

Bloomington Common Council-Committee on Council Processes

Allison Conference Room #225, City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana

Friday, February 27, 2026, 12:00pm

NOTE: Formal minutes are not produced for committee meetings; however the following summarizes actions taken at the following meeting of the Committee on Council Processes.

Meeting called to order: 12:00pm

Chair: Isabel Piedmont-Smith

Committee members present: Courtney Daily, Hopi Stosberg (arrived at 12:17 pm), Sydney Zulich

Committee members present via Zoom: none

Committee members absent: none

Staff present: Lisa Lehner, Kari Bennett, Mayor Kerry Thomson, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Crossley, Clerk Nicole Bolden

Topics Discussed:

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"?
 - 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. Vote

5. Allowing non-city residents to serve on boards and commissions
 - a. Report back from Enviro [sic] 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

Due to limited time, the committee didn't discuss the following items:

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Meeting ended: 1:30pm

Memorandum prepared by:

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- 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/fiscal-committee>