

Bloomington Common Council- Regular Session Memorandum
Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER [6:33pm]

Council President Stosberg called the meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL (* indicates participation via Zoom) [6:33pm]

Members:

Isak Nti Asare	At-Large
Courtney Daily	District 5, Council Parliamentarian
Matt Flaherty	At-Large
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	District 1, Council Vice President
Dave Rollo (absent)	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger	District 2
Andy Ruff	At-Large
Hopi Stosberg	District 3, Council President
Sydney Zulich	District 6

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Lisa Lehner	Council Attorney
Christina Chang	Council Researcher
Kelly Murphy	Technology Support Manager
Jessica McClellan	City Controller
Anna Killion-Hanson	HAND Director
Sharr Pechac	Human Resources Director
Steven Stanford	Utilities, Pretreatment Program Coordinator
Kelsey Thetonia	Utilities, Assistant Director – Environmental
Katherine Zaiger	Utilities Director

2. AGENDA SUMMATION [6:33pm]

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to amend the order of business at a regular session by removing item 4Bb, Report and Hearing on Status of Union at Crescent Tax Abatement, and creating a special agenda item, a new #8 also titled Report and Hearing on Status of Union at Crescent Tax Abatement, and then renumber subsequent agenda items as appropriate. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Stosberg explained why she was wearing sunglasses and summarized the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:40pm]

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to approve the minutes of May 21, 2025 and June 04, 2025. The motion was approved by voice vote. (Asare out of the room).

4. REPORTS [6:40pm]

4.1. Councilmembers

4.2. The Mayor and City Offices

Jen Pearl reported on the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC).

4.3. Council Committees

Piedmont-Smith gave a report from the Committee on Council Processes.

Daily moved, and Asare seconded to try the new electronic sign-in process. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Daily moved, and Zulich seconded to adopt the Google Form for planning deliberation sessions. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

4.4. Public

5. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [7:40pm]

On behalf of Interview Committee Team A, Rosenbarger moved, and Asare seconded to make the following recommendations:

- For the Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors – to reappoint Nancy Obermeyer to seat C-2.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

6. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READINGS [7:42pm]

6.1. Ordinance 2025-25

To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Bloomington Municipal Code Re: Use Table Amendment and Use Specific Standards- “Storage, self-service”

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2025-25 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

6.2. Ordinance 2025-26

To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Bloomington Municipal Code Re: Use Table Amendment- “Fraternity or sorority house”; “Artist Studio or workshop”; “Vehicle Fleet Operations, Large and Small”

Daily moved, and Flaherty seconded that Ordinance 2025-26 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis. (Piedmont-Smith out of the room).

6.3. Ordinance 2025-27

To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Bloomington Municipal Code Re: Use Table Amendment- “Vehicle Fuel Station”

Daily moved, and Flaherty seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2025-27 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis. (Piedmont-Smith out of the room).

6.4. Ordinance 2025-28

To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Bloomington Municipal Code Re: Use Table Amendment- “Vehicle Wash”

Daily moved, and Flaherty seconded that Ordinance 2025-28 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis. (Flaherty out of the room).

6.5. Ordinance 2025-29

To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Bloomington Municipal Code Re: Use Table Amendment and Definitions- "Tattoo or piercing parlor"

Daily moved, and Flaherty seconded that Ordinance 2025-29 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis. (Flaherty out of the room).

6.6. Ordinance 2025-30

To Vacate a Public Parcel Re: A 12-Foot Public Alley Adjacent to 909 E. University Street

Daily moved, and Flaherty seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2025-27 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis. (Ruff out of the room).

Stosberg referred all of the legislation to a second reading at the next regular session of the Common Council on August 6, 2025.

7. LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS [7:47pm]

7.1. Ordinance 2025-23

To Enact Title 10 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Wastewater"

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2025-23 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis. (Ruff out of the room).

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded to adopt Ordinance 2025-23. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2. Ordinance 2025-24

To Enact Title 13 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Stormwater"

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2025-24 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded to adopt Ordinance 2025-24.

Piedmont-Smith moved, and Ruff seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2025-24. The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2025-24 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-24 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.3. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-07

To Transfer Appropriations in the General Fund to Various Departments and Various Funds to Align Budgets with the 2025 Salary Ordinance

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2025-07 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2025-07. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 3 (Flaherty, Rosenbarger, Ruff), Abstain: 0.

7.4. Resolution 2025-12

To Initiate A Proposal to Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Bloomington Municipal Code Re: Preparation of a Proposal to Amend Chapter 20.04.110 (Incentives)

Stosberg passed the gavel to Piedmont-Smith.

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Resolution 2025-12 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2025-12. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith passed the gavel back to Stosberg.

8. REPORT AND HEARING ON STATUS OF UNION AT CRESCENT TAX ABATEMENT [9:27pm]

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded to structure the tax abatement hearing for the Union at Crescent property in the following way: *City departments and Union at Crescent owners and their representatives, The Annex Group, will each have up to 25 minutes to provide information to council. Any other interested parties will each have up to 3 minutes to provide information. This will be followed by an untimed question and answer period by council to the parties and then a period of deliberation among councilmembers. Council may decide the matter or continue the hearing to a subsequent date.*

The motion to structure debate was approved by voice vote.

Zulich moved, and Daily seconded to postpone discussion until the next regular session on August 6, 2025. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 3 (Zulich, Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith), Nays: 5, Abstain: 0. FAILED

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to find the Annex Group substantially compliant. Daily withdrew the motion.

Flaherty moved, and Rosenbarger seconded to find that the property owner made reasonable efforts to substantially comply and that any failures to comply were not the fault of the property owner. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

9. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT [11:06pm]

10.COUNCIL SCHEDULE [11:06pm]

11.ADJOURNMENT [11:08pm]

Stosberg adjourned the meeting at 11:08pm.

Memorandum prepared by:
Clerk Nicole Bolden
City of Bloomington

Clerk’s Note: The above memorandum summarizes the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting. It is not a verbatim copy of every word spoken. Bloomington City Council meetings are available for watching on the following websites:

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Background materials and packets can be found at <https://bloomington.in.gov/council>