Bloomington Common Council- Regular Session Memorandum

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

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:30pm

Council President Asare called the meeting to order. [6:30pm]

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

Council Members:

Isak Nti Asare	At-Large, Council President
Courtney Daily	District 5, Council Parliamentarian
Matt Flaherty	At-Large
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	District 1
Dave Rollo	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger	District 2
Andy Ruff (arrived at 6:32pm)	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

2. **Agenda Summation [6:30pm]**

Asare summarized the agenda.

3. **Minutes for Approval [6:31pm]**

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025, October 22, 2025, November 12, 2025, and November 19, 2025. The motion was approved by voice vote.

4. **Reports [6:32pm]**

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

John Fernandez, CEO of Amplify Bloomington

City Clerk Nicole Bolden

4.3. Council Committees
4.4. Public

5. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions [7:11pm]**

Interview Committee Team C Recommendations:

Rollo moved, and Zulich seconded to reappoint Gerard Pannekoek to seat C-4 and to appoint Austin White to seat C-5 to the Arts Commission. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Rollo moved, and Zulich seconded to appoint Andrea Alvarez to seat C-1 to the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth. The motion was approved by voice vote.

6. Legislation for First Readings [7:12pm]

6.1. 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

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-06 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 2 (Asare, Zulich), Nays: 7 (Daily, Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Rosenbarger, Ruff), Abstain: 0. FAILED

7. Legislation for Second (and Subsequent) Readings and Resolutions [7:26pm]

7.1. 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

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-04 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.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-04 be adopted.

Asare passed the gavel to Daily.

Asare moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-04.

Asare withdrew the amendment with no objections.

Daily passed the gavel back to Asare.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2. 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

Daily 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.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-05 be adopted.

Asare passed the gavel to Daily.

Asare moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-05.

Amendment 02 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.

The motion to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5 (Asare, Daily, Rollo, Ruff, Zulich), Nays: 4 (Flaherty, Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith, Rosenbarger), Abstain:0.

Daily passed the gavel back to Asare.

Rollo moved to reconsider Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-05.

Bolden asked for a recess. Asare granted a five minute recess with no objections from the council.

The motion to reconsider Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 3 (Asare, Daily, Zulich), Nays: 6 (Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Rosenbarger, Ruff, Stosberg), Abstain:0. AMENDMENT FAILED

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Stosberg), Abstain: 0.

8. Additional Public Comment [9:27pm]

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to suspend the rules of public comment for one of the members of the public. The motion was approved by voice vote.

9. Council Schedule [9:34pm]

10. Adjournment [9:37pm]

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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