



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL

NOTICE AND AGENDA
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY | 6:00 PM
30 APRIL 2024

*McCloskey Conference Room (#135), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street
The public may also access the meeting at the following link:*

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/82058716007?pwd=a5SsVHb3ayPukcZFFQA9CbGYphXB2x.1>

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **AGENDA REVIEW**
- III. **DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**
 - Review of current Council guidelines and practices related to public comment
 - First Amendment rights in the context of public comment at Council meetings (Stephen Lucas)
 - Identification of problems with public comment that Council should address
 - i. Hate speech
 - ii. Immediate reaction(s) to hate speech
 - iii. Rigidity of current format of Council regular sessions*
 - Ideas for solutions
 - i. Examples of rules and procedures of other Indiana cities
 - ii. Distinction between public comment via Zoom and public comment in person
 - iii. Discussion of possible revisions to Council policies and practices regarding public comment
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. **NEXT STEPS**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Note that the Special Committee on Council Processes is considering a recommendation to hold meetings based on consensus-building activities, whose format would allow for two-way communication between Council Members and members of the public.

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