



City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet – Addendum

Posted on Wednesday, 19 February 2025

Wednesday, 19 February 2025
Regular Session at 6:30pm

To: Bloomington Common Council
From: Councilmember Stosberg
Date: February 19, 2025
RE: Fire Merit Commission Appointment

Councilmembers Zulich and Stosberg have evaluated applicants for the appointment to the newly established [Fire Merit Commission](#). This commission was created through state code [IC 36-8-3.5 Police and Fire Merit Systems](#). The commission will consist of 5 members. One member is appointed by the Common Council, two members are appointed by the Mayor, and the Fire Department will appoint the final two members. Members need to be appointed by March 1, 2025.

Councilmembers Zulich and Stosberg recommend Nicole Brown for appointment to the Fire Merit Commission.

Materials for Resolution 2025-02:

Resolution 2025-02 – To Update the Established Interview Standing Committees

Synopsis

This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Stosberg and updates the Standing Interview Committee board and commission assignments. It also provides guidance for handling future changes to City boards and commissions.

Relevant Materials

- Sponsor Memo from Councilmember Stosberg
- [*Updated*] Resolution 2025-02
- [*New material*] Resolution 2025-02 redline showing changes from after its release in the legislative packet but before its reading and discussion

Contact

Councilmember Hopi Stosberg, 812-349-3409, hopi.stosberg@bloomington.in.gov

To: Bloomington Common Council

From: Councilmember Hopi Stosberg

Regarding: Resolution 2025-02 Interview Committee Changes

Date: February 14, 2025

Resolution 2025-02 makes necessary updates to the standing interview committees. It uses language similar to [Resolution 22-02](#) that originally established the interview committees.

Resolution 2025-02 updates the list of boards and commissions as they currently exist within the City, notably incorporating [Ordinance 2025-04](#), which established the Transportation Commission and removed the Traffic, Bicycle-Pedestrian, and Parking Commissions. It also adds the Fire Merit Commission, established pursuant to [I.C. 36-8-3.5-5.5](#), and adds the Monroe County Capital Improvement Board (CIB), established by the Monroe County Commissioners by [Monroe County Ordinance 2023-24](#). It also removes the [Telecommunications Council](#) from the list of Committee team B assignments because it was repealed by [Ordinance 21-11](#), which repealed Bloomington Municipal Code Section [2.12.060](#) in its entirety and without replacement.

Additionally, Resolution 2025-02 recommends updating these assignments, by resolution, at the first meeting of the year at which the Council will conduct legislative business, in years following an election year. It also allows the Council President to make changes to the Interview committee board and commission assignments without needing to update with a new resolution in the case of newly added or dissolved boards or commissions.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Note: This item includes an updated version of the resolution that fixes grammatical errors and other typos. A redline of the changes is included for reference.

RESOLUTION 2025-02

TO UPDATE THE ESTABLISHED INTERVIEW STANDING COMMITTEES

- 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, by resolution, establish standing committees and define the duties and responsibilities of each committee; and
- WHEREAS, in 2022, Resolution 22-02 established three (3) Standing Interview Committees (“A”, “B”, and “C”) for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations to the full Council regarding the appointment of citizens to the City’s boards and commissions; and
- WHEREAS, on February 5, 2025, the Common Council adopted Ordinance 2025-04, which dissolved the Traffic Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, and Parking Commission, and established a new Transportation Commission; and
- WHEREAS, on January 1, 2025, the Bloomington Fire Merit Commission was created pursuant to state law (Indiana Code 36-8-3.5-5.5(d)); and
- WHEREAS, on July 5, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County adopted Monroe County Ordinance 2023-24, which created the Monroe County Capital Improvement Board (CIB) that has one seat to be appointed by the Council; and
- WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, the Common Council adopted Ordinance 21-11, which dissolved the Bloomington Telecommunications Council; and
- WHEREAS, these commission changes need to be reflected in the Interview Committee assignments; and
- WHEREAS, the Council needs to have legislative flexibility to reassign Interview Committee Assignments when there are changes to established boards and commissions;

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

SECTION 1: Re-establishment of Interview Standing Committees. The Council hereby establishes the following, 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 Interview Committees shall be named and shall divide responsibilities in the following manner:

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- Animal Care and Control Commission
- Bloomington/Monroe County Human Rights Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Commission on Aging
- Commission on the Status of Black Males
- Housing Quality Appeals Board
- Monroe County Capital Improvement Board (CIB)
- Public Transportation Corporation
- Urban Enterprise Association

(b) Committee “B” shall be responsible for the following Boards and Commissions:

- Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
- Environmental Commission
- Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Celebrations Commission

- Transportation Commission
- Utilities Service Board

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- Redevelopment Commission
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SECTION 3: If any section, sentence or provision of this resolution, or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or application 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 AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day or _____, 2025.

HOPI STOSBERG, 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 _____ day of _____, 2025.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
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SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2025

KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

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