Bloomington Common Council-Regular Session Memorandum
Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:30pm

Council President Asare called the meeting to order. **[6:30pm]**

1. Roll Call (*indicates participation via Zoom) [6:32pm]

Council Members:	
Isak Nti Asare	At-Large, Council President
Courtney Daily	District 5, Council Parliamentarian
Matt Flaherty (absent)	At-Large
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	District 1
Dave Rollo	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	City Clerk
Larry Allen	Common Council, Attorney (temporary)
Jacob Rossman	Common Council, Attorney
Kerry Thomson	Mayor
Geoff McKim*	City Controller
Gretchen Knapp	Deputy Mayor
Andrew Cibor	City Engineer
Eric Greulich	Planning and Transportation, Development Services Manager
Michael Diekhoff	Police Department, Chief
Katherine Zaiger	Utilities, Director
Michael Shermis	Community and Family Resources Department, Special Projects Coordinator

2. Agenda Summation [6:33pm]

Council President Asare summarized the agenda.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Stosberg that each item for first reading have a maximum of twenty minutes to include presentation, council questions, and public comment.

3. Minutes for Approval [6:35pm]

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to approve the minutes of April 15, 2026; April 22, 2026; May 6, 2026; May 13, 2026; May 20, 2026; and June 3, 2026. The motion was approved by voice vote.

4. Reports [6:37pm]

4.1. Councilmembers
4.2. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Offices, and City Boards and Commissions
4.3. Council Committees
4.4. Public

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions [6:57pm]

On behalf of Interview Committee A, Stosberg moved and Zulich seconded to appoint Justus Belton to seat C-2 for the Commission on the Status of Black Males. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Stosberg moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to suspend the rules regarding reports from committees and allow a verbal report from Interview Committee Team C regarding the removal of Reynard Cross from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 4, Nays: 3 (Daily, Ruff, Rollo), Abstain: 0. MOTION FAILED.

Stosberg moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that the item concerning removal of Reynard Cross from the Historic Preservation Commission be continued to the next regular session on November 4th, 2026.

6. Legislation for First Readings [7:04pm]

6.1. Ordinance 2026-29

Amending the Bloomington Municipal Code to Prohibit the Development, Deployment, or Delivery of Superintelligence with the City of Bloomington, Indiana *Council Sponsor: CM Rollo*

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-29 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. Daily withdrew the motion.The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ruff moved and Rollo seconded to hold a limited discussion on Ordinance 2026-29 and to suspend the rules in order to hear a brief presentation from the sponsor of the ordinance and limit discussion to five minutes of Council questions. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-29 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 discuss Ordinance 2026-29. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded to send Ordinance 2026-29 to second reading on November 4th, 2026. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

6.2. Ordinance 2026-30

Authorizing Issuance of City of Bloomington, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, to Provide Funds to Finance the Costs of Certain Capital Improvements, and Equipping Projects and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds and Appropriating the Proceeds Derived from the Sale of Such Bonds *Council Sponsor: CM Stosberg*

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-30 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 discuss Ordinance 2026-30. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Stosberg moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to extend for five minutes. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded to continue Ordinance 2026-30 to second reading on November 4th, 2026. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

6.3. Ordinance 2026-23

UDO Amendments Related to Limited Compliance and Change in Use Standards *Council Sponsor: CM Stosberg*

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-23 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 discuss Ordinance 2026-23. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Daily moved and Daily seconded to continue Ordinance 2026-23 to second reading on November 4th, 2026. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7. Legislation for Second Readings and Resolutions [8:17pm]

Rollo moved and seconded to suspend the rules to alter the agenda to move Ordinance 2026-22 to the next item on the agenda. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Stosberg), Abstain: 0.

7.1. Ordinance 2026-22

Prohibiting Use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology and Certain Video Surveillance Systems Council Sponsor - *CMs Zulich, Piedmont-Smith, Asare*

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-22 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 that Ordinance 2026-22 be adopted.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Zulich seconded Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-22. The motion to adopt Amendment 01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith, corrects the title of the ordinance and the title of the new chapter in BMC.

Zulich moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to move forward Amendment 02 to Ordinance 2026-22. The motion to adopt Amendment 02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Amendment 02 Synopsis: This amendment updates the definition of surveillance cameras in Ordinance 2026-22 regarding BMC 2.87.020.

Piedmont-Smith moved and Zulich seconded Amendment 03 to Ordinance 2026-22. The motion to adopt Amendment 03 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Amendment 03 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith, does the following:
1) Aligns prohibited uses with the expanded definition of surveillance camera proposed by Am. 02 and allows limited technical access to internal systems for repairs - 2.87.035
2) Clarifies that acquisition of ALPR systems, as well as their use, is banned - 2.87.030(a)
3) Clarifies the ban on access to ALPR data collected by others - 2.87.030(d)
4) Adds a requirement for surveillance cameras that ARE allowed under this ordinance to not by used for facial recognition, biometric identification, or automated tracking of persons without prior city council authorization - 2.87.040

Piedmont-Smith moved and Zulich seconded Amendment 05 to Ordinance 2026-22. The motion to adopt Amendment 05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 2 (Zulich, Asare), Abstain: 0.

Amendment 05 Synopsis: This amendment, sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith, includes Central Dispatch as a City Agency, specifically allows the use of body-worn cameras by police, and clarifies that surveillance camera data may be used for the purpose of criminal investigations.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-22 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.2. Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02

An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Establishing 2027 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington) *Council Sponsor - N/A*

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

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

7.3. 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 *Council Sponsor - N/A*

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-04 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2026-04 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

7.4. Ordinance 2026-21

Updating Title 2 to Provide Better Apportionment of Representation on the Transportation Commission and Environment Commission *Council Sponsor - CM Stosberg*

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-21 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-21 be adopted.

Stosberg moved and Zulich seconded Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-21.

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment reduces the number of Environmental Commission seats from twelve to eleven.

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 2026-21 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-21 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

7.4. Resolution 2026-22

To Approve an Update to the City of Bloomington's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan *Council Sponsor - CM Daily*

Daily moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded that Ordinance 2026-22 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Daily moved and Zulich seconded that Ordinance 2026-22 be adopted. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Asare), Abstain: 0.

8. Additional Public Comment * (a maximum of twenty-five minutes is set aside for this section) [12:00am]

9. Council Schedule [12:01am]

10. Adjournment [12:03am]

Asare adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:
Deputy Clerk Colleen Williamson

Clerk's Note: The above memorandum summarizes the motions passed and topics discussed at the meeting. It is not a verbatim copy of every word spoken. Bloomington Common Council meetings are available for watching on the following websites:

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