

MEMORANDUM
Bloomington Common Council-Budget Hearings for 2024 City Budget
Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
Tuesday, August 29, 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: Kate Rosenbarger

Councilmembers present: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan (left at 6:15pm)

Councilmembers absent: None

Councilmembers present via Zoom: None

City staff and officials present: John Connell, Vic Kelson, Jason Moore, Mike Diekhoff, Justin Crossley, Beth Cate, Josefa Madrigal, Jeff McMillian, Stephen Lucas, Mayor John Hamilton, Clerk Nicole Bolden

City staff and officials present via Zoom: Jeff Underwood, John Zody, Cheryl Gilliland, Jordan Canada, Tania Daffron

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 this week on each department's budget are non-binding recommendations that reflect the Council's position on the presented budgets at this 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.

ACTION: Piedmont-Smith gave a land acknowledgment.

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Rollo seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Bloomington Transit 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 Rollo seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Utilities 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: 0, Abstain: 0. (Volan left at 6:15pm)

MOTION: Piedmont-Smith moved and Rollo seconded that the council recommend inclusion of the Fire 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: 0, Abstain: 2 (Sandberg, Sims). (Volan left at 6:15pm)

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

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 2 (Flaherty, Smith), Nays: 3 (Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Sandberg), Abstain: 3 (Sgambelluri, Sims, Smith). (Volan left at 6:15pm). FAILED.

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

Meeting ended: 8:21pm

Memorandum prepared by:
Clerk Nicole Bolden
City of Bloomington