

Bloomington Common Council-Regular Session Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:30pm

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

1. Roll Call (*indicates participation via Zoom) [6:31pm]

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 6:35pm)	At-Large
Hopi Stosberg	District 3
Sydney Zulich (absent)	District 6, Council Vice President

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Larry Allen	Common Council, Attorney (temporary)
Michael Wagenaar	O’Neill Leadership Program Fellow
Emma Williams	Human Right Commission, Chair

2. Agenda Summation [6:32pm]

Council President Asare summarized the agenda.

3. Minutes for Approval [6:32pm]

There were no minutes for approval.

4. Reports [6:32pm]

4.1. Councilmembers

4.2. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Offices, and City Boards and Commissions [6:37pm]

2026 Bloomington/Monroe County Human Rights Commission Awards were presented by the chair, Emma Williams.

Individual: Melanie Davis

Organization: Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard

4.3. Council Committees

4.4. Public

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions [6:54pm]

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

6. Legislation for First Readings [6:54pm]

6.1. Ordinance 2026-15

Amending Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Regarding Establishment of the Fire Merit Commission *Council Sponsor - CM Zulich*

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-15 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 Piedmont-Smith seconded to discuss Ordinance 2026-15. The motion to discuss Ordinance 2026-13 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Stosberg moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to postpone consideration of Ordinance 2026-15 until the next Regular Session to be held on July 29, 2026 at 6:30pm. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7. Legislation for Second Readings and Resolutions [7:01pm]

7.1. Resolution 2026-12

Establishing Rules and Guidelines for Alcohol Permit Districts *Council Sponsor - CM Asare*

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Resolution 2026-12 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 Stosberg seconded that Resolution 2026-12 be adopted.

Stosberg moved and Daily seconded to table Resolution 2026-12 indefinitely. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2. Resolution 2026-13

Authorizing Issuance of Bonds for the BHA *Council Sponsor - CM Zulich*

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Resolution 2026-13 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 Piedmont-Smith seconded that Resolution 2026-13 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.3. Ordinance 2026-12

To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to Seasonally Provide a Carless Kirkwood *Council Sponsor - CM Daily and Rosenbarger*

Actions on Legislation:

Council Action (June 10, 2026): Passed Ayes: 5 (Asare, Daily, Flaherty, Rollo, Rosenbarger); Nays: 4 (Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith, Zulich, Ruff); 0

Mayor Veto (June 19, 2026)

Council Action After Veto (July 22, 2026): Pending

Daily moved, and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-12 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 Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-12 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote: Ayes: 4 (Asare, Daily, Flaherty, Rosenbarger); Nays: 4 (Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Ruff); Abstain: 0. FAILED

8. Additional Public Comment [9:24pm]

9. Council Schedule [9:24pm]

10. Adjournment [9:25pm]

Asare adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:
Clerk Nicole Bolden

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