

MEMORANDUM
Bloomington Common Council-Fiscal Committee
McCloskey Conference Room, City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
July 23, 2025

NOTE: Formal minutes are not produced for committee meetings; however the following summarizes actions taken at the following meeting of Fiscal Committee.

Meeting called to order: 1:01pm

Chair: Hopi Stosberg

Committee members present: Isak Nti Asare, Isabel Piedmont-Smith (left Zoom at 1:14pm, returned 1:20pm), Hopi Stosberg

Committee members present via Zoom: none

Committee Members absent: Dave Rollo

Staff Present: Jessica McClellan, Lisa Lehner, Chief Deputy Clerk Sofia McDowell

Topics Discussed:

1. Agenda review and approval

MOTION: Asare moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

2. 2026 budget presentations and budget book

- a. Updates from Controller McClellan and Deputy Mayor Knapp
- b. Final recommendations from the Committee

ACTION: Stosberg recessed the meeting at 1:14pm for the lesser of either five minutes or Councilmember Piedmont-Smith is able to rejoin via Zoom.

ACTION: Stosberg recessed the meeting at 1:19pm for ten minutes or Councilmember Piedmont-Smith is able to rejoin via Zoom.

ACTION: Stosberg called the meeting back to order at 1:22pm without objection.

3. Preparation of Council Office budget memo and presentation

4. Elected officials' salary ordinance preparation

5. Continued review of the various city accounts, allowed expenditures, current uses, etc.

6. Ideas for ongoing budget oversight

7. Public Comment

8. Scheduling future meetings

9. Adjournment

REMINDER: Charge of the Special Fiscal Committee:

1. Work closely with the Controller to:
 - a. Create a timeline and activity framework for the yearly budgeting calendar
 - b. Track progress of the yearly budget and report back to the whole council
 - c. Track fund balances (esp. TIF, CRED, Bonds, etc.)
 - d. Recommend scheduling of specific budget related discussions, presentations, and education for the full council.
2. Be responsible for supporting Council Staff with the 2026 Council Budget and presentation of that budget.
3. Continue the work started by the Ad-Hoc Salary Committee to fine-tune the Elected Salary Framework. The Special Fiscal Committee will be responsible for bringing forward the Elected Salary Ordinance for FY2026.
4. Explore and recommend improvements to the budgeting process. Bloomington City Special Fiscal Committee.

Meeting ended: 2:00pm

Memorandum prepared by:

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City of Bloomington