In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, January 05, 2022, at 6:30 pm, Council President Jim Sims presided over an Organizational Meeting of the Common Council. This meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom per the Governor’s Executive Orders.

Councilmembers present via Zoom: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan

Councilmembers absent: none

Council President Jim Sims summarized the agenda.

There were no minutes for approval.

Sgambelluri noted her constituent meeting that was to be held on the upcoming Saturday.

Smith said Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee would be meeting soon.

Volan stated that he would be bringing legislation later in the month regarding commission appointment seats.

Flaherty noted that his constituent meetings would be held on the third Monday of each month throughout the year.

Rollo spoke about the joint constituent meeting with Sandberg which would be held on the third Saturday of each month throughout the year.

Piedmont-Smith announced her constituent meetings that would be held on the second Saturday of each month during the year. She commented on the first anniversary of the January 6th insurrection and urged all voters to protect the democratic process.

Sims congratulated Jennifer Crossley on making history with her election to the Monroe County Council.

There were no reports from the Mayor or city offices.

There were no council committee reports.

There was no public comment.

Flaherty moved and it was seconded to suspend the rules to conduct the election of council offers and appointment to boards and commissions.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Sims noted that if the candidate did not receive a majority of the vote then that candidate would be dropped and the process would continue until they concluded with a winner. He also noted once the presidency of council was completed, that the virtual gavel would be passed over to that person to complete the rest of the meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the election of officers.
Flaherty moved and it was seconded to modify his previous motion to consider the officer positions sequentially.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Rollo moved and it was seconded to nominate Sandberg to Council President.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to nominate Flaherty to Council President.

There was a discussion about whom to choose as Council President.

The motion received a roll call vote as follows:

- Matt Flaherty - Flaherty
- Isabel Piedmont-Smith - Flaherty
- Dave Rollo - Sandberg
- Kate Rosenbarger - Flaherty
- Susan Sandberg - Sandberg
- Sue Sgambelluri - Sgambelluri
- Jim Sims - Sandberg
- Ron Smith - Sandberg
- Stephen Volan - Flaherty

Council President Final Tally: Sandberg 5, Flaherty 4

Sims thanked the community for support during his term as Council President. He also gave the virtual gavel to Sandberg.

Incoming Council President Susan Sandberg presided over the remainder of the meeting.

There was a brief discussion about previous presidents receiving their commemorative gavels.

President Sandberg asked if there were any nominations for Council Vice President.

Sims moved and it was seconded to nominate Sgambelluri for Council Vice President.

Rosenbarger moved and it was seconded to nominate Flaherty to Council Vice President.

There was a discussion about whom to choose as Council Vice President.

The motion received a roll call vote as follows:

- Matt Flaherty - Flaherty
- Isabel Piedmont-Smith - Flaherty
- Dave Rollo - Sgambelluri
- Kate Rosenbarger - Flaherty
- Susan Sandberg - Sgambelluri
- Sue Sgambelluri - Sgambelluri
- Jim Sims - Sgambelluri
- Ron Smith - Sgambelluri
- Stephen Volan - Flaherty

Council Vice President Final Tally: Sgambelluri 5, Flaherty 4
Sandberg asked if there are any nominations for Council Parliamentarian.

Smith moved and it was seconded that Rollo be elected as Parliamentarian.

There was a discussion about the role of the Parliamentarian.

The roll call vote for Rollo as Parliamentarian was Ayes: 9, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0.

Sandberg reviewed the new seating assignments for members for in-person meetings for council members.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

Sandberg noted she wanted to have more time to talk to council members for appointments to council committees and wanted to have a motion for the delay.

Clerk Nicole Bolden asked if the delay was for appointments to boards or commissions.

Sandberg stated the delay was for the individual council appointments to committees.

Sims moved and it was seconded to postpone the appointments to boards and commissions until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 22-01 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 22-01 be adopted.

Larry Allen, Assistant City Attorney, presented the legislation and Tyler Kalachnik and Janine Betsey co-presented. The legislation supported tax-exempt financing for the renovation of affordable housing located at 2500 S. Rockport Road.

There was council discussion related to adverse competitive impact, the language related to applying for tax credits, and the percentage of affordable housing units.

There was no public comment on Resolution 22-01.

Sims noted his support for the resolution.

The motion to adopt Resolution 22-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.
Jim Shelton spoke about the need for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers.

Sam Dove gave a written comment about crosswalk safety.

Heather Lacy reviewed the upcoming council schedule.

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