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ORDINANCE 10-14
TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL"
Re: Amending BMC 2.04.380 (Order of Business at Regular Sessions)

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2010, the Common Council adopted a Report of the Rules Committee which, in part, recommended that the Council amend Bloomington Municipal Code 2.04.380 (Order of Business) to reflect the Committee recommendations; and

WHEREAS, while most of these recommendations do no more than reflect current practices, some offer changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes limit speakers wishing to comment upon items not on the agenda to one, rather than two, opportunities to address the Council in order to avoid repetition and to shorten meetings; and

WHEREAS, those changes also rename the "Privilege of the Floor" section on the agenda to "Additional Reports from the Public," in order to make it clear that the public may address the Council at that point on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, in addition, while reviewing the section, staff identified and recommends further changes; and

WHEREAS, these changes add a section entitled "Appointments to Boards and Commissions" to the agenda to reflect existing practice and add a section entitled "Council Schedule" in order to simplify the actions necessary for the Council to amend or approve its schedule; and

WHEREAS, these changes also delete part (b) of BMC 2.04.380, which expressed a preference for the Presiding Officer to recognize a speaker who intended to address the previous speakers comments, because it would neither comport with existing practice nor improve Council deliberations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Administration and Personnel" shall be amended by deleting Section 2.04.380 entitled "Order of Business" and replacing it with the following, entitled 2.04.380 "Order of business at Regular Sessions." This new name for the section shall also replace the old name as it appears in the table of contents for this Chapter. The new section shall read as follows:

2.04.380 Order of business at Regular Sessions.

The council shall transact its business in the following order, but it may by majority vote amend the normal order of business and time limits set forth below:

(1) Roll call;

(2) Agenda summation;

(3) Approval of minutes;

(4) Reports (A maximum of twenty minutes is set aside for each part of this section.):

(A) Council members,

(B) The mayor and city offices,

(C) Council committees, and

(D) Public *;

(5) Appointments to Boards and Commissions;

(6) Legislation for second readings and resolutions;

(7) First readings;

(8) Additional Reports from the Public * (A maximum of twenty-five minutes is set aside for this section of the agenda.);

(9) Council Schedule;

(10) Adjournment.

* Members of the public may speak on matters of community concern not listed on the agenda at one of the two *Reports from the Public* opportunities. Citizens may speak at one of these periods, but not both. Speakers are allowed five minutes; this time allotment may be reduced by the presiding officer if numerous people wish to speak.

SECTION 2. If any sections, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2010.

Isabel Piedmont-Smith

ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Regina Moore

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2010.

Regina Moore

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2010.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends BMC 2.04.380 entitled "Order of Business," which sets forth the order of items on the Council's Regular Session agenda. It implements recommendations made in the Report of the Rules Committee adopted by the Council on August 4, 2010 and also recommendations made by staff after reviewing the current section. In general, these changes reflect existing practices, many of which were adopted by the Council through Reports from the Rules Committee. One change is new and would allow speakers who wish to make a Report from the Public only one opportunity to address the Council rather than two. It was proposed in order to avoid repetition and to help shorten the length of the meetings.

Note: On September 22, 2010, the Common Council adopted Am 01 which simplified the instructions to speakers who wish to make a Report from the Public. Those changes can be found in Section 1 of the ordinance, under BMC 2.04.380, in Parts (4)(d) and (8), and immediately after Part (10).

Signed Copies to:

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