

Bloomington Common Council-Special Session Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, October 07, 2026, at 6:30pm

Council President 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	At-Large
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	District 1
Dave Rollo (absent)	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger (absent)	District 2
Andy Ruff	At-Large
Hopi Stosberg	District 3
Sydney Zulich	District 6, Council Vice President

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	Clerk
Larry Allen	Common Council, Attorney (temporary)
Geoff McKim	Controller
Katherine Zaiger	Utilities Department, Director
Len Coyne	Planning Department, Interim Director
Kerry Thomson	Mayor
Gretchen Knapp	Deputy Mayor
Margie Rice	Corporation Counsel
Adam Wason	Public Works Department, Director

2. Agenda Summation [6:31pm]

Council President Asare summarized the agenda.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Zulich seconded to amend the agenda. The motion was approved by voice vote.

3. Legislation for First Reading [6:32 pm]

3.1. Appropriation Ordinance 2026-04

An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operations, Maintenance, Debt Service, and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2027

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-04 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to discuss Appropriation Ordinance 2026-04. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to refer the legislation to the next Regular Session on October 14, 2026. The motion was approved by voice vote.

4. Legislation for Second Readings [6:34pm]

4.1. Appropriation Ordinance 2026-03

An Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates for Bloomington Transit Corporation for 2027.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-03 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2026-03. The motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2026-03 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

4.2. Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02

An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Establishing 2027 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington)

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02.

Stosberg moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Asare passed the gavel to Daily.

Asare moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 03 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 03 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 1 (Ruff), Nays: 6, Abstain: 0. FAILED

Asare moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 05 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. Asare moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to table the amendment.

Asare moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to adopt Amendment 06 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. Asare moved and Zulich seconded to withdraw the amendment.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Asare seconded to adopt Amendment 18 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 18 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 2 (Daily, Stosberg), Abstain: 0

Asare moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 10 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 10 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Daily), Abstain: 0

Asare moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 12 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 12 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Asare seconded to adopt Amendment 14 (as revised) to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 14 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Stosberg seconded to adopt Amendment 15 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 15 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Asare moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 16 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. The motion to adopt Amendment 16 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 2 (Asare, Flaherty), Nays: 5, Abstain: 0.

Stosberg moved and Asare seconded to take Amendment 05 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 off the table. Asare moved to withdraw Amendment 05 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02. *There was no vote on Amendment 05 to Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02.*

Daily passed the gavel back to Asare.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to continue discussion of Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 as amended to the next Regular Session on October 14, 2026. The motion to continue Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 as amended was approved by voice vote.

4.3. Ordinance 2026-25

An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for the City of Bloomington, Indiana for the Year 2027

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-25 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Ordinance 2026-25.

Stosberg moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-25. The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-25 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-25 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

4.4. Ordinance 2026-26

An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries of Appointed Officers, Non-Union, and A.F.S.C.M.E. Employees for all the Departments of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana for the Year 2027

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-26 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Ordinance 2026-26.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-26. The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-26 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-26 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

4.5. Ordinance 2026-28

An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries of Appointed Deputies and Employees of the Bloomington City Clerk for the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana for the Year 2027

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-28 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Ordinance 2026-28. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-28 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

5. Adjournment [9:48pm]

Asare adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:
Clerk Nicole Bolden

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