

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.

COMMON COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
January 05, 2022

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

ROLL CALL [6:32 pm]

Council President Jim Sims summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:31 pm]

There were no minutes for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
[6:31 pm]

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

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS  
[6:35 pm]

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There was no public comment.

- PUBLIC

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Vote to Suspend the Rules  
[6:48 pm]

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.

Vote to Modify Process [6:52 pm]

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

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:

Vote for Council President  
[7:19 pm]

Matt Flaherty - **Flaherty**  
Isabel Piedmont-Smith - **Flaherty**  
Dave Rollo - **Sandberg**  
Kate Rosenbarger - **Flaherty**  
Susan Sandberg - **Sandberg**  
Sue Sgambelluri - **Sandberg**  
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.

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:

Vote for Council Vice President  
[7:34 pm]

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.

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.

Vote for Parliamentarian [7:47 pm]

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

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND 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.

ASSIGNMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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.

Vote to Postpone Appointments [7:54 pm]

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [7:56 pm]

Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 22-01 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Resolution 22-01 Preliminary Approval to Issue Economic Development Revenue Bonds and Lend the Proceeds for the Renovation of Affordable Housing - Re: County View Apartments, 2500 S Rockport Road (Country View Housing, LP, on behalf of itself of an affiliated to-be-formed entity, Petitioner)

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.

Council discussion:

There was no public comment on Resolution 22-01.

Public comment:

Sims noted his support for the resolution.

Council discussion:

The motion to adopt Resolution 22-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 22-01 [8:15pm]

Jim Shelton spoke about the need for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Dove gave a written comment about crosswalk safety.

Heather Lacy reviewed the upcoming council schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [8:18 pm]

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


ADJOURNMENT [8:20 pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 6 day of April, 2022.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

  
Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

  
Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
City of Bloomington