

## MEMORANDUM

**Bloomington Common Council-Council Work Session  
McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall,  
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana  
Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

NOTE: Formal minutes are not produced for City Council Work Sessions, which are held as an opportunity to review proposed legislation. This memorandum summarizes the following meeting.

Meeting called to order: 6:00pm

**Councilmembers present:** Isak Nti Asare, Courtney Daily, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Kate Rosenbarger, Dave Rollo, Andy Ruff, Hopi Stosberg, Sydney Zulich

**Councilmembers present via Zoom:** None

**Councilmembers absent:** Matt Flaherty

**City staff, officials, and guests present:** Ash Kulak, Stephen Lucas, Clerk Nicole Bolden

### Topics Discussed:

- I. Call To Order
- II. Agenda Review
- III. Discussion Of Public Comment at Council Meetings
  - a. Review Of Current Council Guidelines and Practices Related to Public Comment
  - b. First Amendment Rights in The Context of Public Comment at Council Meetings (Stephen Lucas)
  - c. 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\*
  - d. 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

**Meeting ended:** 7:32pm

Memorandum prepared by:  
Clerk Nicole Bolden  
City of Bloomington