

Bloomington Common Council-Deliberative Session Minutes
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER [6:32pm]

Council President Stosberg called the meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL (* indicates participation via Zoom) [6:32pm]

Councilmembers present:

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 (absent)	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
Kari Bennett	Deputy Administrator/Attorney
Christine Chang	Temporary Council Researcher
Jamie Kreindler	Planning & Transportation, Senior Zoning Planner
David Hittle	P&T, Director
Kerry Thomson	Mayor
Anna Killion-Hansen	Housing and Neighborhood Development, Director

2. AGENDA SUMMATION [6:33pm]

Stosberg summarized the agenda. The meeting was the second community conversation on housing, focusing on policy and the city's future direction. The meeting alternated between presentations by planning staff and small group discussions on housing policy. She stated expectations for discussion.

3. PRESENTATION AND DIALOGUE [6:36pm]

David Hittle, Planning and Transportation Director, presented on housing policy changes considered by staff. They had performed outreach with various stakeholders and considered amendments of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for housing attainability improvements. He spoke about outreach efforts, both locally and to other peer cities. Hittle quoted from the city's 2018 Comprehensive Plan and the Climate Action Plan regarding housing diversity. He gave topics for the first small group discussion.

Jamie Kreindler, Senior Zoning Planner, Planning and Transportation, presented on nationwide housing attainability efforts. Cities had reformed their zoning codes to encourage gentle density and expand middle housing options. She spoke about the Hopewell neighborhood and integrating ideas in the entire city.

Stosberg initiated the first small group discussions. A city staff member and a councilmember facilitated discussion in each group.

Attendees returned to Council Chambers for Hittle's second presentation. He shared highlights that planning staff learned through outreach efforts. Residents' main concerns involved expected loss of neighborhood character and cost of living increases. There was a strong desire for walkability. He spoke about off-campus student housing and zoning strategies.

Stosberg initiated the second small group discussion.

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4. REPORTING AND DEBRIEFING

No reporting or debriefing occurred. Stosberg stated that next steps would be to introduce policy changes.

5. ADJOURNMENT [8:43pm]

Stosberg adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 18 day of February, 2026.

APPROVE:



Isak Nti Asare, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



City Clerk Nicole Bolden

Clerk's Note: The above memorandum summarizes the motions passed and issues discussed rather than providing a verbatim account of every word spoken. Bloomington City Council meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- Community Action Television Services (CATS) - <https://catvstv.net>
- YouTube - <https://youtube.com/@citybloomington>

Background materials and packets are available at <https://bloomington.in.gov/council>