



City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet –Addendum

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Wednesday, 10 January 2024

Organizational Meeting at 6:30 pm

ORGANIZATION DAY WORKSHEET FOR 2024 - JANUARY 10, 2024

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (action by motions of Council)

	2023	2024
President	<input type="text" value="Sgambelluri"/>	<input type="text"/>
Vice President	<input type="text" value="Piedmont-Smith"/>	<input type="text"/>
Parliamentarian	<input type="text" value="Rollo"/>	<input type="text"/>

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (action by motions of Council)

(All appointments of Councilmembers are for voting members except where noted.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Bloomington Economic Development Corp.](#)

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(1-year term; ex-officio)

The BEDC is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs in Monroe County, Indiana. Its work is guided by 6 officers from the business sector as well as ex officio members from city government, county government, and the town of Ellettsville.

[Downtown Bloomington, Inc Board of Directors](#)

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(1-year term; ex-officio)

Downtown Bloomington Inc. [DBI] is a non-profit membership organization focused on the continued revitalization of Downtown Bloomington, Indiana. Since 1984, the mission has been to educate the public about the benefits of a strong downtown, to facilitate public and private partnerships and to provide unified leadership in order to strengthen and support Downtown Bloomington as the heart of the city for all citizens. The Board of DBI includes representatives from city and county governments, the non-profit sector, downtown businesses, and Visit Bloomington.

[Economic Development Commission \(County\)](#)

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(Nomination by Council; 4-year term; removal limited by state code [IC 36-7-12];)

The Economic Development Commission of Monroe County is established under Indiana state code for the financing of economic development and pollution control facilities, to review issues related to tax abatements, and to hear economic development bond applicants.

[Economic Development Commission \(City\)](#)

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(Nomination by Council; 4 year term; removal limited by state code [IC 36-7-12; BMC 2.30.010]; current appointment ends in Jan. 2026.)

The Bloomington Economic Development Commission (EDC) was created to enhance economic growth within the City of Bloomington. The five commissioners employ a variety of tools to stimulate redevelopment and increased employment, including tax abatements and economic development revenue bonds.

Note: Cm. Flaherty has indicated a desire to resign from this Commission.

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PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

Plan Commission

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2023

Smith

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(Term of Council appointee is co-extensive with member's term of office on Council, unless the Council appoints another to serve as its representative [IC 36-7-4-217].)

The Plan Commission is the land use and development policy body for the City and is the decision-making body for site plan review, preliminary and final plats, and final Planned Unit Developments (PUDs). The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Common Council for rezoning requests, preliminary PUDs, and amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The Plan Commission also advises the Common Council on the adoption of, and amendments to, the Comprehensive Plan.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Volan

The Bloomington-Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that serves the City of Bloomington, the Town of Ellettsville and parts of Monroe County, as originally designated by the Governor of Indiana in 1982. The BMCMPPO also includes Indiana University and Bloomington Transit as planning partners.

The Policy Committee of the Bloomington-Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO) discusses and approves MPO policies, plans, and programs.

Parking Commission

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Volan

(1-year term [BMC 2.12.110])

The purpose of the Parking Commission is, in coordination with decision-makers and other entities as is necessary or prudent: (1) to develop, implement, maintain, and promote a comprehensive policy on parking that takes into account the entirety of, and furthers the objectives of, the city's comprehensive plan; and (2) to coordinate parking activities, to carry on educational activities in parking matters, to supervise the preparation and publication of parking reports, to receive comments and concerns having to do with parking matters, and to recommend to the common council and to appropriate city officials ways and means for achieving the city's comprehensive plan objectives through the administration of parking policies and the enforcement of parking regulations.

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT

Board of the Waste Reduction District of Monroe County

(formerly Solid Waste Management District)

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Piedmont-Smith

(Term of Council appointee is co-extensive with member's term of office on Council, but serves at the pleasure of the Council [IC 13- 21-3-8].)

The mission of the Waste Reduction District of Monroe County (formerly the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District) is to promote and contribute to long-term sustainability and a healthier environment by reducing the amount of waste going to final disposal. We recognize that waste reduction plays an important role in mitigating climate change and improving environmental quality, and we place our mission in this global and local context.

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability

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Flaherty

The City of Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS) promotes economic development, environmental health, and social equity in our community for present and future generations. The commission gathers and disseminates information; promotes practical initiatives; and measures, monitors, and reports on our community's progress toward sustainability.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Citizens Advisory Committee - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

(1-year term)

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— Social Services

Smith

— Physical Improvements

Rosenbarger

This is the public body that reviews and recommends CDBG funding for a variety of community projects.

TAX ADVISORY BOARDS

Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission **(County)**

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Volan

(1-year term [IC 6-9-41-16])

In order to coordinate and assist efforts of the county and city fiscal bodies regarding the utilization of food and beverage tax receipts, an advisory commission was established. The county and city legislative bodies must request the advisory commission's recommendations concerning the expenditure of any food and beverage tax funds collected under state law.

Public Safety Local Income Tax Committee **(of the County Local Income Tax Council)**

(1-year term | 4 council members, assuming the MC LIT Council members meet in the same manner as in 2023.)

Piedmont-Smith

Sims

Rollo

Sandberg

The Monroe County Local Income Tax Council serves as the “adopting body” in regard to certain Local Income Tax Rates per IC 6-3.6 et al. It is composed of four members -- the Bloomington Common Council, Ellettsville Town Council, Monroe County Council, and Stinesville Town Council. Representatives of the members sit on the Public Safety Local Income Tax (PS-LIT) Committee, which meets every summer to review applications for funding under IC 6-3.6-6-8(c) and consider other PS-LIT needs in these jurisdictions and make recommendations on PS-LIT tax rates and allocations to the Tax Council.

UTILITIES

Utilities Service Board

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Sims

(No designated term length, serves at the pleasure of the Council; ex-officio, non-voting [BMC 2.24.030].)

Oversees the Utilities Department and coordinates operations with City policies.

Assignment to Standing Committees & Appointment of Chairs – 2024

Actions by President

Note: This table represents Council Standing Committees as they presently exist. Should the Council act to create or abolish any standing committees, thereby affecting the list of committees below, the President shall adjust the assignments to affected committees accordingly

	2023	2024
Climate Action & Resilience Committee	Rollo (Chair)	
	Piedmont-Smith	
	Flaherty	
	Smith	

Description: the Climate Action & Resilience Committee focuses on the city's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase community resilience in the face of climate change. Economic equity, environmental equity, and social equity in climate action fall under the purview of this committee.

Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee	Sandberg (Chair)	
	Sims	
	Rosenbarger	
	Smith	
<i>- Citizen Members for Funding Process</i>	<i>Fraley</i>	
	<i>Mayer</i>	
	<i>Scholl</i>	

Description: The Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee focuses on the provision of social services, whether by public or private entities, particularly social services rendered in an emergency context. The committee, along with three City residents with experience in social services appointed by the Committee Chair, make recommendations to the Council on the annual allocation of monies in the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program.

Sidewalk Committee

Sims (Chair)	
Sandberg	
Rosenbarger	
Volan	

Description: the Sidewalk Committee consists of four Councilmembers whose purpose is to make recommendations to the full Council on the use of Alternative Transportation Fund monies specifically budgeted for Council recommended sidewalk and traffic-calming projects.

Interview Committee A

Smith	
Sims	
Rosenbarger	

Description: Committee "A" is responsible for nominations for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Control Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Commission on Aging
- Human Rights Commission
- Commission on the Status of Black Males
- Housing Quality Appeals Board
- Public Transportation Corporation
- Urban Enterprise Association

Interview Committee B

Flaherty	
Sgambelluri	
Volan	

Description: Committee "B" is responsible for nominations for the following boards and commissions:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
- Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS)
- Environmental Commission
- MLK Commission
- Telecommunications Council
- Traffic Commission
- Utilities Services Board

Interview Committee C

Piedmont-Smith	
Rollo	
Sandberg	

Description: Committee "C" is responsible for nominations for the following boards and commissions:

- Bloomington Community Arts Commission
- Commission on Hispanic and Latin Affairs
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Parking Commission
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability
- Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
- Tree Commission
- Redevelopment Commission

Special Committee on Council Processes

Description: This special committee of the Bloomington Common Council was created by action of the Council President in January 2023. Under local code, a special committee ceases to function when it has completed its duties and made a report or recommendation to the Council. While this committee presented a report and recommendations to the Council in December 2023, it also recommended that the committee continue to meet in 2024. The Committee on Council Processes is made up of four councilmembers who meet as needed to discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the Council's own processes, building on the work begun in 2023.