

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

The Council convened in regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2011.

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

The Meeting was called to order by the Mayor who directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered present:

Aldermen: Judy Stearns, Mboka Mwilambwe, Bernard Anderson, David Sage, Robert Fazzini, Jennifer McDade, Steven Purcell, Karen Schmidt, Jim Fruin and Mayor Stephen F. Stockton.

City Manager David Hales, Chief Deputy Clerk Renee Gooderham, and Corporate Counsel Todd Greenburg were also present.

Staff absent: City Clerk Tracey Covert.

Public Comment: Mayor Stockton opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Ronald Swan, 9 Brookline Ct., cited his concern with the debris in and around the detention basin located near the corner of Ft. Jesse Rd. and Addison Ln. in Eagle View Estates. He provided a petition from neighbors requesting that the detention basin not be eliminated and be restored to its original form.

Alton Franklin, 5 Andy Ct., cited his concern with the City's "D" rating from the Illinois Policy Institute on transparency project. He was not in support of the City developing a policy for payday loan companies. He appreciated that Council had acknowledged during the earlier Work Session that Wards belong to the people. He also requested that the City provide guidance only for real estate development.

Peggy Miles, 2212 Riverwoods Ln., stated her support of Dr. Swan's petition. She questioned who was responsible for the detention basin. She stated that the developers could not be contacted.

Bruce Meeks, 1402 Wright, stated that he had sent Council a draft ordinance on redistricting. He requested an independent redistricting commission. He commended staff on the maps. There needed to be an open transparent process while engaging the citizens. Public ward meetings needed to be held. He stated his concern with the demolition moratorium.

Alderman Fruin read the same statement that appeared on the August 23, 2010 Council meeting prior to voting.

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: Council Proceedings of September 26, 2011, Special Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2011, Citizen Voice Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2011, and Executive Session Minutes of July 11, 2011

RECOMMENDATION: That the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Proceedings of September 26, 2011 be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.

BACKGROUND: The Council Proceedings of September 26, 2011, Special Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2011, Citizen Voice Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2011 and Executive Session Minutes of July 11, 2011 have been reviewed and certified as correct and complete by the City Clerk.

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings must be approved within thirty (30) days after the meeting or at the Council's second subsequent regular meeting whichever is later.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council Proceedings are made available for public inspection and posted to the City's web site within ten (10) days after Council approval.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:

Recommended by:

Tracey Covert
City Clerk

David A. Hales
City Manager

Motion by Alderman Fazzini, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Meeting of September 26, 2011, Special Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2011, Citizen Voice Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2011 and Executive Session Minutes of July 11, 2011 be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Stearns, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, McDade, Anderson, Fazzini, Sage, Fruin and Purcell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: Bills and Payroll

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

BACKGROUND: The list of bills and payrolls will be posted on the City's website on Thursday, October 6, 2011 by posting via the City's web site.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Total disbursements information will be provided via addendum.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:

Recommended by:

Timothy Ervin
Director of Finance

David A. Hales
City Manager

(ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

Motion by Alderman Fazzini, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the Bills and Payroll be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Stearns, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, McDade, Anderson, Fazzini, Sage, Fruin and Purcell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: Extension of Fuel Agreement for Fleet Vehicles and Equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Fuel Purchasing Agreement with Evergreen FS be extended for one (1) year and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

BACKGROUND: In 1999, the City fuel contract was let for bid and awarded to Evergreen FS for a three (3) year period. From 2002 to 2008, the contract was extended in two (2) year intervals after comparing the competitiveness of the current vendor with other vendors. On February 11, 2008, Council approved an extension with Evergreen FS until April 30, 2009. On December 9, 2008, a bid package was let out for the City's annual fuel purchase and only one (1) bid package was returned. At the January 12, 2009 Council meeting, the bid was opened and staff recommended the bid be awarded to Evergreen FS from May 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 with four (4), one (1) year renewal options. On October 25, 2010 the first of four (4), one (1) year renewal options was approved by Council. Staff emphasized the best time to purchase fuel was January and February. This request represents the second of four (4) renewal options.

City staff makes every attempt to competitively bid all contracts. Historically, only one (1) vendor has been competitive and/or interested in the City's fuel contract. There are no additional fuel vendors that staff could reach out to if the contract were competitively bid. Staff has inquired with the Town of Normal, Unit 5, Bloomington Normal Public Transit System, and McLean County and found that they also use Evergreen FS. The prices of fuel provided by Evergreen FS have been compared to market prices. In addition, the customer service provided by this vendor has been above satisfactory.

Evergreen FS has met all specifications of the current pledge/bid. These services include, bulk fuel transport to the bulk tank at the Public Works fuel station, and deliveries to various smaller fuel tanks throughout City facilities. During snow emergencies, fuel is delivered from Evergreen FS's tank farm located inside the City to the bulk tank. A fuel card to purchase fuel from local FS stores when the Public Works Department fuel station is out of service for maintenance. Fuel storage tank sampling and testing with storage tank maintenance recommendations are provided at no charge to the City on an annual basis.

The City's fuel purchase strategy purchases half of the monthly City fuel needs in the Evergreen FS Risk Management Program. Evergreen FS offers a fuel risk management program that allows schools and municipalities to pool their fuel purchases for volume discounts and guaranteed fuel costs. The remainder of the City's monthly fuel needs are purchased at market rates. This fuel purchasing strategy has saved the City approximately \$20,000. The most important aspect of the program is minimizing risk as fuel prices tend to fluctuate drastically. Evergreen FS is predicting that unleaded and diesel fuel will cost an average of \$2.80 and \$3.15 per gallon respectively through September 2012.

These numbers are based off of the New York Mercantile Exchange's futures trading. The US Department of Energy is projecting unleaded to average \$3.54 and diesel to average \$3.87 per gallon from their short term energy outlook. There is a high uncertainty when forecasting fuel prices as there are many probabilities that can influence the price of these commodities.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$1,311,200 to \$1,704,700 of fuel will need to be purchased for all Fleet vehicles and equipment. \$1,704,700 is budgeted in Fleet Management G16310-71070 for this purchase.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:	Financial review by:	Reviewed as to legal sufficiency:
Jim Karch, PE CFM Director of Public Works	Timothy Ervin Director of Finance	J. Todd Greenburg Corporate Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

Motion by Alderman Fazzini, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the Fuel Purchasing Bid Renewal with Evergreen FS be extended for one (1) year and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue purchase order for same.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Stearns, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, McDade, Anderson, Fazzini, Sage, Fruin and Purcell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Community Gardens Land Lease

RECOMMENDATION: That the amended community gardens land lease for the period from November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2013 be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

BACKGROUND: For many years the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department has managed a community gardens program. The program originated at Sunnyside Park then moved to Rollingbrook Park and for the last several years, has been located at the corner of Hershey Rd. and Ireland Grove Rd. An original lease agreement with Sunrise Co., LLC covered May 15, 2008 through October 31, 2009. A new two (2) year lease amendment was approved on September 28, 2009 that is set to expire on October 31, 2011. Both parties are interested in extending the lease for two (2) additional years at the cost of \$1.00 per year.

The City cooperated with the McLean County Wellness Coalition in developing the Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental Change (ACHIEVE) program. On July 10, 2011, Council adopted a Resolution supporting this program. The community garden supports an important community level objective within the program by providing a means for affordable and healthy foods.

Park Maintenance staff stakes out boundaries to create thirty-seven (37) 30' x 30' garden plots, and eight (8) 30' x 15' plots, which are rented to citizens on an annual basis. Rentals are processed in the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts administrative offices on a first-come, first served basis on or about April 1st of each year. Additional services provided by Park Maintenance staff include spring tilling to prepare plots for planting, water, a portable toilet, and fall tilling after harvest. Renters are responsible for all other maintenance items for their plot. The annual rental price for a 30' x 30' plot is \$30 and for a 30' x 15' plot \$15. All forty-five (45) plots are reserved almost every year.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Sunrise Co., LLC.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding for the lease is available in G14110-70990.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:

John Kennedy
Director of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts

Reviewed by:

Barbara J. Adkins
Deputy City Manager

Reviewed as to legal sufficiency:

J. Todd Greenburg
Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

Lease Amendment

THIS LEASE AMENDMENT (the "Amendment"), is made and entered into on the date adjacent to each signature line hereafter, by and between SUNRISE CO., LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Lessor," and THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, hereinafter referred to as "Lessee," and modifies that certain lease (the "Lease") executed by Lessor and Lessee on May 15, 2008 and amended September 14, 2009.

Lessor and Lessee entered into that certain Lease Agreement dated as of the 15th day of May, 2008 (the "Lease"), and Lease Amendment dated September 14, 2009 (the "Lease Amendment") whereby Lessor leased to Lessee the approximate north two (2) acres of property owned by Sunrise Co, LLC located at the southwest intersection of Ireland Grove Road and Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL.

The Term of the Lease was to terminate October 31, 2011 and Lessor and Lessee have agreed to extend the Term as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows (capitalized terms used herein having the meaning attributed to them in the Lease unless specifically otherwise provided):

- A. Term. The term of this Amendment shall commence on November 1, 2011, (the "Extension Term Commencement Date") and will continue thereafter through October 31, 2013 (the "Extension Lease Termination Date"), unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of the Lease and the Addendums (as amended hereby). Lessor and Lessee agree that all terms, provisions and conditions of the Lease shall remain in full force and effect up to and until the Extension Lease Termination Date.
- B. Rental. Commencing on November 1, 2011, and thereafter until the Extension Lease Termination Date, Lessee shall pay as rental in accordance with the Lease terms previously executed on May 15th, 2008, One Dollar per year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused this lease to be executed in duplicate and attested to this day and year first above written.

By: Stephen F. Stockton
Mayor
City of Bloomington
109 E. Olive Street
Bloomington, IL 61701

Date: October 11, 2011

By: James A. Shirk
Sunrise Co., LLC
PO Box 1549
Bloomington, IL 61702

Date: October 18, 2011

Motion by Alderman Fazzini, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the amended Community Gardens Land Lease for the period from November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2013 be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Stearns, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, McDade, Anderson, Fazzini, Sage, Fruin and Purcell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: Petition submitted by Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU), requesting a Special Use Permit for a Parking Lot for Property located at 112 Beecher Street

RECOMMENDATION: That the Special Use Permit for 112 Beecher Street be approved with the stipulation that the fence be set back no more than three feet (3') from the property line and the Ordinance passed.

BACKGROUND: The property currently has an R-2, Mixed Residence District zoning. It had previously been used as a residence but no longer has structures. The parking lot will be an expansion of the existing lot to the east. IWU intends to use the property for faculty and staff parking. Access will be off Beecher Street. The petitioner has not requested any variance for landscaping or screening and the houses to the north and west should be protected.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing for this petition on September 21, 2011. The petitioner and his engineer spoke in favor of the petition. Two (2) neighbors spoke against the petition. One (1) desired an increase in green area by moving the fence which would also increase the distance from her driveway. The other wanted additional sound protection beyond a fence through landscaping. Both questioned where the drainage would go and the petitioner explained any detention overflow would drain to the parking lot and the street. The petitioner is also willing to make adjustments to the screening and fence location. This should provide some additional sound protection. The petitioner will comply with the code which requires the fence to be six feet (6 ft.) in height. The Board recommend approval of the Special Use Permit by a vote of 4-0 with a condition that the fence be set back no more than 3 feet (3') from the property line.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Public notice was published in the Pantagraph on September 6, 2011. Twenty-eight (28) courtesy copies of the notice were mailed to property owners within 500 feet. A public notice/identification sign was posted on the property.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:

Reviewed by:

Reviewed by:

Mark Woolard
City Planner

Mark R. Huber
Director, PACE

Barbara J. Adkins
Deputy City Manager

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT:
112 BEECHER STREET**

State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of McLean)

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Now comes Illinois Wesleyan University hereinafter referred to as your petitioner, respectfully representing and requesting as follows:

1. That your petitioner is the owner of the freehold or lesser estate therein of the premises hereinafter legally described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, or is a mortgagee or vendee in possession, assignee of rents: receiver, executor (executrix); trustee, lease, or any other person, firm or corporation or the duly authorized agents of any of the above persons having proprietary interest in said premises;
2. That said premises presently have a zoning classification of R – 2, Mixed Residence District under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code, 1960;
3. That under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 44.6-30 of said City Code Parking Lot, College/University, are allowed as a special use in a R - 2 zoning district;
4. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of said special use on said premises will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare;
5. That said special use on said premises will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity of said premises for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood;
6. That the establishment of said special use on said premises will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the R - 2 zoning district;
7. That the exterior architectural treatment and functional plan of any proposed structure on said premises will not be so at variance with either the exterior architectural treatment and functional plan of the structures already constructed or in the course of construction in the immediate neighborhood or the character of the applicable district, as to cause a substantial depreciation in the property values within the neighborhood adjacent to said premises;
8. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or are being provided to said premises for said special permitted use;

9. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress to and from said premises so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets; and

10. That said special permitted use on said premises shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the R - 2 zoning district in which it is located except as such regulations may, in each instance, be modified by the City Council of the City of Bloomington pursuant to the recommendations of the Bloomington Board of Zoning Appeals.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners respectfully pray that said special use for said premises be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Illinois Wesleyan University

Don Adams

ORDINANCE NO. 2011 - 44

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A
PARKING LOT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 112 BEECHER STREET**

WHEREAS, there was heretofore filed with the City Clerk of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, a petition requesting a Special Use Permit for a Parking Lot for certain premises hereinafter described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Board of Zoning Appeals, after proper notice was given, conducted a public hearing on said petition; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Board of Zoning Appeals, after said public hearing made findings of fact that such Special Use Permit would comply with the standards and conditions for granting such special permitted use for said premises as required by Chapter 44, Section 44.6-30 of the Bloomington, City Code, 1960; and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Bloomington has the power to pass this Ordinance and grant this special use permit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois:

1. That the Special Use Permit for a Parking Lot on the premises hereinafter described in Exhibit A shall be and the same is hereby approved.
2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED this 10th day of October, 2011.

APPROVED this 11th day of October, 2011.

Stephen F. Stockton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Covert
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description

Lot 4 and Lot 5 in W. J. Bishop's Addition in the City of Bloomington, in McLean County, Illinois.

Motion by Alderman Fazzini, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the Special Use be approved with the stipulation that the fence be set back no more than three feet (3') from the property line and the Ordinance passed.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Stearns, Mwilambwe, McDade, Anderson, Fazzini, Sage, Fruin and Purcell.

Abstains: Alderman Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Providing for a Thirty (30) Day Moratorium on the Issuance of Demolition Permits for Industrial and Commercial Buildings

RECOMMENDATION: That the Ordinance be passed.

BACKGROUND: Recent economic conditions have resulted in a number of vacant industrial and commercial buildings in need of demolition. Some demolition projects, once initiated, have continued for lengthy periods of time. Protracted demolitions are often unsightly, may at times pose a danger to public health and safety, and can have a negative effect on the economics and aesthetics of the surrounding community.

With this in mind, on October 24th, staff will present Council an Ordinance that will require applications for permits to demolish industrial and commercial buildings to submit proposed demolition schedules with the applications. The Ordinance will provide for the Director of Planning and Code Enforcement (or a designee) to review the schedule in light of several factors and to either approve, modify, or deny the permit. The goal of the Ordinance will be to encourage expeditious demolition of commercial and industrial buildings. The proposed Ordinance presently before Council provides for a freeze in the issuance of demolition permits pending Council's consideration of an Ordinance providing for demolition timelines in future permits.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Not applicable. This Ordinance will not affect existing demolition projects and, at present, no applications for industrial or commercial buildings are pending.

October 10, 2011

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:

Recommended by:

George D. Boyle
Assistant Corporation Counsel

David A. Hales
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2011 - 45**THIRTY (30) DAY MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR
DEMOLITION OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bloomington, Illinois:

SECTION 1. There shall be a moratorium on the issuance of demolition permits for industrial and commercial buildings and structures by the Department of Planning and Code Enforcement for 30 days from the date of the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Except as provided herein, the Bloomington City Code, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall be, and she is hereby directed and authorized to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the City as a home rule unit by Article VII, Section 6 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED this 10th day of October, 2011.

APPROVED this 11th day of October, 2011.

APPROVED:

Stephen F. Stockton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Covert
City Clerk

Alderman Purcell questioned the moratorium. David Hales, City Manager, addressed the Council. There was concern that demolitions were taking longer than normal time to be completed.

Mayor Stockton stated that demolitions needed to happen in a timely manner.

Motion by Alderman Fazzini, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the Ordinance be passed.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Stearns, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, McDade, Anderson, Fazzini, Sage, Fruin and Purcell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: Petition submitted by Ryan Scritchlow requesting the Rezoning from R - 1C Single Family Residential District, to B - 2, General Business District for the property commonly located at 1906 S. Morris Avenue

RECOMMENDATION: That the Rezoning be approved and the Ordinance passed.

BACKGROUND: The petitioner desires to rezone this property to B - 2, General Business District zoning in order to establish a landscaping business at the site. The site currently has a residence, outbuildings, and scattered trees.

A public hearing on this petition was held by the Planning Commission on September 14, 2011. The petitioner handed out a twelve (12) page document in support of his request which included letters from neighbors stating they are in favor of his petition. No one from the public spoke opposition.

The proposed use will not create any substantial nuisance for the nearby properties. There are manufacturing and business zoning adjacent to or across the street. The business use of the property should not be highly incompatible with nearby uses. The neighbors have signed letters of support. This use should be less intrusive and somewhat of a buffer from the more intense M - 1 Restricted Manufacturing District. The Commission voted 5 - 0 to recommend approval of the petition.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Public notice was published in the Pantagraph on August 30, 2011. Courtesy copies of the Public Notice were mailed to sixty-two (62) property owners within 500 feet. In addition, a public notice/identification sign was posted on the property.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by:

Reviewed by:

Reviewed by:

Mark Woolard
City Planner

Mark R. Huber
Director, PACE

Barbara J. Adkins
Deputy City Manager

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

Alderman Anderson stated his support of Mr. Scritchlow's business plan. The neighborhood was in support but there was concern for the other uses in a B - 2, General Business District. He questioned the possibility of changing the zoning back to R - 1C Single Family Residential.

Alderman Sage echoed Alderman Anderson's concerns. He stated that a nursery mimics a park.

Alderman Stearns questioned if during the Planning Commission meeting other uses were discussed.

Todd Greenburg, Corporation Counsel, addressed the Council. After passage of a rezoning any permitted use according to City Code would be allowed.

Motion by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Sage that the item be laid over until the October 24, 2011 Council Meeting.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Stearns, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, McDade, Anderson, Fazzini, Sage, Fruin and Purcell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Presentation.

David Hales, City Manager, addressed the Council. He noted the time commitment of staff and the ability to address current workload. There was a correlation with the upcoming 2012 Action Agenda discussion. Additional resources were not brought on for the project. Many employees including classified were spending evenings and weekends

without additional compensation. He reminded Council that the first (1st) phase would “go live” November 1, 2011.

Scott Sprouls, Director Information Services, addressed the Council. He thanked the Council for their guidance and direction. He provided a brief history of the project. The project was now referred to as the Munis Project. Staff was currently working with three (3) companies: 1.) ClientFirst Consulting Group; 2.) Tyler Technologies; and 3.) Empower Software Solutions. Phase 1 consisted of core financials. Every department was involved in this phase. Phases were overlapping. Phase 2, Human Resources, payroll and time keeping kickoff began March 2011. “Go live” is scheduled for April 2012. Phase 3, Community Development and work orders kickoff begins January 2012. “Go live” is scheduled for October 2012. Phase 4, utility billing, citizen self-service, and additional financials kickoff begins July 2012. “Go live” is scheduled for April 2013. Functional leads were the experts within departments. They were responsible for communicating the needs of each phase. The time commitment was enormous. He cautioned against adding projects at this time. The Munis Project was currently on schedule and on budget. Staff had realized efficiencies. He thanked staff.

Mr. Hales commended Information Services and staff for their coordination efforts. There had been times when the workload was crushing. He requested patience. Expectations and the realities of staffing levels should be used when discussing the Action Agenda. Staff accomplishments were phenomenal. This was a monumental task.

Mayor Stockton reminded Council that Information Services was also working on the new website design. The new design also had to work with the Munis and Empower software.

Alderman Sage acknowledged the project teams fulltime commitment. He commended staff on their ability to juggle workloads. The Action Agenda needed to be narrowed.

Alderman McDade echoed Alderman Sage comments. Staff continues to maintain willingness and can do attitudes. She commended staff on their accomplishments. There needed to be honest communication on staff demands. Staff needed balance in their personal and professional lives.

Alderman Mwilambwe thanked staff. Council needed to adjust expectations. Council needed to assist staff to be effective. He questioned additional staffing resources. He believed that lean times dictated cutting back which could make the city less effective. Staff should not be working day and night.

MAYOR’S DISCUSSION: Mayor Stockton reminded Council of the upcoming retreat to be held on Friday, and Saturday, October 14th and 15th, 2011.

He would represent the City at the Chamber of Commerce State of the City session on Thursday, October 13, 2011. He requested ideas from the Council.

He read the Liquor Commission agenda for Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

He stated that one of the hockey team owners had provided additional capital. He believed that was positive. Questions had been raised on the teams' readiness. Practices had begun. Exhibition games would begin soon. The first game would be October 22, 2011.

He attended a session with Amtrak and IDOT concerning the high speed rail system. The track through the City was complete. Work has stopped for the season. It would continue with Dwight to Joliet in June 2012. The first test site would be Dwight to Pontiac in July 2012. By 2014 there would be eight (8) high speed rail trains each day. Joliet had received a grant to build a multi model station.

CITY MANAGER'S DISCUSSION: None.

ALDERMEN'S DISCUSSION: Alderman Fazzini stated his excitement at having a basketball team at the US Cellular Coliseum. He cited concern with the public coming on the dais during meetings. It was a concern for everyone's safety.

Alderman McDade stated her challenges with attending the Council Retreat. She has work responsibilities. She had given Council a CD from the Illinois Municipal League Conference. Copies of the handout "Council Wars and Power Plays" would be placed in boxes. The monthly report from the EDC would be provided the first Friday of each month provided it was a full week. Feedback was requested. The report was very impressive.

Alderman Stearns questioned public input for the residential fire sprinkler systems. David Hales, City Manager, anticipated at least three (3) boards would hold a public hearing. Radio spots, Pantagraph advertising and information posted on the City's web site would be used to notify the public. Alderman Stearns questioned if public input would be taken at the Council meeting. Mr. Hales responded that typically public hearings were not conducted at Council meeting on ordinances. The boards were being encouraged to notify the public. Alderman Stearns stated it should be clear to all interested parties if they would be allowed to speak at Council or not.

Alderman Anderson agreed that homebuilders should be involved in the dialog.

Alderman Stearns questioned the City's response to the score given by the Illinois Policy Institute on transparency. Mayor Stockton questioned how the score was determined. He believed that the new web site would assist. There was also the possibility of changing some practices. She thanked Alton Franklin for bringing the information to the attention of the City and public.

Motion by Alderman Purcell, seconded by Alderman Anderson, that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:03 p.m.

Motion carried.

**Renee Gooderham
Chief Deputy Clerk**

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