

Agenda

Committee on Council Processes

Common Council of the City of Bloomington

Friday, February 27, 2026

12:00 pm - Allison Conference Room

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Agenda review and approval
2. Implementation of Discussion at First Reading
 - a. Draft process for legislation discussed at first and second reading (enclosed)
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Next steps
3. Consent agendas
 - a. Review of draft legislation (enclosed)
 - b. Discussion of logistical implications, such as
 - i. Should staff always be at the meeting to present Consent Agenda legislation, in case it is moved off the Consent Agenda and requires full deliberation?
 - ii. How should the Council President decide what legislative items are “non-controversial or administrative”?
 - iii. How can we best communicate with the public about the Consent Agenda concept, and when/if they should expect to have a chance to comment on items on the Consent Agenda?
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Vote
4. Councilmember sponsorship of all items of legislation
 - a. Pros and cons
 - b. Possible exemption for Appropriation Ordinances ([IC 36-4-7-8](#))
 - c. Discussion of logistical implications, such as
 - i. How does the administration seek a sponsor?
 - ii. Role of Council staff
 - iii. Responsibilities of the sponsor
 - d. Public comment
 - e. Next steps

5. Allowing non-city residents to serve on boards and commissions
 - a. Report back from Enviro Commission, Transportation Commission, Farmers' Market Advisory Commission, MLK Birthday Commission, Digital Underground Advisory Commission, and CAPS Commission
 - b. Any insights from the current interview committee process?
 - c. Next steps
6. Setting regular monthly meetings of the Committee
7. Adjournment

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee:

Committee Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
Courtney Daily	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027
Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Chair	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027
Hopi Stosberg	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027
Sydney Zulich	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027

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Draft Procedures with Discussion at First Reading

Procedure for First Readings

1. Motion to introduce legislation (debatable) > Vote
2. Clerk reads by title and synopsis
3. Motion to adopt legislation
4. Staff presentation
5. Councilmember questions
6. Public comment (30 minutes maximum)
(No Councilmember discussion)
7. Motion to postpone to specific date (debatable) > Vote

Procedure for Second Readings

1. Presiding officer takes up the postponed motion to adopt the legislation when it comes up on the agenda. (No new motion needed.)
2. Staff present any new information, including answers to previously asked questions
3. Councilmember questions
4. Public comment
5. Councilmember discussion
6. Vote on original motion to adopt

Ordinance 2026-xx to Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Administration and Personnel” to Allow Use of Consent Agendas for Common Council Meetings Under Chapter 2.04

Preamble

Whereas, the Common Council, as the legislative body for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, is tasked with approval of routine administrative items that often do not require discussion or deliberation, such as approval of meeting minutes and appointments to the City’s boards and commissions; and

Whereas, Common Council finds that approval of such items into a single item requiring only one vote will enhance meeting efficiency; and

Whereas, Common Council finds that establishing a process for a Councilmember to remove an item from a consent agenda to be considered separately will preserve the ability to discuss and deliberate agenda items as needed; and

Whereas, Common Council finds that these procedures will appropriately balance meeting efficiency with transparency and accountability to City residents.

Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, That:

Section 1: Add new section 2.04.375 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to allow use of consent agendas.

Add section 2.04.375 to the Bloomington Municipal Code, to be entitled “Consent agenda,” to allow summary approval of certain enumerated items, as reflected in Attachment A.

Section 2: Amend section 2.04.380 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to add consent agenda to the order of business at regular sessions.

Section 2.04.380 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled “Order of business at regular sessions,” is hereby amended to include consent agenda, as reflected in Attachment A.

Section 3: Severability.

If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4: Effective date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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President, City of Bloomington

Attestation of Bloomington City Clerk:

Nicole Bolden

Clerk, City of Bloomington

Presented by me to the Mayor of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2026:

Nicole Bolden

Clerk, City of Bloomington

Signed and approved by me upon this upon the _____ day of _____, 2026:

Kerry Thomson

Mayor, City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance sponsored by Councilmember Zulich adds a new section 2.04.375 to the Bloomington Municipal Code to allow the Common Council to summarily approve certain items by consent agenda. It also amends 2.04.380 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to include consent agenda in the order of business at regular sessions.

Chapter 2.04 - Common Council

2.04.375 Consent agenda.

(a) A consent agenda may be used for summary adoption of the following items:

- (1) Approval of meeting minutes and memoranda;
- (2) Appointments to boards and commissions;
- (3) Acceptance of reports from the mayor, city clerk, city offices, city boards and commissions, and other entities;
- (4) Job description changes without classification changes, and
- (5) Other non-controversial or administrative actions designated by the Council President.

(b) The consent agenda shall be presented to the Council as a single action item. The consent agenda shall be considered and voted on by one vote.

(c) Any council member may, by request stated during the Consent Agenda section of the meeting, remove an item from the consent agenda and place it on the regular agenda.

2.04.380 - Order of business at regular sessions.

The council shall transact its business in the following order, but it may by majority vote amend the normal order of business and time limits set forth below:

- (1) Roll call;
- (2) Agenda summation;
- (3) Consent agenda;
- (4) Approval of minutes (if removed from consent agenda);
- (5) 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,
 - (C) Council committees, and
 - (D) Public*;
- (6) Appointments to boards and commissions (if removed from consent agenda);
- (7) Legislation for first readings;
- (8) Second and subsequent readings and resolutions;

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Attachment A

- (9) Additional reports from the public* (a maximum of twenty-five minutes is set aside for this section of the agenda);
- (10) Council schedule;
- (11) Adjournment.

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