



**MEETING MINUTES
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THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019, 6:00 PM**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:03 PM, Monday, May 20, 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; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Bob Mahrt, Community Development Director; Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director; and other City staff were present.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment. The following person came forward.

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The following was presented:

Item 4. Consideration of approving Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2019, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Alderman Black made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carrillo, that the minutes from April 15, 2019 be approved as printed.

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 presented:

Item 5. Presentation and discussion of the City of Bloomington's submission to the McLean County Regional Planning Commission for the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Tim Gleason, City Manager, opened with a few comments regarding the Transportation Improvement Program.

Jim Karch, Public Works Director, came forward to address Council. He presented information overviewing the Transportation Improvement Program and provided details on specific projects: Hamilton Road, Bunn to Commerce, Downtown wayfinding signage, Sheridan Elementary, and Jersey Avenue bridge over Sugar Creek.

Alderman Black asked Mr. Karch what he needed from Council. Mr. Karch stated that the presentation was made for educational purposes only.

Alderman Bray complimented the presentation and Mr. Karch's efforts in moving the projects forward.

Alderman Mathy asked about how the list provided works with the Transportation Commission. Mr. Karch replied that the projects listed are older projects and were not necessarily projects taken to the Commission. Alderman Mathy recommended that defined formulas be used to determine what streets become priority. He also recommended that the Commission be involved. Mr. Karch stated that formulas were currently being used via software that Council approved purchasing for Public Works earlier in the year.

City Manager Gleason stated that the Transportation Commission would be included in discussions of prioritizing street improvements.

Mayor Renner echoed Alderman Mathy.

Alderman Mwilambwe brought up additional funding opportunities and previous discussions. Mr. Gleason stated that staff were currently pursuing additional state and federal opportunities.

Alderman Carrillo asked about a potential timeline for the street evaluation software mentioned to be implemented. Mr. Karch stated that data should be available in 60 days and then once received, the information would require additional evaluation.

Alderman Emig complimented the Kids Safe to School grant and asked whether other similar grants may be available. Mr. Karch stated that other grants exist and that staff would be doing additional research.

City Manager Gleason pointed out that he takes an active role with staff and that he takes Council direction very seriously.

The following item was presented:

Item 6. Presentation and discussion regarding the John M. Scott Health Commission by the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair, as requested by the Community Development Department, Office of Grants Administration.

City Manager Gleason opened with comments regarding the John M. Scott Health Commission.

Jennifer Toney, Grants Coordinator, introduced Sue Grant, previous John M. Scott Health Commission Chair and Holly Ambuehl, current John M. Scott Health Commission Chair. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Ambuehl came forward to address Council.

Mrs. Grant provided Council a brief history of the trust.

Mrs. Ambuehl spoke about changes over the years to the Commission and the Trust. She discussed the Commission's change to a grants program in July of 2018. She spoke about future plans, placing emphasis on how applying for grants in the future would be tied to other plans used in McLean County.

Alderman Painter asked how citizens of the community receive dental services since changes to the Trust had occurred.

Mrs. Ambuehl responded with detail of the process.

Alderman Mwilambwe thanked Mrs. Ambuehl and Mrs. Grant for their service. He asked about the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Mrs. Ambuehl responded with details regarding how the Commission had worked diligently to communicate changes to the public and the non-profit organizations involved. She mentioned that the RFP was written well and in a manner that allowed flexibility for submitters.

Alderman Mathy thanked the Commission for their increased communication to Council. He stated that he enjoyed seeing increased psychiatry and dental focuses in the 5-year plan.

Alderman Crabill thanked Mrs. Ambuel and Mrs. Grant for the education they provided at the meeting. He asked whether social status and food deserts in the community had been noted as directly impacting health in the community.

Mrs. Ambuel replied affirmatively. She supported her answer by providing statistics and stated that she would provide additional research to Council via Mrs. Toney.

The following items were presented:

Item 7. Presentation, Discussion, and Direction on Future Agenda Topics.

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason reminded the public that the May 28, 2019 Council meeting would

be held on a Tuesday due to Memorial Day falling on Monday, May 27, 2019; he pointed out that the recent changes adopted for Council pronouns and gender preferences would be effective at the May 28, 2019 Council meeting; and then walked through future Council items for the May 28, 2019 Council meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderman Bray made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk