

In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 6:30pm, Council President Stephen Volan presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council. Per the Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting was conducted electronically.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
April 15, 2020

Councilmembers present via teleconference: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan  
Councilmembers absent: none

ROLL CALL [6:32pm]

Council President Volan summarized the agenda and stated that the items on the agenda were matters critical to the operation of the city government.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:32pm]

There were no reports from councilmembers.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS
- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

Penny Caudill, Monroe County Health Department Health Administrator, gave an update on the public health emergency. Caudill discussed the COVID-19 website, testing, the importance of masks, and the importance of social distancing.

There was council discussion related to testing availability, hospitalization rates, infection rates, antibody test availability, and the impact on the Black community.

Mayor John Hamilton reported on the public health emergency, the impact on Bloomington, the importance of remaining vigilant, and social distancing.

Beverly Calender-Anderson, Community and Family Resources Department Director, gave an update on the Social Services Working Group.

Alex Crowley, Economic and Sustainable Development Director, gave an update on the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) loan program.

There was council discussion related to the RRF application process, BUEA funding, sheltering needs, short-term business assistance, and hotel rooms for essential workers.

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
- PUBLIC

Jim Shelton spoke of the need for Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates volunteers.

Jennifer Pearl, President of the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC), acknowledged essential workers in the pandemic.

Kelly Clark thanked various city officials for helping the Bloomington Fabric Mask Drive.

Ethan Shiman asked if it was possible for any Indiana University students in off-campus housing to be reimbursed for utility fees.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND  
COMMISSIONS

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST  
READING AND RESOLUTIONS  
[7:38pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-06 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 20-06 – To Repeal and Replace the Official Zoning Map Within Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled, “Unified Development Ordinance”

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-07 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 20-07 – To Amend Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled, “Unified Development Ordinance”

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

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that the Council introduce and consider Ordinance 20-06 for adoption at the same meeting and on the same night it was introduced. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Ordinance 20-06 – To Repeal and Replace the Official Zoning Map Within Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled, “Unified Development Ordinance”

Volan asked for clarification on the state law that allowed a council to introduce and consider a piece of legislation on the same night.

Lucas explained that state law makes an exception for planning ordinances.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-06 be adopted.

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Scott Robinson, Planning Assistant Director, presented the legislation and explained that the zoning maps needed to be updated to reflect the change in zoning names.

There was council discussion about when the changes would be implemented, public notice, and public comment.

There was no public comment.

Piedmont-Smith thanked everyone involved in the Planning Department for their work on Ordinance 20-06.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-06 be adopted. The motion to adopt Ordinance 20-06 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 20-06  
[8:02pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-07 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.

Ordinance 20-07 – To Amend Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled, “Unified Development Ordinance”

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-07 be adopted.

Robinson spoke of the changes that would be made with the adoption of Ordinance 20-07.

*Ordinance 20-07 (cont'd)*

Terri Porter, Director of Planning, thanked the Council for their assistance in preparing the UDO. Porter also thanked Robinson for his work.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that the Council introduce and consider Ordinance 20-07 for adoption at the same meeting and on the same night it was introduced. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. There were no council questions.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Susan Sandberg thanked the Planning Department for their work and to the public for being involved in the process.

Volan spoke of the importance of the updated UDO and stated his support and acknowledgement to the Planning Department for their work.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 20-07 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 20-07  
[8:14pm]

There was no public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Lucas, Deputy Council Attorney, reviewed the upcoming council schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Rollo moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT [8:16pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 26 day of May, 2021.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

  
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Jim Sims, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

  
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Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
City of Bloomington