Bloomington Common Council-Budget Hearing Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Monday, August 24, 2026 at 5:30pm

Councilmember Piedmont-Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order. **[5:31pm]**

1. Roll Call (*indicates participation via Zoom) [5:31pm]

Council Members:	
Isak Nti Asare* (left at 6:34pm)	At-Large, Council President
Courtney Daily (absent)	District 5, Council Parliamentarian
Matt Flaherty	At-Large
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	District 1
Dave Rollo	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger (arrived at 6:02pm)	District 2
Andy Ruff (arrived at 5:36pm)	At-Large
Hopi Stosberg	District 3
Sydney Zulich	District 6, Council Vice President

City staff, officials, and guests present:	
Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Tim Street	Parks and Recreation, Director
Jane Kupersmith	Economic and Sustainable Development, Director
Adam Wason	Public Works, Director
Virgil Sauder	Animal Care & Control, Director
Geoff McKim	Controller
Kerry Thomson	Mayor
Gretchen Knapp	Deputy Mayor

2. Agenda Summation [5:32pm]

Piedmont-Smith summarized the agenda.

3. Topics Discussed [5:33pm]

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 2027 budget for the City.

Tim Street, Parks and Recreation, Director, presented the department's 2027 Budget.

Jane Kupersmith, Economic and Sustainable Development, Director, presented ESD's 2027 Budget.

Adam Wason, Public Works, Director, presented the Fleet Maintenance division's 2027 Budget.

Wason presented the Animal Care and Control division's 2027 Budget.

Wason presented the Facilities Maintenance division's 2027 Budget.

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Wason presented the Sanitation division's 2027 Budget.

4. Adjournment [8:24pm]

Piedmont-Smith adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:
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- Community Access Television Services[1] (CATS)
- City of Bloomington YouTube[2]

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[1] https://catvstv.net
[2] https://youtube.com/@citybloomington
[3] https://bloomington.in.gov/council/meetings