

**CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 18, 2024**



COMPONENTS OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION

This portion of the meeting recognizes individuals, groups, or institutions publically, as well as those receiving a proclamation, or declaring a day or event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each regular City Council meeting shall have a public comment period not to exceed 30 minutes. Every speaker is entitled to speak for up to 3 minutes. To be considered for public comment, please complete a public comment card at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The Mayor will randomly draw from the cards submitted. Public comment is a time to give comment. It is not a question and answer period and the City Council does not respond to public comments. Speakers who engage in threatening or disorderly behavior will have their time ceased.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member, City Manager or Corporation Counsel so requests; in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the Regular Agenda, which typically begins with Item No. 8.

The City's Boards and Commissions hold Public Hearings prior to some Council agenda items appearing on the Council's Meeting Agenda. Persons who wish to address the Council should provide new information that is pertinent to the issue before them.

PUBLIC HEARING

Items that require receiving public testimony will be placed on the agenda and noticed as a Public Hearing. Individuals have an opportunity to provide public testimony on those items that impact the community and/or residence.

REGULAR AGENDA

All items that provide the Council an opportunity to receive a presentation, ask questions of City Staff, seek additional information, or deliberate prior to making a decision will be placed on the Regular Agenda.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor - Mboka Mwilambwe

City Council Members

- Ward 1 - Jenna Kearns
- Ward 2 - Donna Boelen
- Ward 3 - Sheila Montney
- Ward 4 - John Danenberger
- Ward 5 - Nick Becker
- Ward 6 - Cody Hendricks
- Ward 7 - Mollie Ward
- Ward 8 - Kent Lee
- Ward 9 - Tom Crumpler

- City Manager** - Tim Gleason
- Deputy City Manager** - Billy Tyus
- Deputy City Manager** - Jeff Jurgens

CITY LOGO DESIGN RATIONALE

The **CHEVRON** Represents:
Service, Rank, and Authority
Growth and Diversity
A Friendly and Safe Community
A Positive, Upward Movement and
Commitment to Excellence!

**MISSION, VISION, AND
VALUE STATEMENT**

MISSION
To Lead, Serve and Uplift the
City of Bloomington

VISION
A Jewel of the Midwest Cities

VALUES
Service-Centered,
Results-Driven,
Inclusive

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
- Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities Grow the Local Economy
- Strong Neighborhoods
- Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City
- Prosperous Downtown Bloomington

AGENDA



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA
GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARDROOM, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM #400
115 E. WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024, 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Attendance

3. Public Comment

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person or remotely may register at www.cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting for in-person public comment and at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting for remote public comment.

4. 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 and voted on separately.

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2024 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

5. Regular Agenda

A. Presentation of the Downtown Streetscape Draft Final Design Report, as requested by the Administration Department and the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; Presentation only.) (Presentation by Tim Gleason, City Manager; Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager; and Mike Sewell Project Lead from Crawford Murphy Tilly, 30 Minutes; and City Council Discussion, 30 Minutes.)*

B. Presentation of the Connect Transit Preliminary Budget, Financials and Annual Report on Transit Operations, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; Presentation only.) (Presentation by Tim Gleason, City Manager, and David Braun, Connect Transit General Manager, 20 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 30 Minutes.)*

6. City Manager's Report

7. Executive Session

8. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who require reasonable accommodations to observe and/or participate, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 309-434-2468 mhurt@cityblm.org.



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.A.

FOR COUNCIL: March 18, 2024

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2024 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The proposed Minutes be approved.

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

BACKGROUND: The minutes of the meetings provided have been reviewed and certified as correct and complete by the City Clerk. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, minutes must be approved thirty (30) days after the meeting or at the second subsequent regular meeting whichever is later. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, minutes are available for public inspection and posted to the City's website within 10 days after approval.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035: N/A

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

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MINUTES
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The Committee of the Whole convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present
Jenna Kearns	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
John Danenberger	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present
Cody Hendricks	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Kent Lee	Council Member, Ward 8	Present
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. Jackie Beyer spoke in-person. No emailed public comment was received.

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 and voted on separately.

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boelen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action on Approving the Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation of the FY2025 Budget Capital Projects, as requested by the Finance Department.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, introduced the Item and provided a brief overview of staff's budget planning for approximately \$90 million in capital projects.

Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, explained the FY 2025 budget emphasized public safety, streets and sidewalks, dependable infrastructure, and clean water and sewers. He noted that capital projects made up approximately 28% of the total budget.

Fire Chief, Corey Matheny, reminded Council of the Fire Ops (Operations) 101 event held last fall that focused on staffing and station facility needs. He provided an update on staffing issues that had been addressed since the event and explained that Fire Station 1 had responded to 43% of calls. He discussed how an additional, well-placed, station could improve response times. He then explained Fire's budgeted requests and walked through options for modifying plans for a new station could reduce costs.

Deputy Fire Chief, Mike Hartwig, discussed the maintenance of multiple fire stations and explained staff's holistic approach to renovations for Fire Station 4.

Anthony Nelson, Arts & Entertainment Director, discussed the 100-year-old Bloomington Center for Performing Arts (BCPA) building's desperate need for a new roof and explained two other capital projects at the BCPA.

Eric Veal, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed a Miller Park Feasibility Study to address a variety of items for a park rejuvenation. He touched on deferred maintenance projects at Miller Park Zoo that were required to maintain the Association of Zoos and Aquarium (AZA) designation in the fall. He wrapped up by discussing golf cart path maintenance and upgrades, a variety of park improvement projects, and grant opportunities.

Kevin Kothe, Operations & Engineering Services Director, discussed multiple components of the Fox Creek Road Bridge project and went on to discuss multiple components of the Hamilton Road from Bunn Street to Morrissey Drive project, as well as, street lighting, the Jersey Avenue bridge replacement, EV charging installations, parking garage/lot improvements, Constitution Trail extensions, and multiple construction projects. He noted projects that would receive grant funding and discussed the multi-year sidewalk street, alley repair, and resurfacing programs. He finished by discussing multiple sewer and stormwater fund projects.

Ed Andrews, Water Director, discussed multiple cost-shared projects involving other City departments. He noted budgeted multi-year projects and water main replacements and upgrades. He ended by mentioning projects at the Water Treatment Plant, as well as lake shoreline erosion projects, and multiple watershed improvements.

Mr. Rathbun summarized the budget in regard to capital projects by stating that \$43 million would fund streets and sidewalks; \$34 million would fund water, sewer, and storm infrastructure; and \$11.4 million would fund facility maintenance, parks, recreation, and golf. He added that \$6.4 million would be grant-funded and concluded by sharing the schedule for adoption of the FY 2025 proposed budget.

Council Member Kearns and Mr. Nelson discussed an entrance at the BCPA that needed to be fixed. She then talked with Mr. Veal about the AZA designation its importance.

Council Member Montney and Mr. Kothe discussed grant funding and the requirements of specific road projects. They then walked through the amount of street re-pavements planned compared to FY 2024.

Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to extend Council Discussion by 10 minutes.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler
Motion carried.

Council Member Ward highlighted multiple Ward 7 projects noting their importance. She suggested the installation of solar panels on any proposed roof replacements. and asked staff to consider connecting White Oak Park and O'Neil Park to the Constitution Trail.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Presentation of the 2023 Roadwork Wrap-Up, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services and the Public Works Department.

Jeff Jurgens, Deputy City Manager, explained that the annual presentation was the idea of the City Manager's and commented to how it had evolved over time. He shared that staff would show a video celebrating completed projects and noted that a full report of all projects could be found on the City's website.

Staff played a 2023 Roadwork Wrap Up video.

Deputy City Manager Jurgens then recognized and thanked multiple contractors who had assisted with road work throughout the year, as well as City crews for their dedication to the work completed.

City Manager Gleason acknowledged that continuous roadwork was necessary and appreciated the opportunity to recognize contractor partnerships and work completed in 2023.

Mayor Mwilambwe asked for ideas on how Council could assist in enabling City crews to complete more projects. Deputy City Manager Jurgens shared examples of work currently completed by City staff, as well as a few ideas on what could be done to bring more work in-house. He noted staff had wanted to address sidewalks above and beyond what was completed with street repairs. Mose Rickey, Public Works Director, discussed how the Department was looking into ways to operate at a higher efficiency. He stressed that staff tried to address concerns as soon as possible, rather than waiting until larger projects were budgeted for.

Council Member Crumpler and Mr. Kothe discussed when reclamite and pressure pave were used to extend the life of pavement.

Council Member Boelen and Mr. Kothe discussed the use of chip seal off Lutz Road.

Council Member Montney appreciated staff's desire to in-source to complete projects. She discussed with Mr. Kothe how most projects queued for 2023 had been completed, but that a few still had open contracts. She then made recommendations for future reporting.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gleason recognized multiple newly hired employees and highlighted a community update presentation by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Crumpler
Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

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REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A.

FOR COUNCIL: March 18, 2024

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Downtown Streetscape Draft Final Design Report, as requested by the Administration Department and the Administration Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Presentation only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:

Goal 2. Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities
Goal 5. Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Objective 2a. Better quality roads and sidewalks
Objective 2e. Investing in the City's future through a realistic, funded capital improvement program
Objective 5d. Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents

BACKGROUND: The City and its design team have been engaged in the preparation and design of an overall streetscaping plan since fall 2022. This presentation will share the results of that work and a plan for moving forward if approved.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: Public advocacy groups, members of the public which included more than 10,000 visits to the website (downtownforeveryone.com), the Illinois Department of Transportation, downtown residents and businesses.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: TBD

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035: Goal N-2 (Improve community identity and appearance by celebrating the unique nature and character of the City's individual neighborhoods), Objective N-1.1 (Enhance the livability of all Bloomington neighborhoods); Goal ED-1 (Ensure a broad range of employment opportunities), Objective ED-1.2 (Leverage community assets in attracting business); Goal D-1 (Continue to build a healthy Downtown that offers a range of employment, retail, housing, cultural and entertainment opportunities for all), Objective D-2.1 (Identify and designate gateways to Downtown); Goal D-4 (A clean and safe Downtown), Objective D-4.1 (Improve and promote Downtown as a clean and safe place); Goal UEW-1 (Provide quality public infrastructure within the City to protect public health, safety and the environment), Objective UEW-1.2 (Expand City's infrastructure, as needed, while supporting the overall goal of compact growth and vibrant urban core).

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager



REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.

FOR COUNCIL: March 18, 2024

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Connect Transit Preliminary Budget, Financials and Annual Report on Transit Operations, as requested by the Administration Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: None; Presentation only.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:

Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services
Goal 5. Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Objective 1c. Engaged residents that are well informed and involved in an open governance process
Objective 5a. Well-planned City with necessary services and infrastructure

BACKGROUND: Connect Transit Director David Braun will provide an update on the transit systems proposed budget and on other relevant operational initiatives.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Connect Transit annually requests an annual financial allocation for system capital and operational costs.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035: Goal TAQ-2 (Transit development provides an alternative of choice for the general population and support for the transit-dependent), Objective TAQ-2.1 (Expanded urban transit system to provide improved route coverage, more frequent route service (headways), extended service hours and schedules, accessible for transit-dependent riders and those with special needs and challenges, including the economically disadvantaged, persons without access to automobiles, the elderly, people with disabilities and regional access to urban area services); and Goal CF-3 (Pursue solutions for unmet and emerging community needs); Objective CF-3.1 (Take a regional approach whenever feasible by working together with the Town of Normal when making decision and evaluating investment opportunities)

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

Prepared by: Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager