

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in a Special Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2018.

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

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

Staff Present: Tim Gleason, City Manager; Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager; George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; Brian Mohr, Fire Chief; Melissa Hon, Assistant to the City Manager; Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director; and Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director and other City staff were also present.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment. There were no comments from the public.

The following was presented:

- 4: Presentation and discussion by John Houseal, FAICP, Houseal Lavigne & Associates, regarding proposed zoning text and map amendments, as requested by the Community Development Department. (*Brief Overview by Tim Gleason, City Manager. Presentation by Bob Mahrt, Community Development Director and John Houseal, FAICP, Houseal Lavigne & Associates, 45 minutes; City Council discussion, 45 minutes.*)

Ms. Simpson provided brief comments stating Mr. John Houseal and Jackie Wells from Houseal Lavigne & Associates is an excellent planning firm from Chicago. They specialized in comprehensive plans, zoning ordinance updates, and they have worked on sign ordinances in other communities corridor planning. The City started this process in 2016, following the adoption of our award-winning Comprehensive Plan. In 2015, the City won both state and national recognition zoning is one of the many tools that has some teeth that can help communities implement their comprehensive plan and their long-term vision for the area. She listed some of the goals from the Comprehensive Plan to include:

- Provide efficient mechanisms for new and redevelopment. The purposes is to streamline the review processes to make our regulations clear for developers and for citizens and to help make it more comprehensible to the public.
- Improve parking conditions and encouraging local food production, as well as other sustainable practices.

City staff is seeking direction from Council to permit staff to move forward with a public hearing process and to initiate that. The second item on your agenda would be a resolution requesting authority to take these drafts public, receive comments, hold the public hearing and then bring them back to you for final action at a later date.

Mr. Houseal presented the unified development code, as it combines both the subdivision code and the zoning ordinance. They have worked over the last couple of years with Ms. Simpson and former Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner and we have gone through every section of the code. They have met several times with the Planning Commission to review, revise, re-read and discuss every section as we have developed it along the way. He presented an in-depth report on the proposed ordinance that can be located on the City's website at www.cityblm.org or by following this link to the Proposed Zoning Amendments <http://www.cityblm.org/government/departments/planning-zoning/proposed-zoning-amendments>.

5. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the initiation of a comprehensive text amendment to the Bloomington Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code, and further authorizing the initiation of map amendments to the Official Zoning Map for properties in the City of Bloomington, as requested by the Community Development Department – Planning Division. *(Recommend the Resolution authorizing the initiation of a comprehensive text amendment to the Bloomington Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code, and further authorizing the initiation of map amendments to the Official Zoning Map for properties in the City of Bloomington and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.) (Brief Overview by Tim Gleason, City Manager. Presentation by Bob Mahrt, Community Development Director, 10 minutes, City Council discussion, 10 minutes.)*

Ms. Simpson provided a brief overview of the resolution stating, the resolution authorizes City Staff to begin the public hearing process. The public hearing process allows the public to provide formal testimony to comment on the draft document. Staff is requesting Council to take action on the resolution so that the public hearing can be held on Wednesday, October 10 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. and from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. The public hearing will be held as a public open house question and answer format.

Motion by Alderman Buragas and seconded by Alderman Hauman approving the Resolution authorizing the initiation of a comprehensive text amendment to the Bloomington Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code, and further authorizing the initiation of map amendments to the Official Zoning Map for properties in the City of Bloomington and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Painter, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Hauman, Black, Bray, and Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Schmidt seconded by Alderman Black adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.


Motion carried. (Viva Voce)

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST



Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk