

In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 6:30pm, Council President Susan Sandberg presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council. Per the Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 2, 2022

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 [6:31pm]

Council President Susan Sandberg summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:32pm]

Rollo moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020, October 14, 2020, December 9, 2020, December 16, 2020, and December 21, 2020. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:33pm]

August 12, 2020 (Regular Session)
October 14, 2020 (Special Session)
December 09, 2020 (Special Session)
December 16, 2020 (Regular Session)
December 21, 2020 (Special Session)

Sgambelluri noted her upcoming constituent meeting to be held via Zoom that upcoming Saturday.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:35pm]

Sims noted the beginning of the Lunar New Year. He discussed Black History Month and acknowledged Beverly Calendar-Anderson and Shatoyia Moss for their work on the City of Bloomington's Black History Month Kickoff Celebration. He encouraged the public to look for more events at bloomington.in.gov/bhm.

Volan commented on the Eagleson Avenue renaming ceremony. He said he looked forward to the larger celebration ceremony that was scheduled in April.

Rollo commented on the Eagleson Avenue ceremony, noted that it was an important day in city history, and acknowledged those who were a part of the renaming task force.

Rosenbarger said that during the 2022 year her constituent meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Scott Robinson, Planning and Transportation Director, and Jackie Scanlan, Planning and Transportation Development Services Manager, gave a report on plexes as it related to Ordinance 21-23. There was brief council discussion following the report.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:42pm]

Mary Catherine Carmichael, Director of Community Engagement, introduced Jonathan Ingram from Novak Consulting Group to give a report on their review of the City Boards and Commissions. There was council discussion following the report.

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES [7:48pm]

- PUBLIC [7:49pm]

Greg Alexander commented on a previous ordinance regarding fines for public right of way, and thanked the city for its' implementation.

Sandberg acknowledged that there was an error in a committee assignment from the previous regular session¹, and made the following correction to the following Council appointments: for the Climate Action & Resilience Committee: Flaherty (chair), Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, and Smith.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [7:52pm]

There was brief discussion with Clerk Nicole Bolden about how that change would be recorded in the minutes.

Rollo moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 22-04 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [7:55pm]

Rollo moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 22-04 be adopted.

Ordinance -22-04 To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Administration and Personnel" – Re: Amending BMC 2.12 (Boards, Commissions and Councils) to Make Certain Commission Memberships Easier to Fill

Volan presented the legislation. He explained that the ordinance changed one seat on the Parking Commission from a mayoral appointment to a council appointment. He also noted that the legislation would restructure the Citizens Redistricting Advisory Commission, with the composition to include two members from the Democratic Party, two members from the Republican Party, and one Independent, reducing the total number of commissioners from nine to five.

Council discussion:

Sims asked what type of feedback Volan had received from the administration regarding the change of seat on the parking commission.

Volan said that the seat has been vacant since August 2019, had previously asked the administration to appoint someone, and that the administration had refused. He commented that being in Bloomington, it shouldn't have been difficult to find someone to fill the vacated seat. Volan welcomed anyone from the administration to comment regarding the vacant seat.

Carmichael noted it had been a struggle to keep the Parking Commission filled. She added that changing the seat from mayoral to council appointment was atypical according to state statute, but understandable.

Volan said he understood the challenge to fill the commissions. He reiterated that six of the nine seats were council appointments and that the proposed change did not go against state statute. He noted that the administration was still represented on the parking commission.

Carmichael said that there had been high turnover on all of the commissions during Covid, agreed it had been an issue with the Parking Commission, and apologized for not keeping it fully staffed.

There was no public comment on Ordinance 22-04.

Public comment:

The motion to adopt Ordinance 22-04 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 22-04[8:04pm]

There was no additional public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Volan moved and it was seconded to cancel the Committee of the Whole scheduled for February 9. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [8:06pm]

¹ Please see the minutes from the Regular Session on January 19, 2022.

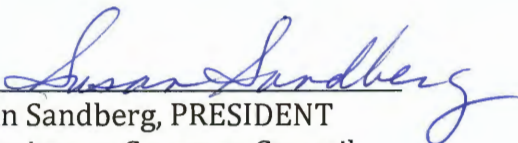
Rollo moved and it was seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT [8:09pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 23rd day of March, 2022.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington