

MEMORANDUM

Bloomington Common Council-Budget Hearings for 2024 City Budget Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana Monday, August 28, 2023

NOTE: Formal minutes are not produced for budget hearings; the following summarizes actions taken at the following meeting of the budget hearings.

Meeting called to order: 5:32pm

Chair: Matt Flaherty

Councilmembers present: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger (arrived at 5:45pm), Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan

Councilmembers absent: None

Councilmembers present via Zoom: None

City staff and officials present: Beverly Calender-Anderson, Beth Cate, Rick Dietz, Cheryl Gilliland, Devta Kidd, Josefa Madrigal, Jeff McMillian, Emily Pierson, Ash Kulak, Stephen Lucas, Deputy Mayor Larry Allen, Mayor John Hamilton, Chief Deputy Clerk Sofia McDowell, Clerk Nicole Bolden

City staff and officials present via Zoom: Michael Crump, Jeff Underwood, Paul Post, John Zody

Topics Discussed:

The Common Council met nightly from August 28-31, 2023 to discuss the 2024 Budget for the City of Bloomington as proposed by Mayor John Hamilton. Each department presented its budget for 2024 and received a preliminary vote from the Common Council. Throughout the remainder of August and September, the administration will work with the Common Council and various departments to prepare a final version of the 2024 budget for the City of Bloomington. In October, the Common Council hears the budget and makes a final vote. At that time, councilmembers may vote to reduce the budget but may not increase the budget.

The votes taken on each department's budget are non-binding recommendations that reflect the Council's position on the presented budgets at that time. The Council's adoption of the 2024 budget will not include department-by-department votes. The Council is scheduled to consider and vote on three appropriation ordinances and three salary ordinances later this fall. The three appropriation ordinances include the civil city budget, the Utilities Department budget, and the budget for Bloomington Transit. The three salary ordinances will include salaries for officers of the police and fire departments, salaries for appointed officers, non-union, and A.F.S.C.M.E. employees for all the departments of the city, and salaries for elected officials. Council discussion and a public hearing on these items of legislation is scheduled for September 27th beginning at 6:30pm. The budget adoption meeting is scheduled for October 11th beginning at 6:30pm.

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that, for the duration of budget week, to limit councilmember questions to no more than 3 minutes per councilmember, per presentation, and to limit councilmember comments to 3 minutes per department or presentation, and limit public comment to 2 minutes per speaker.

ACTION: The motion was approved by a voice vote.

ACTION: Piedmont-Smith gave a land acknowledgment.

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Sims seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Human Resources 2024 Budget, as presented, within the relevant salary ordinance and appropriation ordinance for consideration.

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

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Sims seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Clerk 2024 Budget, as presented, within the relevant salary ordinance and appropriation ordinance for consideration.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 0, Nays: 6, Abstain: 3. FAILED

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Sims seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Legal 2024 Budget, as presented, within the relevant salary ordinance and appropriation ordinance for consideration.

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

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Sims seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Information and Technology Services 2024 Budget, as presented, within the relevant salary ordinance and appropriation ordinance for consideration.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Flaherty), Abstain: 0.

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Rollo seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the City Council 2024 Budget, as presented, within the relevant salary ordinance and appropriation ordinance for consideration.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 3 (Sandberg, Sims, Smith), Nays: 4 (Flaherty, Rollo, Rosenbarger, Volan), Abstain: 2 (Piedmont-Smith, Sgambelluri). FAILED

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Rollo seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Controller 2024 Budget, as presented, within the relevant salary ordinance and appropriation ordinance for consideration.

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

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Sims seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Mayor 2024 Budget, as presented, within the relevant salary ordinance and appropriation ordinance for consideration.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Flaherty), Abstain: 2 (Piedmont-Smith, Sandberg).

ACTION: Flaherty adjourned the meeting until August 29, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Meeting ended: 9:24pm

Memorandum prepared by:
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