

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Bloomington Common Council-Special Session**  
**Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana**  
**Wednesday, October 09, 2024**

Meeting called to order: 6:30pm  
Council President Isabel Piedmont-Smith presided.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers present via Zoom: none

Councilmembers absent: none

City staff, officials, and guests present: Jessica McClellan, Lisa Lehner, Gretchen Knapp, Ash Kulak, Clerk Nicole Bolden

**AGENDA SUMMATION**

ACTION: Council President Isabel Piedmont-Smith gave a land and labor acknowledgment and summarized the agenda.

**LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS 635**

Appropriation Ordinance 2024-05 - An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Establishing 2025 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington)

MOTION: Stosberg moved, and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2024-05 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

ACTION: The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Stosberg moved, and Ruff seconded to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-05.

MOTION: Stosberg moved, and Asare seconded that during the agenda item, the council extend the limits of debate to include a discussion on the taxpayer objection petition immediately following the presentation of the appropriation ordinance by the City, to give the petitioner 10 minutes to present its petition, the Capital Improvement Board (CIB) 5 minutes to present a response, followed by a period of council questions, a period of public comment, and a period of council comment before a vote on the statutorily required findings.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 2 (Zulich, Ruff), Abstain: 0.

MOTION: Asare moved, and Zulich seconded, that the Council adopt the Findings on the Taxpayer Objection Petition and Testimony Presented (attached) at tonight's Adoption Meeting.

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

MOTION: Stosberg moved, and Zulich seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Appropriation Ordinance 2024-05.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Appropriation Ordinance 2024-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-05 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Appropriation Ordinance 2024-06 -An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operation, Maintenance, Debt Service and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana for the Year 2025

MOTION: Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2024-06 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

ACTION: The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Stosberg moved, and Ruff seconded to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-06.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-06 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Appropriation Ordinance 2024-07 - Appropriations and Tax Rates for Bloomington Transportation Corporation for 2025

MOTION: Stosberg moved and Zulich seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2024-07 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

ACTION: The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Stosberg moved, and Ruff seconded to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-07.

ACTION: The motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-07 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

## **COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

ACTION: Piedmont-Smith scheduled an Executive Session at 6:00pm on October 30, 2024 to discuss pending litigation.

## **ADJOURNMENT [8:14 pm]**

ACTION: Piedmont-Smith adjourned the meeting.

Memorandum prepared by:  
Clerk Nicole Bolden  
City of Bloomington

Appropriation Ordinance #: 2024-05  
Date: October 9, 2024  
Proposed Findings:

Bloomington Common Council's Findings on Taxpayer Objection Petition and Testimony  
Presented at October 9, 2024 Adoption Meeting:

We, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, have reviewed the taxpayer objection petition, heard petitioners' testimony, and find as follows:

1. A taxpayer objection petition was received by officers of the City at 12:01 a.m. on October 3, 2024.
2. We believe that this petition was not timely filed according to the seven-day deadline under state code.
3. We believe, based on the objections in the petition and testimony presented, that the objection petition and testimony presented do not warrant modification of the City budget.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE  
COUNTY, INDIANA:



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Isabel Piedmont-Smith, President  
Bloomington Common Council

Special Session Action (10/09/2024):

Adopted 9-0