

Bloomington Common Council-Regular Session Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, September 02, 2026, at 6:30pm

Council President Isak Nti 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* (left at 10:32pm)	At-Large
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	District 1
Dave Rollo	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger*	District 2
Andy Ruff (arrived 6:33pm)	At-Large
Hopi Stosberg	District 3
Sydney Zulich	District 6, Council Vice President

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Larry Allen	Common Council, Attorney (temporary)
Ryan Short	CivicBrand, Co-founder

2. Agenda Summation [6:31pm]

Council President Asare summarized the agenda. Daily moved and Zulich seconded to allow public comment with 3 minutes per speaker after the reports by City Offices. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

3. Minutes for Approval [6:33pm]

There were no minutes for approval.

4. Reports [6:33pm]

4.1. Councilmembers

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

Desiree DeMolina, Communications Director, and Ryan Short, CivicBrand presented the Bloomington City & Place Branding Report

Asare extended the period of time until 7:30pm.

Asare extended the period of time for council comments for 10 minutes so they could move to public comment for 20 minutes.

4.3. Council Committees

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to adopt the recommendation of the hiring committee and hire Jake Rossman for the position of Council Administrator/Attorney with a compensation package that includes a yearly salary of \$101,411 and other benefits including vision, vacation, etc. of all full-time city employees. Asare amended the motion and Daily seconded to include it would be contingent upon approval of the Human Resources Department’s

background check and upon negotiated start date. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

4.4. Public

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions [8:15pm]

On behalf of Interview Committee Team B, Daily moved and Zulich seconded to recommend the appointment of Jatnna Ayala-Ruiz to seat C-1 on the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

On behalf of Interview Committee Team C, Piedmont-Smith moved and Zulich seconded to notify Jose Fuentes, member of the Commission on Hispanic and Latiné Affairs, that the council will vote on his removal at the next regular session based on his lack of attendance at the commission's meetings. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to postpone the consideration of the removal of Reynard Cross from seat C-2 on the Historic Preservation Commission to the regular session meeting on September 16th, 2026. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

6. Legislation for First Readings [8:15pm]

6.1. Appropriation Ordinance 2026-01

Approval of Additional Appropriation for the Department of Public Works Council Sponsor - N/A (B.M.C. 2.04.070 for Appropriation Ord.)

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-01 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Piedmont-Smith out of the room). Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to discuss Appropriation Ordinance 2026-01. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Piedmont-Smith out of the room).

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to proceed to a vote after first reading. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-01 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0.

6.2. Ordinance 2026-19

Amending Title 2 to Align Job Titles with the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Don Owens Memorial Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police Council Sponsor - CM Rollo

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-19 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to discuss Ordinance 2026-19. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to proceed to a vote after first reading. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-19 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

6.3. Ordinance 2026-20

Amending Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to Improve Sustainability and Housing Affordability pursuant to Council Resolution 2026-05 *Council Sponsor - CM Flaherty*

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-20 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to discuss Ordinance 2026-20. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to move Ordinance 2026-20 to a second reading at the next regular session on September 16, 2026. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7. Legislation for Second Readings and Resolutions [10:07pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and Asare seconded to alter the agenda to discuss Resolution 2026-17 before the other items for second reading. Stosberg moved and Asare seconded to amend the motion to amend the agenda to review items in the order of D, B, C, and A. The motion as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.1. Resolution 2026-17

Approval of Agreement with Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) to Facilitate Deliberation Sessions on Public Safety *Council Sponsor: CM Piedmont-Smith*

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Resolution 2026-17 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Resolution 2026-17 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2. Resolution 2026-15

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Don Owens Memorial Lodge 88, Fraternal Order of Police *Council Sponsor: CM Rollo*

Daily moved and Asare seconded that Resolution 2026-15 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Asare seconded that Resolution 2026-15 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.3. Resolution 2026-16

**Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Bloomington Metropolitan Firefighters,
Local 586 Council Sponsor: CM Rollo**

Daily moved and Asare seconded that Resolution 2026-16 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Asare seconded that Resolution 2026-16 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.4. Ordinance 2026-18

**Adopting Guidelines and Requiring Formal Written Commitments as a Condition of Eligibility for On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage Permits within Eligible Statutory Districts
Council Sponsor - CM Asare**

Daily moved and Asare seconded that Ordinance 2026-18 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Piedmont-Smith), Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Asare seconded that Ordinance 2026-18 be adopted.

Asare moved and Daily seconded that Amendment 01 be adopted.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Asare seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Amendment 01.

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Amendment 01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Flaherty left at 10:32pm).

Asare moved and Rollo seconded to introduce Amendment 02 to Amendment 01.

The motion to adopt Amendment 02 to Amendment 01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 as twice amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Stosberg), Abstain: 0.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-18 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

8. Additional Public Comment [11:11pm]

9. Council Schedule [11:12pm]

10. Adjournment [11:13pm]

Asare adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:
Deputy Clerk Colleen Williamson

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² <https://youtube.com/@citybloomington>

³ <https://bloomington.in.gov/council>