

**RESOLUTION 22-02**

**TO ESTABLISH FOUR STANDING COMMITTEES  
AND ABOLISH CERTAIN OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington Common Council (“Council”) has an interest in the efficient governance of the City; and
- WHEREAS, predictability and accessibility in the legislative process is desirable for all involved, including city departments, city residents, and the various petitioners that come before the Council; and
- WHEREAS, BMC 2.04.210 provides that the Council may create or abolish standing committees; and
- WHEREAS, in 2020, Resolution 20-01 established eight (8) new standing committees and abolished certain other committees of the Common Council with the goals of: creating greater predictability and accessibility in the legislative process; allowing Councilmembers to better manage their workload and time; allowing Councilmembers to specialize in the topics of greatest concern to them; responding to changing community priorities, and triaging issues before a matter is heard by the full Council; and
- WHEREAS, in 2021, Resolution 21-01 consolidated, redefined, and dissolved various standing committees; and
- WHEREAS, the Council currently has the following nine (9) standing committees: Administration, Community Affairs, Housing, Public Safety, Climate Action & Resilience, Sustainable Development, Transportation, Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding, Land Use; along with a four-member delegation of councilmembers who serve on the Monroe County Public Safety Local Income Tax Council; and
- WHEREAS, these standing committees are subsets of the Council with the responsibility of researching on behalf of, and making recommendations to, the full Council; and
- WHEREAS, these standing committees are also responsible for recommending the appointment of citizens to serve on 26 of the City’s boards and commissions; and
- WHEREAS, the Council wishes to abolish certain standing committees;
- WHEREAS, the following standing committees should be abolished: Administration, Community Affairs, Housing, Public Safety, Sustainable Development, Land Use; and
- WHEREAS, after the Transportation Committee has completed its review and report regarding 2022 sidewalk funding recommendations, the Transportation Committee should be abolished.
- WHEREAS, three (3), three-member committees to review and make recommendations to the full Council regarding the appointment of citizens to the City’s boards and commissions should be created; and
- WHEREAS, the Sidewalk Committee with the responsibility of making recommendations to the full Council on the use of Alternative Transportation Fund monies set aside for Council recommended sidewalk and traffic calming projects should be re-established as it previously existed since its formation in 1992; and
- WHEREAS, the committees not abolished or otherwise affected herein should continue unchanged; and

WHEREAS, for the past few years, the Council has held Work Sessions to discuss upcoming legislative matters and, while these meetings are conducted in conformance with the Open Door Law (IC 5-14-1.5 et seq.), in the event it continues to hold these Work Sessions, the Council wishes to waive any local requirement that Council Work Sessions be conducted only upon the presence of a quorum of its members; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of any active Standing Committees to consider pending legislation, the Council wishes to declare that a Motion to Introduce legislation at a regular or special meeting of the Council serves as a motion to refer it to the next regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole, unless the Council has established a standing committee for that purpose or decides upon another manner for considering the legislation;

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

SECTION 1. Dissolution of Certain Standing Committees. The following standing committees shall be dissolved:

- (a) Administration Committee;
- (b) Community Affairs Committee;
- (c) Housing Committee;
- (d) Public Safety Committee;
- (e) Sustainable Development Committee; and
- (f) Land Use

SECTION 2. Dissolution of the Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee shall be dissolved upon completion of its review and report regarding 2022 sidewalk funding recommendations.

SECTION 3. Establishment of Interviewing Standing Committees. The Council hereby establishes the following three, three-member standing committees, whose purpose is to review and make recommendations to the full Council regarding the appointment of citizens to the City's boards and commissions. The three Interviewing Committees shall be named and shall divide responsibilities in the following manner:

- (a) Committee "A" shall be responsible for the following boards and commissions:
  - Animal Control Commission
  - Board of Zoning Appeals
  - Commission on Aging
  - Human Rights Commission
  - Commission on the Status of Black Males
  - Housing Quality Appeals Board
  - Public Transportation Corporation
  - Urban Enterprise Association
- (b) Committee "B" shall be responsible for the following boards and commissions:
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
  - Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee
  - Commission on the Status of Women
  - Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS)
  - Environmental Commission
  - MLK Commission
  - Telecommunications Council
  - Traffic Commission
  - Utilities Services Board

(c) Committee "C" shall be responsible for the following boards and commissions:

- Bloomington Community Arts Commission
- Commission on Hispanic and Latin Affairs
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Parking Commission
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability
- Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
- Housing Trust Fund Board
- Tree Commission
- Redevelopment Commission

SECTION 4. Establishment of the Sidewalk Standing Committee. The Sidewalk Standing Committee shall be re-established as it previously existed since its formation in 1992 and shall consist of four Councilmembers whose purpose is to make recommendations to the full Council on the use of Alternative Transportation Fund monies specifically budgeted for Council recommended sidewalk and traffic-calming projects.


SECTION 5. Council Work Sessions. The Council hereby waives any local requirement that Council Work Session be conducted only upon the presence of a quorum of its members.

SECTION 6. Referral of Legislation. In the absence of any active Standing Committees established to consider pending legislation, the Council declares that the Motion to Introduce legislation made at a regular or special meeting of the Council serves as a motion to refer it to the next regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole, unless the Council has established a standing committee for that purpose or decides upon another manner of considering the legislation.

SECTION 7. 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 19 day of January, 2022.

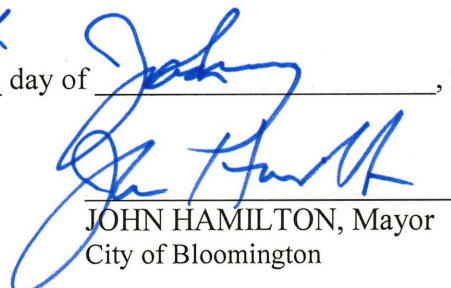
  
Susan Sandberg, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:  
  
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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20 day of January, 2022.

  
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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

  
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JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

## SYNOPSIS

This resolution is authored by Councilmember Sandberg, Councilmember Sgambelluri, and Councilmember Sims and establishes three Interviewing Standing Committees and the Sidewalk Standing Committee, and dissolves various other Council Standing Committees.

*Note: This resolution was revised after distribution in the Legislative Packet but before introduction at the Regular Session on January 12, 2022. The revision removed a reference to the Utilities and Sanitation Committee in the tenth Whereas clause as that Committee was abolished by Resolution 21-01.*

*Also note: At the January 19, 2022 Regular Session, the Council adopted Amendment 03, which removed the Climate Action & Resilience Committee from the list of committees to be dissolved.*

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Information Technology Services, Legal, and Mayor.