

Bloomington Common Council-Regular Session Minutes
Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, April 02, 2025, 6:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER [6:30pm]

Council President Stosberg called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL (* indicates participation via Zoom) [6:31pm]

Members:

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

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Lisa Lehner	Council Attorney
Jessica McClellan	City Controller

3. AGENDA SUMMATION [6:31pm]

Daily moved and Rollo seconded the following: to suspend the rules to modify the agenda for tonight’s meeting and that items 4A-D and item 7A be removed from the agenda. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Stosberg summarized the agenda as modified.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:33pm]

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to approve the minutes of November 20, 2024. The motion was approved by voice vote.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [6:35pm]

On behalf of Interview Committee Team B, Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to recommend the appointment of Karshin Nair to seat C-5, Birgit Newman to seat C-7, and Cale Ulrey to seat C-8 to the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission. The motion was approved by voice vote.

6. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READINGS [6:36pm]

6.1. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-04

To Transfer from the General Fund to Various Departments within the General Fund, and to the Economic Development Local Income Tax Fund, the Park & Recreation General Fund, the Parking Meter Fund, the Parking Facilities Fund, the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, the Alternative Transportation Fund, the Fleet Maintenance Fund and the Sanitation Fund

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2025-04 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. Appropriation Ordinance 2025-05

To Transfer Revenue and Appropriations from the PS LIT Fund to the PSAP LIT Fund

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2025-05 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Stosberg noted that Appropriation Ordinance 2025-04 and Appropriation Ordinance 2025-05 would be heard for second reading on April 16, 2025 which would serve as the public hearing.

7. LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [6:38pm]

7.1. Ordinance 2025-09

To Establish the Public Safety Answering Point Local Income Tax (PSAP LIT) Fund

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2025-09 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 2025-09.

Jessica McClellan, City Controller, presented the legislation which established a separate fund to be used to exclusively support the dispatch center. There was no fiscal impact but allowed for better tracking of the Local Income Tax funds specific to the PSAP. She noted allowed uses for local income tax funds. Council discussion included clarification on the allowed use of funds for police and fire departments, as well as non-policing organizations such as Stride.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-09 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2 Appropriation Ordinance 2025-03

To Transfer Revenue and Appropriations from the PS LIT Fund to the PSAP LIT Fund

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2025-03 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 2025-03.

McClellan presented the legislation and stated that it transferred funds to the new PSAP LIT fund with no additional expenditures. There was discussion on the monthly deposits and annual budget for the dispatch center and its expenses. Stosberg noted that the public comment period counted as the public hearing for the appropriation ordinance. There was no public comment.

The motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2025-03 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.3 Ordinance 2025-10

An Ordinance Transferring Remaining Debt Service Funds Cash Balance to the City’s General Fund

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2025-10 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 2025-10.

McClellan presented Ordinance 2025-10 which closed out old, unused bond funds and moved the remaining funds to the city’s general fund. There were four funds whose bonds had been fully paid, but had leftover funds. There would not be new spending. There was discussion clarifying interest received by the funds.

McLellan highlighted that there had not been any expenditures from the four funds for many years. Since the fund existed in 2025, it would be included in reports, and would then be closed.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-10 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

8. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT [7:01pm]

Marc Haggerty spoke against the encroaching fascism and oligarchy with the new federal government.

Gerhard Glomm thanked those who made the winter shelter possible and spoke about its successes.

Erin Aquino, Exodus Refugee Immigration Bloomington, Director, spoke about the nonprofit organization and the assistance to refugees. She urged council to take action in support of refugees.

9. COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:02pm]

Stosberg noted the receipt of the Bloomington Redevelopment Commission's written annual report, that it was published in the meeting packet, and that the verbal report would be scheduled when staff was available. She noted the upcoming council schedule. Piedmont-Smith announced the upcoming Sidewalk Committee meeting. Daily stated that she would be postponing her upcoming constituent meeting.

10.ADJOURNMENT [7:13pm]

Stosberg adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 06 day of August, 2025.

APPROVE:



Hopi Stosberg, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



City Clerk Nicole Bolden

Clerk’s Note: The above minutes summarize the motions passed and issues discussed rather than providing a verbatim account of every word spoken.

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- YouTube – <https://youtube.com/@citybloomington>

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