

CITY OF  
BLOOMINGTON  
COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 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** - Jeff Jurgens

**Sr. Deputy City Manager** - Billy Tyus

**Deputy City Manager** - Sue McLaughlin

## 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, SEPTEMBER 16, 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](mailto: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](http://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 August 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 and Discussion of Ongoing Water Department Projects, as requested by the Water Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; Presentation only.)*  
*(Presentation by Ed Andrews, Water Department Director, 10 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 5 minutes.)*
- B. Presentation and Discussion of a Multi-Departmental Summer Wrap-up, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommended Motion: None; Presentation only.)*  
*(Presentation by Jeff Jurgens, City Manager, 15 minutes; and City Council Discussion, 10 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](mailto:mhurt@cityblm.org).



**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.A.**

**FOR COUNCIL:** September 16, 2024

**WARD IMPACTED:** City-Wide Impact

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the August 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:**

[CLK 1B Minutes](#)



**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 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 |

**Recognition/Appointments**

No recognitions or appointments were presented.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. Surena Fish provided in person public comment. 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.

*The following item was presented:*

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2024, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Item 4.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2024, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

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

**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 Progress Report Prepared by the Special Commission for Safe Communities, as requested by the Special Commission for Safe Communities.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens provided introductory remarks and called Scott Denton to present.

Scott Denton, Special Commission for Safe Communities (SC<sup>2</sup>) Chair, reminded Council of the directives given to the SC<sup>2</sup>, as well as the reporting requirement. He recognized current Commission members thanking them for their service. He explained how the SC<sup>2</sup> collected, evaluated, and assessed data. He discussed how the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) Community Engagement Unit worked tirelessly on community outreach; how BPD Intelligence researched and collected data; and then shared SC<sup>2</sup>'s goals for prevention, intervention, and suppression of life impacting events. He stressed the importance of realistic training in the BPD Active Shooter Program, as well as the impact of school resource officers on interrupting gun violence. He reported data from the Coroner, PATH, and Moms Demand Action, who provide help to survivor moms. He shared that the SC<sup>2</sup> had reviewed scholarly papers of academic research, U.S. Department of Justice resources, and U.S. Surgeon General findings. Mr. Denton reported that SC<sup>2</sup> looked to review National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) in the future, as well as hold additional gun buyback and speaker events. He reiterated that the SC<sup>2</sup>'s objectives were to collect, evaluate, and assess gun violence data, as well as identify patterns and underlying causes of gun violence and other weapon violations within the Bloomington area. He stated that SC<sup>2</sup> planned to provide specific recommendations to address identified issues during their final report to Council.

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked Mr. Denton for his work.

Council Member Ward echoed thanks to SC<sup>2</sup>. She discussed a recent shooting near her residence and stressed how the threat of gun violence affects the community. She expressed appreciation for the swift and empathetic response of BPD and implored Council to support SC<sup>2</sup>.

Council Member Boelen made recommendations for presenters at SC<sup>2</sup> and expressed her support for SC<sup>2</sup>.

Mayor Mwilambwe questioned domestic violence within the work of SC<sup>2</sup> and was interested in how the City compared to other surrounding communities. Mr. Denton discussed the ripple effects of domestic violence, how SC<sup>2</sup> performed research, and how the community compared to others. Mayor Mwilambwe spoke to a tragic incident that had taken place and looked forward to continuing to make the community safer. He reiterated thanks to Mr. Denton and SC<sup>2</sup> members.

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.B. Presentation by Bloomington Bison Head Coach Phillip Barski on the Upcoming Inaugural Season, as requested by the Administration Department.

Phillip Barski, Bison Head Coach, discussed recruitment and presented his five-part plan including curating a strong leadership team, building their analytical model of the players, creating strong organization structure and culture, and spotlighting the opportunity. He talked about improvements being made at Grossinger Motor Arena and shared they'd hired all local contractors. He highlighted signing 3 of the 24 Bison players needed and was excited about the

future. He looked forward to growing the local Bison community and ended by expressing appreciation to City Manager Jurgens.

City Manager Jurgens thanked Coach Barski. He reminded the community that the team would be playing professional level hockey beyond what the Arena traditionally saw, which was club level. He shared opening season details, expressed excitement in seeing the organization get off the ground, and noted that 700 season tickets had been sold.

Coach Barski reported on the team's possibility of being a dual affiliate with the New York Rangers (already secured) and the possible future affiliation with the Chicago Wolves.

Mayor Mwilambwe echoed excitement.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Jurgens stressed the importance of community safety and quality of place. He introduced Sue McLaughlin, new Deputy City Manager, and Wayne Carl, new Interim Director of DOES (Department of Operations & Engineering Services). He highlighted summer events, the success of the Bloomington Public Library's Summer Reading Program, and BPD's involvement at the Miracle League Home Opener.

### **Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held.

### **Adjournment**

**Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, 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 6:53 P.M.

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

**ATTEST**

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Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

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Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk



**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A.**

**FOR COUNCIL:** September 16, 2024

**WARD IMPACTED:** City-Wide Impact

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Discussion of Ongoing Water Department Projects , as requested by the Water Department.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** None; Presentation only.

**STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:**

Goal 1. Financially Sound City Providing Quality Basic Services

Goal 2. Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities

Goal 5. Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

**STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:**

Objective 1d. City services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner

Objective 2b. Quality water for the long term

Objective 5a. Well-planned City with necessary services and infrastructure

**BACKGROUND:** The Water Department will present an update of ongoing projects. The presentation will be made available at the meeting.

**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: Brett Lueschen, Assistant Water Director



**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.**

**FOR COUNCIL:** September 16, 2024

**WARD IMPACTED:** City-Wide Impact

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Discussion of a Multi-Departmental Summer Wrap-up , as requested by the Administration Department.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** None; Presentation only.

**STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:**

Goal 5. Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

Goal 6. Prosperous Downtown Bloomington

**STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:**

Objective 5a. Well-planned City with necessary services and infrastructure

Objective 5d. Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents

Objective 6c. Downtown becoming a community and regional destination

**BACKGROUND:** Administration will lead a presentation on summer accomplishments and highlights from all Departments. The presentation will be made available at the meeting.

**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