

Bloomington Common Council-Organizational Meeting Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, January 07, 2026, 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER [6:30pm]

Council President Stosberg called the meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL (* indicates participation via Zoom) [6:30pm]

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	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger	District 2
Andy Ruff (arrived at 6:31pm)	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
Kari Bennett	Council, Deputy Attorney

2. AGENDA SUMMATION [6:31pm]

Stosberg noted the passing of Perry Township Trustee Dan “Carp” Combs and summarized the agenda.

3. REPORTS [6:32pm]

- 3.1. Councilmembers
- 3.2. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Offices, and City Boards and Commissions
- 3.3. Council Committees
- 3.4. Public

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS [6:43pm]

Ruff moved and Rollo seconded to elect Isak Asare as Council President, Sydney Zulich as Council Vice President, and Courtney Daily as Council Parliamentarian. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Piedmont-Smith presented Stosberg with a gavel to commemorate Stosberg’s time as Council President. Stosberg thanked her colleagues.

5. ASSIGNMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES [6:52pm]

Asare took his seat as Council President, and assigned the seats for the upcoming year as follows: Flaherty, Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith, Zulich, Asare, Daily, Rollo, Ruff, Rosenbarger. The council moved into their new seats.

Asare appointed the following councilmembers to the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee: Asare, Daily (Chair), Rollo, Ruff.

Asare appointed the following councilmembers to the Committee on Council Processes: Daily, Piedmont-Smith, Stosberg (Chair), Zulich.

Asare appointed the following councilmembers to the Council Sidewalk Committee: Daily, Rosenbarger (Chair), Ruff, Zulich.

Asare appointed the following councilmembers to the Special Fiscal Committee: Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith (Chair), Rollo, Stosberg.

Asare made the following assignments to the Board and Commission Interview Committees:

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Interview Team A: Asare (Chair), Rosenbarger, Stosberg
Interview Team B: Daily, Flaherty, Ruff (Chair)
Interview Team C: Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Zulich (Chair)

6. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [6:58pm]

Zulich moved and Flaherty seconded to make the following appointments: Bloomington Economic Development Corporation: Asare, Downtown Bloomington, Inc. Board of Directors: Zulich, and Economic Development Commission (City): Asare. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Stosberg seconded to reappoint Flaherty to the Transportation Commission. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Zulich moved and Daily seconded to appoint Stosberg to the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to make the following appointments: Citizens Advisory Committee-Community Development Block Grants-Social Services: Daily, and for Citizens Advisory Committee-Community Development Block Grants-Physical Improvements: Rosenbarger. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Zulich moved and Daily seconded to make the following appointments: Monroe County Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission: Zulich, and for Public Safety Local Income Tax Allocation Committee: Daily, Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Ruff. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Zulich moved and Daily seconded to reaffirm the appointment of Flaherty to the Utilities Services Board. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Stosberg seconded to make the following appointments: Project 46 Advisory Committee: Stosberg, Bloomington Commission on Sustainability: Rollo, Environmental Resource Advisory Council: Ruff, and for the city’s internal Climate Action Team: Piedmont-Smith. The motion was approved by voice vote.

7. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READINGS [7:11pm]

7.1. Ordinance 2026-01

To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) Of The Bloomington Municipal Code – Re: Response To Resolution 2025-12 Related To Amending The Affordable Housing Incentives and Payment-In-Lieu Provisions

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-01 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.

7.2. Ordinance 2026-02

To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) Of The Bloomington Municipal Code – Re: Response To Resolution 2025-17 Related To Amending The Eligibility Subsection, The Qualifying Standards For Planned Unit Development Subsection, and Defined Terms Section Of Title 20

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-02 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

7.3. Ordinance 2026-03

To Amend Ordinance 2025-40 To Fix The Salaries Of Appointed Officers, Non-union, And A.F.S.C.M.E. Employees For All The Departments Of The City Of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana For The Year 2026

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Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-03 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

8. LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS [7:15pm]

8.1. Resolution 2026-01

To Update Membership Requirements And Program Funding Conditions Of The Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee Of The Common Council

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Resolution 2026-01 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 Zulich seconded that Resolution 2026-01 be adopted.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

9. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT [7:21pm]

10. COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:22pm]

11. ADJOURNMENT [7:25pm]

Asare adjourned the meeting.

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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