Bloomington Common Council-Regular Session Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 6:30pm

Council Vice President Zulich called the meeting to order. **[6:32pm]**

1. Roll Call (*indicates participation via Zoom) [6:34pm]

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*	District 4
Kate Rosenbarger	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	City Clerk
Jacob Rossman	Common Council, Attorney
Shawn Miya	Economic and Sustainable Development, Assistant Director of Sustainability
Taylor Brown	Legal, Assistant City Attorney
Anna Killion-Hanson	HAND, Director
Christopher J. Wheeler	Legal, Assistant City Attorney
Steven Stanford	Utilities, Pretreatment Program Coordinator
Adam Wason	Public Works, Director
Eric Greulich	Planning and Transportation, Development Services Manager
John Fernandez	Amplify Bloomington, CEO

2. Agenda Summation [6:34pm]

Council Vice President Zulich summarized the agenda.

3. Minutes for Approval

There were no minutes for approval.

4. Reports [6:35pm]

4.1. Councilmembers

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

Presentation on Climate Action Plan Implementation, presented by Shawn Miya, Assistant Director of Sustainability, Economic and Sustainable Development.

4.3. Council Committees

4.4. Public

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions [7:32pm]

On behalf of Interview Committee B, Flaherty moved and Daily seconded to make the following appointments:

- For the Utilities Service Board - to appoint Patrick Dierkes to seat C-3.
- For the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission - to appoint Amanda Stone to seat C-1, Katherine Vasanth to seat C-4, and Maya Luetke to seat C-7.
- For the Environmental Commissions - to appoint Ashish Nambiar to seat C-2, and Nathaniel Hand to seat C-4.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

6. Legislation for First Readings [7:35]

6.1. Ordinance 2026-38

Amending Title 16 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to update the Residential Rental Unit and Lodging Establishment Inspection Program and add a new section on Short Term Rentals

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-38 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 to discuss Ordinance 2026-38. The motion to discuss Ordinance 2026-38 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Taylor Brown, Assistant City Attorney, presented the legislation.

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to present Ordinance 2026-38 for second reading at the next Regular Session to be held on December 02, 2026 at 6:30pm. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

6.2. Ordinance 2026-39

To Amend Title 10 Of The Bloomington Municipal Code Titled “Wastewater” Regarding Fats, Oils, And Grease

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-39 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 to discuss Ordinance 2026-39. The motion to discuss Ordinance 2026-39 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Steven Stanford, Pretreatment Program Coordinator presented the legislation.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Stosberg seconded to present Ordinance 2026-39 for second reading at the next Regular Session to be held on December 02, 2026 at 6:30pm. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

6.3. Ordinance 2026-41

Amending Title 6 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to Increase Solid Waste Cart Fees and Other Sanitation Service Fees and to Establish New Requirements for Solid Waste Collection

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-41 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 to discuss Ordinance 2026-41. The motion to discuss Ordinance 2026-41 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Adam Wason, Public Works Director, presented the legislation.

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to present Ordinance 2026-41 for second reading at the next Regular Session to be held on December 02, 2026 at 6:30pm. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7. Legislation for Second Readings and Resolutions [9:18pm]

7.1. Resolution 2026-24

To Affirm The City of Bloomington as a Welcoming and Inclusive Community for LGBTQ+ Residents and Visitors and to Reinforce Local Commitments to Equal Protection, Healthcare Access, and Human Rights

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Resolution 2026-24 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Ruff out of the room). Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Zulich passed the gavel to Piedmont-Smith.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Resolution 2026-24 be adopted.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2026-24 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith passed the gavel back to Zulich.

Stosberg moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to consider Ordinance 2026-31 next on the agenda, before Ordinance 2026-27, making it item 7B and Ordinance 2026-27 item 7C.

The motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2. Ordinance 2026-31

UDO Amendments related to Housing Attainability (ZO2026-06-0007)

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-31 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Flaherty out of the room). Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-31 be adopted.

Eric Greulich, Planning and Transportation, Development Services Manager presented the legislation.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Daily seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-31.

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith, eliminates the deletion of sections 20.03.030(b)(3)(D) and 20.03.030(b)(3)(C) from the proposal forwarded to the Council from the Plan Commission.

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-31 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 2 (Flaherty, Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Daily seconded to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-31.

Amendment 02 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith, corrects typographical errors in the definition of “Dwelling, accessory unit (duplex).”

The motion to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-31 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-31 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Ruff), Abstain: 0.

7.3. Ordinance 2026-27

To Fix the Salaries of All Elected City Officials for the City Of Bloomington for the Year 2027

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-27 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 Ordinance 2026-27 be adopted.

Stosberg moved and Daily seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-27.

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Councilmember Stosberg, gives each elected position a flat increase of $1,152 above 2026 salaries. This number was determined by adding the 2.7% COLA increases for each of the separate positions and splitting that increase evenly across the 3 elected positions.

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 4 (Stosberg, Rollo, Ruff, Rosenbarger), Nays: 5 (Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith, Zulich, Asare, Daily), Abstain: 0. FAILED

Stosberg moved and Daily seconded to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-27.

Amendment 02 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Councilmember Stosberg, maintains the 2026 salary levels across each of the elected positions.

The motion to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 2 (Stosberg, Ruff), Nays: 7 (Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith, Zulich, Asare, Daily, Rollo, Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0. FAILED

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6 (Piedmont-Smith, Zulich, Asare, Daily, Rollo, Ruff), Nays: 3 (Flaherty, Stosberg, Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0.

7.4. Ordinance 2026-34

To Vacate Public Parcels Re: Two 12-foot Wide Alley Segments Located in the Southwest Corner of West 11th Street and North Rogers Street (Trades District Community Development, LLC, Petitioner/Owner)

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-34 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-34 be adopted.

Zulich noted that the public-hearing notice ran in The Herald Times on October 23, 2026 and went by certified mail to all three abutting owners, that at the noticed November 4 Regular Session hearing no public objections were offered, and that public comment would be taken that night.

Stosberg moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to continue discussion of Ordinance 2026-34 to the next Regular Session to be held on December 02, 2026 at 6:30pm. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 4 (Flaherty, Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith, Rosenbarger), Nays: 5 (Zulich, Asare, Daily, Rollo, Ruff), Abstain: 0. FAILED

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-34 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5 (Zulich, Asare, Daily, Rollo, Ruff), Nays: 4 (Flaherty, Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith, Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0.

8. Additional Public Comment [11:41pm]

There was no additional public comment.

9. Council Schedule [11:41pm]

10. Adjournment [11:41pm]

Zulich adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:
Clerk Nicole Bolden
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[1] (CATS)
- City of Bloomington YouTube[2]

Background materials and packets[3] are available on the Common Council website.

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