

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Bloomington Common Council- Regular Session**  
**Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana**  
**Wednesday, March 01, 2023**

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm  
Council President Sue Sgambelluri presided.

**ROLL CALL**

**Councilmembers present:** Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger, Sue Sgambelluri, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan

**Councilmembers present via Zoom:** none

**Councilmembers absent:** Jim Sims, Susan Sandberg

**City staff, officials, and guests present:** Stephen Lucas, Ash Kulak, John Zody, Amir Farshchi, Chaz Mottinger, Andrea de la Rosa, Talisha Coppock, Deputy Mayor Mary Catherine Carmichael, City Clerk Nicole Bolden

**AGENDA SUMMATION**

Council President Sue Sgambelluri gave a land acknowledgment and summarized the agenda, noting that the Transportation Demand Manager report would be given on March 29, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes for approval.

**REPORTS**

**Mayor and City Offices**

Report on City of Bloomington Capital Improvements, Inc. (CBCI)- DM-MCC

**Council committees**

Committee on Council Processes – Re: motion for removal of Traffic Commission member

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**ACTION:** Rollo moved and it was seconded that the motion to remove Mr. Alexander that he made on February 1, 2023 be withdrawn and that he be allowed to offer a revised motion in line with the Committee recommendations the council heard earlier that night. There was no objection to the request.

**MOTION:** Rollo moved and it was seconded *that Greg Alexander be removed from the Traffic Commission for cause under BMC 2.08.020. Specifically, Mr. Alexander:*

*1. Posted the following comment on social media as a response to a member of the public expressing concern about a planned infrastructure project “punching” through certain streets in her neighborhood: “what are*

*they punching through with? i would really like to know. it sounds like they are going to savagely penetrate your neighborhood and i want to know what they're going to use to do that?"*

*2. Posted the following comment on social media: "haters gonna hate and bloomington democrats gonna lick the shit out from between elm heights' neighbors ass cheeks".*

*3. Sent unsolicited hand-written letters directly to members of the public who had appeared at Council meetings, which led to complaints and concerns from those members of the public.*

*Serving on the Traffic Commission entails several duties, including carrying on educational activities and receiving complaints having to do with traffic matters.*

*These duties involve engaging with the public, and several members of the public have described to this Council their concerns about being targeted, bullied, or intimidated by Mr. Alexander. His actions and comments and the resulting public complaints this Council has received have compromised his ability and fitness to engage with the public and carry out his duties. While these comments were not made in a public meeting, his response to a resident's concern about a city project was offensive and used a reference to sexual violence to ridicule the concern. His comment about one of Bloomington's neighborhoods demonstrates bias. Bullying behavior and bias could discourage and has discouraged residents from voicing traffic concerns and from interacting with the Traffic Commission or the city.*

*To be clear, I do not make this motion because of Mr. Alexander's substantive criticisms of the city, the Council, or myself. Rather, I make this motion out of concern about Mr. Alexander's fitness to carry out the duties of his appointment to the Traffic Commission.*

*In making this motion, I also ask that the Council make no formal decision tonight, but instead give Mr. Alexander an opportunity to provide any written comments he would like offer the Council in response to this particular motion.*

ACTION: Rollo moved and it was seconded to withdraw his motion. There was no objection to the request.

## **LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 23-05** – To Approve Recommendations of the Mayor for Distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for 2023

MOTION: Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 23-05 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

ACTION: The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 23-05 be adopted.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Resolution 23-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

**Ordinance 23-03** – Ordinance 23-03 - To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" - Re: Amending Section 15.12.010 to remove seven stop intersections, to add six stop intersections, and to delete one 4-way stop intersection; Section 15.12.020 to add one yield intersection; Section 15.32.030 to delete angle parking on Fourth Street between College Avenue and Gentry Street; Section 15.32.080 to add no parking spaces on Duncan Drive, Nineteenth Street, and Strong Drive and to remove no parking spaces on Grant Street and Nineteenth Street; and Section 15.32.090 to add limited parking zones to Eighth Street

MOTION: Rollo moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 23-03 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

MOTION: Rollo moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 23-03 be adopted.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Ordinance 23-03 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

**Resolution 23-04** – A Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Expanded Outdoor Dining Program in the Downtown Corridor

MOTION: Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 23-04 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

ACTION: The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Volan moved and it was seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Resolution 23-04.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Resolution 23-04 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 2 (Rollo, Smith), Nays: 4, Abstain: 1 (Volan). FAILED

MOTION: Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 23-04 be adopted.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Resolution 23-04 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

## **LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READINGS**

There was no legislation for first reading.

## **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

## **ADJOURNMENT [10:49pm]**

ACTION: Sgambelluri adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:  
Clerk Nicole Bolden

