

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 6:32pm, Council President Dave Rollo presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 14, 2019

Members present: Ruff, Chopra, Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Rollo, Volan, Sims, Sandberg (arrived at 6:39 pm)
Members absent: Sturbaum

ROLL CALL [6:32pm]

Council President Dave Rollo summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION
[6:32pm]

Councilmember Dorothy Granger moved and it was seconded to approve minutes of May 22, 2019. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
[6:36 pm]
May 22, 2019 (Regular Session)

Granger voiced her excitement over the renovations and construction at Switchyard Park.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS
[6:35pm]

Councilmember Jim Sims said constituents had asked why the Council had not made a statement about the white supremacy issues at the Bloomington Farmer's Market. He said he rejected the ideas and actions of white supremacists. He spoke of an upcoming protest in Portland, Oregon.

Councilmember Steve Volan spoke about an ordinance previously passed by the Council that dealt with scooter regulations. He explained where scooters could be parked and responded to concerns voiced by some members of the public. He said scooter companies should remove offending scooters if parked illegally.

Councilmember Susan Sandberg said the city's Plan Commission was going through a process of reviewing and updating the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). She noted the dates of upcoming meetings of the Plan Commission where the UDO would be reviewed.

Shatoyia Moss, Safe and Civil City Director, introduced students who had participated in the city's Youth Participatory Budgeting (YPB) program. She complimented how hard-working the students in the program had been throughout the summer. Moss introduced steering committee members Naomi Young and Carter Hays.

- The MAYOR AND CITY
OFFICES [6:48 pm]

Young noted there were 11 steering committee members and 16 delegates from Bloomington schools. She explained the importance of selecting delegates from unique backgrounds.

Hayes and Young explained how the YPB program worked and how the program allowed youth to get involved in funding community projects with a real budget.

Youth Participatory
Budgeting Report

Councilmember Allison Chopra asked if the total budget for the program of \$15,000 would be used on one project.

Hayes said that was correct.

Volan asked how the program was advertised.

Young said through social media, printed posters at schools, and word-of-mouth.

Volan asked if people were aware that the program allowed youth to make decisions about real money.

Young said most people were skeptical about the concept, but more students were starting to join in on suggesting ideas.

Volan asked if all 27 members voted or if the delegates were the only members who could vote.

Hayes said there were different levels of involvement. He said the steering committee designed the process and the delegates were supposed to encourage community involvement to suggest project ideas.

Young explained that the program required participants to be in grades 7-12. She said all students could vote, yet the steering committee designed the process.

Volan asked if YPB would decide what few projects would be available for others to vote on.

Young said there would be a stakeholders meeting for adults to help refine ideas and decide if the ideas were feasible.

Volan asked if they would use run-off voting.

Hayes said they had not decided on the voting process but would consider it.

Sims said he was happy to see YPB in action. He said he wished YPB could repair all of the broken sidewalks.

Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith asked when the Council would know what project YPB chose to fund.

Moss said the Council would be told by the end of the finalized budget hearings for the city in October, yet the announcement would not be made until early November.

Chopra encouraged the members of YPB to challenge the opinions of the adults and take a stand for their own beliefs.

Rollo thanked the students for coming to report to the Council and said he looked forward to hearing from them in the future.

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Daniel Bingham commented on the lack of information concerning the issues at the Bloomington Farmer's Market. He explained how Schooner Creek Farm intimidated local vendors. He discussed other white supremacist actions in Ohio and Carmel, Indiana.

- PUBLIC [7:05pm]

Terry Ansler spoke in support of the Youth Participatory Budgeting group because it taught the youth governance and leadership. He said public engagement was very important and should be utilized more.

Carol Thompson read excerpts from the letters she had written to the councilmembers regarding motorized scooters parked on tree plots. She said she hoped the Council would revisit the scooter ordinance and publish a response to her questions.

Volan urged Thompson to review his response from earlier and said he planned to write her a letter in response as well.

Granger moved and it was seconded to appoint Suzannah Evans Comfort and Angel Nathans to the Environmental Commission. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Granger moved and it was seconded to appoint Dane Crowder to the Traffic Commission. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-13 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Chief Deputy Clerk Stephen Lucas read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [8:15pm]

Ordinance 19-13 To Amend Title 15 of The Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles & Traffic" - Re: Amending Sections 15.32.080 (No Parking Zones) and 15.37.020 (Applicability [of Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking Zones])

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-13 be adopted.

Volan explained how the ordinance would affect parking along Dunn Street.

Rollo asked Volan if he could display a diagram of the proposed changes.

Volan displayed a map of the area in question and detailed the proposed changes to Dunn Street.

Sims asked how parking would change between 10th Street and 9th Street.

Volan said parking would be on the east side only. He said between 9th Street and 7th Street parking could be on both sides. Volan said between 7th Street and 6th Street there would be parking on both sides but it would be metered.

There were no public comments.

Public comment:

Piedmont-Smith said she believed the ordinance was a good idea because more parking in residential areas was needed. She said she liked the possible traffic reduction due to the lane reduction.

Council comment:

Volan said August 15th would be the first day where people would be renewing their residential permits. He said the new parking rules would be going into effect soon.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 19-13 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote on Ordinance 19-13 as amended [7:37pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING (7:36 pm)

Volan moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 19-04 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Lucas read the legislation by title and noted there was no synopsis.

Appropriation Ordinance 19-04 Additional Appropriation for Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation for 2019 (To Purchase One Electric Bus and Two BT Access Vehicles)

There was no additional public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Volan moved and it was seconded to cancel the Internal Work Session scheduled for August 16, 2019. The motion was approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Volan moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 29 day of September, 2019.

APPROVE:



Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington