

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30pm with Council Vice-President Isabel Piedmont-Smith presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 13, 2018

Roll Call: Ruff, Chopra, Piedmont-Smith, Volan, Sandberg, Sims
Members Absent: Granger, Rollo, Sturbaum

ROLL CALL [6:31pm]

Council Vice-President Isabel Piedmont-Smith gave a summary of the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:32pm]

Councilmember Steve Volan moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of May 30, 2018 as revised. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:35pm]
May 30, 2018 (Regular Session)

Volan discussed upcoming events for the city's bicentennial.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:33pm]

Councilmember Allison Chopra noted that Council President Dorothy Granger submitted a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. Granger served on the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee and was also an employee of the Shalom Community Center. Shalom applied for two grants from the Jack Hopkins Committee. During Committee proceedings, Granger declared her conflict of interest, recused herself from all discussion related to the Shalom applications and recused herself from all votes on the Shalom applications. Granger requested that her statutorily-required Conflict of Interest form be submitted to the Council for approval before the 2018 Jack Hopkins allocations were authorized later that evening. Once approved, the form would be signed by Granger and filed with the State Board of Accounts.

Councilmember Susan Sandberg moved and it was seconded to accept the conflict of interest disclosure from Granger. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Vote to accept Conflict of Interest Disclosure [6:38pm]

Caroline Shaw, Human Resources Director, gave an update on a recent salary study and its implementation to the Council.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:39pm]

Brian Payne, Small Business Development Assistant Director, presented the Annual Tax Abatement Report to the Council.

Volan asked why the actual assessed value was lower than the actual new investment amount for several of the projects.

Payne said there were different variables for each of the projects.

Volan asked for more information to supplement what was provided.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the Foundry project had a deadline for completion.

Payne said he would find the Foundry's deadline.

There were no reports from Council Committees.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There was no public comment.

- PUBLIC [7:26pm]

Chopra moved and it was seconded to appoint James Schultz to the Animal Control Commission. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [7:36pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-12 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Deputy Clerk Bethany Wages read the legislation by title and synopsis.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING AND RESOLUTIONS
[7:45pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-12 be adopted.

Resolution 18-12 – Waiving Current
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)
by the Bloomington Housing
Authority to the City

Doris Sims, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department Director, and Amber Skoby, Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA) Executive Director, presented the legislation.

Piedmont-Smith asked how many residents in the BHA were at or below 30% of the area median income.

Skoby said it was 85% of residents.

Piedmont-Smith asked what designation the BHA received from Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Skobny said they received high performer status.

Council Questions:

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Volan said the legislation was a chance for the BHA to report on its work and was happy to support the resolution.

Council Comment:

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-12 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Sims).

Vote on Resolution 18-12 [7:15pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-09 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Wages read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1.

Resolution 18-09 – To Designate an
Economic Revitalization Area,
Approve the Statement of Benefits,
and Authorize Periods of Abatement
for Real Property Improvements -
Re: Property Located at 1107 West
3rd Street and Identified by the
Monroe County Parcel ID Number
53-08-05-200-044.000-009)
(Milestone Ventures, LLC,
Petitioner)

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-09 be adopted.

Payne presented the legislation to the Council.

Piedmont-Smith asked Payne to discuss the local tax abatement guidelines and criteria since the proposal did not meet the requirement for the creation of full time jobs.

Payne said that there was flexibility in the local guidelines and that Council was not prohibited by law from designating the property as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA).

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Piedmont-Smith said the past guidelines for tax abatements were focused on employment. She said that affordable housing was very important and hoped Council could rewrite the guidelines to reflect that as a priority.

Council Comment:

Volan said the proposal was a good use of a tax abatement.

Sandberg said it was a positive step in the right direction.

Piedmont-Smith said it was a great investment that would bring more housing into the community.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-09 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote on Resolution 18-09 [7:24pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-11 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Wages read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution 18-11 – Authorizing the Allocation of the Jack Hopkins Social Service Program Funds for the Year 2018 and Related Matters

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-11 be adopted.

Chopra, Chair of the Jack Hopkins Social Service Committee, presented the legislation to the Council. She noted that the allocation amounts were listed in the resolution.

Piedmont-Smith noted that the committee divided the question so that Granger could recuse herself from deliberations related to Shalom.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Chopra thanked Jennifer Crossley and Tim Mayer for serving on the Committee.

Council Comment:

Sandberg thanked non-profit organizations in the city for their hard work.

Sims spoke to the difficulty of allocating funds and thanked the committee for its work.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-11 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote on Resolution 18-11 [7:36pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-12 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Wages read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 18-12 – To Amend Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Bloomington Municipal Code – Re: Adding Chapter 2.86 (Prohibitions Associated with Use of the Critical Incident Response Team Armored Rescue Vehicle)

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-13 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Wages read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 18-13 – To Add a Residential Single Family (RS) Zoned Parcel and Make Other Amendments to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District Ordinance and Approve the Associated Preliminary Plan – Re: 2005 S. Maxwell Street and 1280 & 1325 E. Short Street (Loren Wood Builders, Petitioner)

Volan moved and it was seconded to refer Ordinance 18-13 to the Land Use Committee which would meet at 5:30pm on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

Vote on motion to refer to Land Use Committee [7:39pm]

The motion to refer Ordinance 18-13 to the Land Use Committee received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

There was no public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no changes to the council schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:41pm]

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 17th day of June, 2018.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dorothy Granger, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington