

Bloomington Common Council-Budget Hearing Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Monday, August 17, 2026 at 5:30pm

Councilmember Courtney Daily, Chair, called the meeting to order. 5:32pm

1. Roll Call (*indicates participation via Zoom) [5:32pm]

Council Members:

Isak Nti Asare (absent)	At-Large, Council President
Courtney Daily	District 5, Council Parliamentarian
Matt Flaherty	At-Large
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	District 1
Dave Rollo (arrived at 6:21pm)	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger	District 2
Andy Ruff (arrived at 5:33pm)	At-Large
Hopi Stosberg	District 3
Sydney Zulich	District 6, Council Vice President

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Susan Stoll	Deputy Clerk
Kerry Thomson	Mayor
Geoff McKim	Controller
Roger Kerr	Fire Department, Chief
Michael Diekhoff	Police Department, Chief
Shatoyia Moss	Community and Family Resources, Director
Anna Killion-Hanson	Housing and Neighborhood Development, Director

2. Agenda Summation [5:33pm]

Daily summarized the agenda.

3. Topics Discussed [5:34pm]

This week’s budget hearings will include budget presentations from each city department. Each night, department heads will present their proposed 2027 budgets along with the goals and outcomes they hope to achieve for their departments in 2027. These presentations are a preview of what each department is hoping to see reflected in the 2027 budget as a whole.

There will be no council votes taken this week on each department’s proposed budget because the adoption of the 2027 budget will not include department-by-department votes. Instead, councilmembers will make comments during council comment periods as to what changes they wish to see in each individual department’s budget before later this fall, when the Council is scheduled to consider the budget as a whole through a vote on three appropriation ordinances and four salary ordinances.

The three appropriation ordinances include the civil city budget, the Utilities Department budget, and the budget for Bloomington Transit. The three salary ordinances will include salaries for officers of the police and fire departments, salaries for appointed officers, non-union, and A.F.S.C.M.E. employees for all the departments of the city, and salaries for elected officials.

Council discussion and a public hearing on these items of legislation are scheduled for September 23rd beginning at 6:30pm. The budget adoption meeting is scheduled for October 7th beginning at 6:30pm.

There may still be changes between this week's presentations and the seven budget ordinances that come to Council later in the fall. Throughout the remainder of August and September, the administration will work with the Council and various departments to prepare a final version of the 2026 budget for the City.

Introduction by Mayor Kerry Thomson.

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Zulich seconded to structure debate for the duration of budget week in the following way: Limit council member question and answer periods to a maximum of 3 minutes per council member per presentation; Limit council member comment period to 3 minutes per council member per presentation; and Limit public comment to 2 minutes per speaker per comment period.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Introduction by Geoff McKim, Controller.

Roger Kerr, Fire Department, Chief, presented the Fire Department's 2027 Budget.

Michael Diekhoff, Police Department, Chief, presented the Police Department's 2027 Budget.

Shatoyia Moss, Community and Family Resources Department (CFRD), Director, presented CFRD's 2027 Budget.

Anna Killion-Hanson, Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND), Director, presented HAND's 2027 Budget.

4. Adjournment [8:18pm]

Daily adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:
Susan Stoll, Deputy Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

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

- [Community Access Television Services](https://catvstv.net)¹ (CATS)
- [City of Bloomington YouTube](https://youtube.com/@citybloomington)²

[Background materials and packets](https://bloomington.in.gov/council/meetings)³ are available on the Common Council website.

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