

**RESOLUTION 21-01**

**TO CONSOLIDATE STANDING COMMITTEES  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Common Council currently has the following eleven standing committees: Administration, Climate Action and Resilience, Community Affairs, Housing, Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding, Land Use, Public Safety, Sidewalk, Sustainable Development, Transportation, and Utilities and Sanitation, along with a four-member delegation of councilmembers who serve on the Monroe County Public Safety Local Income Tax Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to consolidate or adjust some committees after the first year under a committee system, as some committees proved to be of greater value than others; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Indiana Elected Municipal Officials Handbook published by Accelerate Indiana Municipalities describes standing committees as “usually set up at the beginning of the term of office, and to which are referred all matters relating to specific subjects”; and

WHEREAS, after it has completed its review and report regarding 2021 sidewalk funding recommendations, the Sidewalk Committee should be abolished and its functions subsumed by the Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities and Sanitation Committee should be abolished and its functions subsumed by the Community Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee should continue without the word “Funding” in its title, and become eligible to have legislation referred to it other than the ordinance that appropriates the annual Hopkins Social Services Fund; and

WHEREAS, the standing committees not abolished or otherwise affected herein should continue unchanged;

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

SECTION 1. Community Affairs Committee. The Council hereby redefines the Community Affairs Committee as follows:

The Community Affairs Committee shall focus on basic public services by such as water and wastewater treatment, stormwater infrastructure, and sanitation, as well as the outreach and community support functions carried out mainly by, or with staff support from, the Community and Family Resources Department, but also by other citizen boards or commissions, and shall research and take input on other community affairs and matters that do not otherwise fall within the purview of another standing committee. The Community Affairs Committee shall act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following city departments; and shall act as liaison to, be responsible for oversight of, and if the Council has appointments to be made, make appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

City Departments/Divisions  
Community and Family Resources  
City of Bloomington Utilities  
Sanitation Division of Public Works Department

Boards and Commissions

Commission on Aging  
Arts Commission  
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs  
Commission on the Status of Black Males  
Commission on the Status of Children and Youth  
Commission on the Status of Women  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commission  
Utilities Service Board

SECTION 2. Dissolution of Some Committees. The following committees shall be dissolved:

(a) Utilities and Sanitation.

SECTION 3. Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee. The Council hereby renames and redefines the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee as follows:

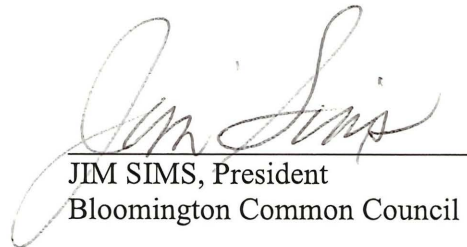
The Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee shall focus on the provision of social services, whether by public or private entities, particularly social services rendered in an emergency context. The committee, along with three City residents with experience in social services appointed by the Committee Chair, shall continue to recommend to the Council the annual allocation of monies in the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program.

SECTION 4. The newly-approved Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission shall be overseen by the Council's Public Safety Committee, which shall also make appointment recommendations to the Council.

SECTION 5. Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee shall, in addition to the functions provided for it in Resolution 20-01, subsume the responsibilities of the Council's Sidewalk Committee, which entail making recommendations to the full Council on the use of Alternative Transportation Fund monies specifically budgeted for Council recommended sidewalk and traffic-calming projects.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, sentence or provision of this resolution, 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 resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 13<sup>th</sup> day of JAN., 2021.

  
JIM SIMS, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

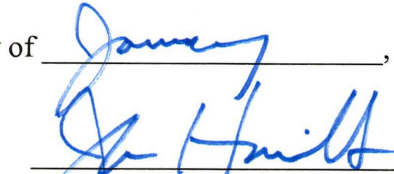
  
NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 15 day of January, 2021.



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 22<sup>d</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution is authored by Councilmember Volan and consolidates, redefines, and dissolves various Council standing committees.

*Note: At the January 13, 2021 Regular Session, the Council adopted five amendments to Resolution 21-01, which, in brief, made the following changes:*

- AM 01 - removed a provision that would have otherwise dissolved the Council Sidewalk Committee;
- AM 02 - removed three Whereas clauses;
- AM 03 - removed provisions that would have otherwise dissolved the Climate Action and Resilience Committee and provisions providing for the Sustainable Development Committee to subsume the functions of the Climate Action and Resilience Committee;
- AM 04 - removed provisions that would have otherwise dissolved the Housing Committee and provisions providing for the Land Use Committee to subsume the functions of the Housing Committee;
- AM 05 - added a new section to provide that the Transportation Committee would subsume the responsibilities of the Sidewalk Committee.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Legal, and Mayor.