

Bloomington Common Council-Deliberative Session Minutes
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 6:30pm

Council Parliamentarian Daily called the meeting to order. **[6:32pm]**

1. Roll Call (* indicates participation via Zoom) [6:33pm]

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 (arrive 6:34pm)	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger	District 2
Andy Ruff	At-Large
Hopi Stosberg	District 3
Sydney Zulich (absent)	District 6, Council Vice President

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Tim Street	Parks and Recreation, Director
Casey Guarino	Council for Community Accessibility, Commissioner
Stephen Volan	Transportation Commission, Chair

2. Agenda Summation [6:33pm]

Flaherty summarized the agenda. The purpose was to deepen understanding of the issues with pedestrian safety and accessibility in the context of snow removal, challenges, and opportunities for improvement. The stated outcome was to improve the efficacy of snow removal through targeted policy, budgetary, and operational changes in collaboration with city staff.

3. Identifying Opportunities to Improve Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility Following Snow Events [6:34pm]

Members discussed Indiana University's jurisdiction and city response to snow events. Stosberg suggested increasing fines for non-compliance of sidewalk shoveling, as many of the offenders are commercial businesses and/or are repeat offenders. There was concern for pedestrian safety. Casey Guarino stated that city lots often push plowed snow into ADA spots, and shared other accessibility issues. Councilmembers and Parks and Recreation Director Tim Street discussed constituent feedback, particularly through the uReport system.

James Ford commented on alley plowing and suggested a volunteer coordinator system. Zach Ammerman suggested higher fines for non-compliant apartment property owners. Darrel Ruble spoke in support of snow plow workers.

Street spoke about departmental priorities and responsibilities, including the B-Line, city trails, and Twin Lakes Recreation Center, challenges, and positive aspects. There was discussion on GIS data tracking, staffing, fines, and equipment needs. Suggestions included charging violators both a citation and for snow removal service, coordination with other departments including Parking Services, IU, code changes, software and responsibility clarification. Flaherty, Rosenbarger, and Stosberg would collaborate with other departments and report back to the full council on progress.

4. Public Comment [8:28pm]

There was no additional public comment.

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5. Adjournment [8:31pm]

Daily adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this day: 14th of October, 2026.

APPROVE:

Signed by:

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Signature of Isak Nti Asare, Common Council President

ATTEST:

Signed by:
Nicole Bolden
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Signature of City Clerk Nicole Bolden

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