

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL RETREAT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015; 5:30 P.M.**

The Council convened in a Special Retreat Session in the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts, 600 N. East St., Bloomington 61701 at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 2015.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Aldermen: David Sage, Diana Hauman, Amelia Buragas, Joni Painter, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin, Karen Schmidt, Scott Black and Mayor Tari Renner.

Absent: Alderman Kevin Lower

Staff Present: David Hales, City Manager; Jeffery Jurgens, Corporate Counsel; Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager; Cherry Lawson, City Clerk.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Renner opened the floor to receive public comment.

The following citizens offered comments to the Council:

Gary Lambert  
April Huber

**4. MAYOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Renner read the outcomes from September 12, 2015 Retreat. He noted completed projects successes and those projects beginning initiation.

**5. DISCUSSION TOPIC**

**Introduction**

Lynn Montei, owner, Lynn Montei Associates, requested Council state celebrations/progress from the September 12, 2015 Retreat.

### **Accountability Check-in**

Council stated and discussed Team Progress priorities:

- Achieving decisive leadership teamwork and partnerships;
- Commit to goals and priorities;
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, Council and Staff;
- Take a stand for intentional/collaborative team relationships;
- Adopt our Mission Vision Values;
- Being engaged beyond the Community;
- Volunteer group selected to review/update Rules of Procedures for Agendas.

Council discussed goals and progress of the Reputation Team:

- Make the City a place where people want to live and do business
- Be an effective governing body
- Agree to disagree in a respectful manner
- Take personal ownership of behavior and performance
- Be intentional about our good news
- Clearly frame policy matters to inform quality deliberations and decision making
- Improve the draft Council Calendar
- Bring budget proposals forward to obtain collective council guidance
- Establish realistic expectations for having a presence in regional affairs/events
- Host a recognition event and/or open house and invite Community Partners

David Hales, City Manager, noted and discussed possible future Retreat topics:

- Capital Improvement/Operating budget;
- Solid Waste recommendation;
- Golf Courses process with recommendations to be brought forward in 12/2015;
- Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts discussion;
- Downtown Police Hire Back;
- Elimination/reduction of other programs or services.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe, that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:03 p.m.

Motion carried, (Viva Voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

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Tari Renner, Mayor

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Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk