

City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet Addendum 2

Containing additional legislative materials related to:

Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Regular Session at 6:30pm

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City of Bloomington, Indiana Common Council Agenda and Notice: Regular Session

6:30 PM, Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Council Chambers (#115), Showers Building
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404
The meeting may also be accessed [remotely](#).¹

1. Roll Call

2. Agenda Summation

3. Minutes for Approval

- A. October 15, 2025 Deliberation Session
- B. October 22, 2025 Regular Session
- C. November 12, 2025 Deliberation Session
- D. November 19, 2025 Regular Session

4. Reports (a maximum of twenty minutes is set aside for each part of this section)

- A. Council members
- B. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Offices, and City Boards and Commissions - John Fernandez, CEO of Amplify Bloomington
- C. Council Committees
- D. Public*

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- A. Memo from Clerk Bolden

6. Legislation for First Readings

- A. Ordinance 2026-06 to Amend the City of Bloomington Zoning Maps by Rezoning a 6.3 Acre Property from Residential Urban Lot (R4) and Residential Multifamily (RM) within the Transform Redevelopment Overlay (TRO) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to Approve a District Ordinance and Preliminary Plan

7. Legislation for Second Readings and Resolutions

- A. 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
 - Amendment 01
- B. Ordinance 2026-05 to Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Administration and Personnel" to Allow Discussion at First Readings of

¹<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/85327558032?pwd=4YPDyVleCZUBkubKeROp0Q0d6baVsm.1>

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Ordinances and to Clarify the Ordinance and Resolution Readings Provisions in Chapter 2.04

- Amendment 01
- Amendment 02

8. Additional Public Comment* (a maximum of twenty-five minutes is set aside for this section)

9. Council Schedule

10. Adjournment

Bloomington City Council meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- [Community Action Television Services \(CATS\)](#)²
- [City's YouTube Channel](#)³

[Materials for this meeting](#)⁴ are available on Council's website.

*Members of the public may speak on matters of community concern not listed on the agenda at one of the two public comment opportunities. Individuals may speak at one of these periods, but not both. Speakers are allowed up to three minutes.

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² <https://catstv.net/>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/@citybloomington>

⁴ <https://bloomington.in.gov/council/meetings/2026>

City of Bloomington, Indiana Common Council Amendment Form

- Ordinance: 2026-05
- Amendment: Amendment 02
- Submitted by: Councilmember Asare
- Date: February 16, 2026

Proposed Amendment:

1. Amend Section 2 of Ordinance 2026-05 to read as follows, and further amend Section 2.04.280 of the Bloomington Municipal Code as necessary to ensure consistency with the procedural changes adopted by this ordinance:
2. Strike subsection (b) of Section 2.04.280 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Ordinances and resolutions – Synopsis required."
3. Strike Section 2.04.300 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Ordinances and resolutions – Readings and vote required" in its entirety.
4. Insert a new Section 2.04.300 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Ordinances and resolutions – Procedures at meetings," as reflected in Substitute Attachment A.
5. Strike Section 2.04.310 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Ordinances and resolutions – Vote required" in its entirety.
6. Insert a new Section 2.04.310 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Ordinances and resolutions – Limitations on same-meeting adoption," as reflected in Substitute Attachment A.

Synopsis

This amendment replaces the proposed Attachment A of Ordinance 2026-05 with substitute language that clarifies when ordinances and resolutions are properly before the council and incorporates the statutory two-thirds vote requirement for same-day passage of ordinances under Indiana Code 36-4-6-13. The amendment also relocates voting limitations into a dedicated section, removes duplicative voting and clerk-reading provisions, and amends Section 2.04.280(b) as necessary to ensure clarity and internal consistency across Chapter 2.04.

02/18/2026 Regular Session Action: Pending

Ordinance 2026-05 - Attachment A

Chapter 2.04 - Common Council

2.04.280 - Ordinances and resolutions—Synopsis required.

(a) Each ordinance and resolution submitted to the council shall be accompanied by a short, nontechnical synopsis of the legislation which is comprehensible to the average citizen and suitable for publication. The council staff may edit the synopsis to clarify information or standardize format.

~~(b) The edited synopsis shall be read whenever the legislation it accompanies is introduced at a council meeting for first or second reading and it shall become a part of the official record, but shall not have the legal effect of being part of the legislation.~~

2.04.300 - Ordinances and resolutions—~~Procedures at Meetings~~Readings required.

~~(a) Every ordinance shall be given two readings before a vote may be taken on its passage and no ordinance shall be passed on the same day or at the same meeting as it is introduced except by unanimous consent of the members present, at least two thirds of the members being present and voting. An ordinance may not be debated or amended at its first reading or introduction unless state or federal requirements provide otherwise.¶¶~~

~~(b) At each reading of an ordinance the synopsis shall be read and the clerk shall read the ordinance by title only, provided there is unanimous consent.¶¶~~

~~(c) Each resolution submitted to the council shall be read by title only provided there is unanimous consent.~~

(a) During a meeting, when an ordinance or resolution is reached on the city council agenda, the presiding officer shall announce the item and read aloud its title and synopsis.

(b) After it has been announced as spelled out in 2.04.300(a), the ordinance or resolution is before the council for consideration. The council can use any motion under standard parliamentary procedures to dispose of the item, subject to limitations spelled out in 2.04.310

(c) A simple majority vote of the members of the council shall be necessary to adopt any resolution, order, or ordinance, unless state or federal requirements provide otherwise.

~~2.04.310 Ordinances and resolutions – Vote required.¶~~

~~A majority vote of the members of the council shall be necessary to adopt any resolution, order or ordinance, unless state or federal requirements provide otherwise.~~

2.04.310 Ordinances and Resolutions – Limitations on motions that are proper after introduction of ordinances, under some circumstances.

(a) In accordance with IC 36-4-6-13, an ordinance may be passed on the same day or at the same meeting at which it is introduced only if:

- (1) the members present unanimously consent to consider the ordinance for adoption; and
- (2) at least two-thirds (2/3) of all elected members vote in the affirmative.

(b) Absent satisfaction of the requirements in subsection (a), the council may take procedural action on the ordinance but shall not adopt it at that meeting.