

Bloomington Common Council- Regular Session Memorandum

Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana

Wednesday, February 04, 2026, 6:30pm

Call to Order [6:30pm]

Council President Asare called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call (* indicates participation via Zoom) [6:30pm]

Members:

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

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Lisa Lehner	Council Attorney
Kari Bennett	Council, Assistant Attorney
Jane Kupersmith	Director, Economic & Sustainable Development (ESD)
Chaz Mottinger	Special Projects Manager, ESD
Adam Wason	Director, Public Works
Jackie Scanlan	Assistant Director, Planning & Transportation

2. Agenda Summation [6:30pm]

Asare summarized the agenda.

3. Minutes for Approval [6:31pm]

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded to approve the minutes of August 06, 2025, September 30, 2025, and October 08, 2025. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

4. Reports [6:32pm]

4.1. Councilmembers

4.2. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Offices, and City Boards and Commissions

Economic and Sustainable Development: Kirkwood Outdoor Dining Program

Asare extended the time for discussion by 20 minutes with no objections (6:55pm).

Asare extended the time for discussion by 10 minutes with no objections (7:15pm).

4.3. Council Committees

4.4. Public

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions [7:46pm]

Interview Committee Team A Recommendations: Stosberg, Chair

- For the Animal Control Commission - to reappoint Sita Cohen to seat C-1.
- For the Commission on the Status of Black Males- to reappoint Siddhu McLeod to seat C-2.
- For the Commission on Aging - to reappoint Wendy Rubin to seat C-1 and to appoint Stacy Bruce to seat C-2.
- For the Board of Zoning Appeals - to reappoint Jo Throckmorton to seat C-1.
- For the Bloomington/Monroe County Human Rights Commission - to reappoint Kathleen Bensberg to seat C-2.
- For the Board of Housing Quality Appeals - to reappoint Zoe Zollman to seat C-2.

Flaherty asked that the recommendation for the reappointment of Jo Throckmorton to the Board of Zoning Appeals be pulled out for a separate vote with no objection from Stosberg.

Interview Committee Team B Recommendations: Ruff, Chair

- For the Digital Underground Advisory Committee - to reappoint Andy Koop to seat C-2.
- For the Commission on the Status of Women- to reappoint Cee-Cee Swalling to seat C-1, Shayla George to seat C-2, and Patty Moon to seat C-3.
- For the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission - to reappoint James Sanders to seat C-2.
- For the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission - to appoint Michael Burton to seat C-2, to reappoint Sharon Wainshilbam to seat C-3, and reappoint Karshin Nair to seat C-5.
- For the Environmental Commission - to reappoint Mitchell Owens to seat C-3 and reappoint Shannon Gayk to seat C-4.
- For the Utilities Service Board - to reappoint Megan Parmenter to seat C-1.

Interview Committee Team C Recommendations: Zulich, Chair

- For the Redevelopment Commission - to reappoint Randy Cassady to seat C-1 and reappoint Deborah Myerson to seat C-2.
- For the Commission on the Hispanic and Latiné Affairs - to reappoint Dinorah Sapp to C-1 and reappoint Maria Puscama to seat C-4.
- For the Commission on Sustainability - to appoint Christopher Miles to seat C-4 and to reappoint Zachary Ammerman to seat C- 5.
- For the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth - to reappoint Joseph Shing to seat C-2 and to appoint Treyanna Moten to seat C-4.

Zulich moved and Ruff seconded to adopt the interview committee recommendations as discussed. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Stosberg declined to make a recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals that evening.

Zulich moved and Rollo seconded to approve the following mayoral appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission*: Jeff Goldin to seat M-4, Karen Duffy to seat M-7, John Butler to seat M-8, and Abby Hanson to seat M-9. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

**Per Bloomington Municipal Code 2.16 - Appointments made by the mayor to the Historic Preservation Commission are subject to the approval of the Common Council.*

6. Legislation for First Readings [7:57pm]

6.1. Ordinance 2026-04

To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Administration and Personnel" to Consolidate and Amend Boards and Commissions Provisions in Chapters 2.02, 2.08 and 2.12

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-04 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

6.2. Ordinance 2026-05

To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Administration and Personnel" to Allow Discussion at First Readings of Ordinances and to Clarify the Ordinance and Resolution Readings Provisions in Chapter 2.04

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-05 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

7. Legislation for Second (and Subsequent) Readings and Resolutions [8:00pm]

7.1. Resolution 2026-03

To Rename Sidewalk Standing Committee of the Common Council

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded that Resolution 2026-03 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded that Resolution 2026-03 be adopted. The motion to adopt Resolution 2026-03 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2. 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

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-01 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-01 be adopted.

Rollo moved and Rosenbarger seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-01.

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Councilmembers Rollo and Ruff, revises the impervious surface incentives in the R1, R2, R3 and R4 zoning districts.

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 2 (Stosberg, Zulich), Abstain: 0.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 2 (Flaherty, Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0.

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8. Additional Public Comment

9. Council Schedule

10. Adjournment [9:20pm]

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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