactured Homes” being a permitted use in the R4 District, and restoring the definitions of “Manufactured Home” and “Mobile Home” so that those definitions read in the Text Amendment as they do in the current Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Alderman Black commended City Planner Katie Simpson for all her hard work.

Alderman Sage asked Ms. Simpson to outline the process for pulling a permit if violations result. Ms. Simpson confirmed that the Council would hold the authority to revoke permits if violations occur.

Alderman Schmidt confirmed that Ms. Simpson plans to bring R3B back to the Zoning Board and report back to Council. Ms. Simpson confirmed the timeline for bringing back a change order for R3B.

Alderman Painter made a motion to amend the motion to adopt to add language to Division 17, Section 8(I) and Section 12(E) of the recommended text amendments and ordinance providing for an appeal to the City Council when a variance or administrative appeal is denied by less than 5 votes of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as stated in Sections 44.13-4(F) and 44.13-3(E) of the current Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Sage.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Painter, Schmidt, Black, and Hauman.

Nays: Alderman Buragas.

Motion carried.

Item 9D. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapters 2 and 11 of the City Code to create an Economic Development Department within the City, as requested by the Administration Department. Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 13.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced the item and discussed the importance of focusing on economic development and downtown. He walked through some of the changes required to create the department and touched on how breaking Economic Development out of the Community Development department will enable Community Development Director Bob Mahrt to be more successful. He stated that Melissa Hon would become the new Director of Economic Development.

Alderman Hauman expressed support for the new department. She complimented Melissa Hon and supported Ms. Hon's ability to run the department successfully.

Alderman Schmidt asked City Manager Gleason about the role of the Downtown Business Association. Mr. Gleason responded by saying that Melissa Hon will foster that relationship. He mentioned that both he and Melissa Hon understand the importance of the value added to downtown by the Downtown Business Association and that he is confident that relationship will continue to prosper under Ms. Hon.

Alderman Sage asked for a clarification that no new hires or additional funding would result from the department change and that all changes would result from reallocation of staff and funding. Mr. Gleason confirmed the same.

Alderman Hauman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter that the Ordinance be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed the upcoming events calendar available on the City's website. He then complimented and formally introduced Melissa Hon as the City's new Director of Economic Development.

Melissa Hon came forward, thanked Council for the opportunity to serve, and talked about her enthusiasm for the City's future.

Mr. Gleason discussed upcoming agenda items for the next Committee of the Whole and Council meetings.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner thanked staff for their hard work and mentioned some of the accomplishments made during the meeting.

City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderman Sage discussed an email he received regarding the proposed Connect Transit Fare structure and expressed concern about the impact that may be felt by individuals with disabilities and/or those receiving special services.

Alderman Hauman expressed condolences for the family of Vern Prenzler who recently passed.

Alderman Painter echoed Alderman Sage's concerns about Connect Transit and provided an example of troublesome services being provided in the community.

Executive Session

Mayor Renner entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Claim Settlement under Section 2(c)(12) of 5 ILCS 120 and Collective Bargaining - Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120 (10 minutes). He clarified that no formal action would be taken during the Executive Session.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Return to Open Session and Adjourn

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

Alderman Hauman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to return to Open Session and adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST



Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk