

Bloomington Common Council-Budget Task Force Memorandum
Kelly Conference Room, City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana
Friday, April 04, 2025, 9:00am

1. MEETING START [9:04am]

2. ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers present (* indicates participation via Zoom):

Isak Nti Asare	At-Large
Sydney Zulich	District 6

City staff, officials, and guests present:

Nicole Bolden	City Clerk
Lisa Lehner	Council Attorney
Gretchen Knapp	Deputy Mayor
Jessica McClellan	Controller
Marwa Baker	Clerk Intern

3. TOPICS DISCUSSED

The meeting centered on transitioning from traditional budgeting to outcome-based and priority-based budgeting. Key points included the need for better data collection to measure outcomes and the importance of setting clear priorities. Examples from Fort Collins and Redmond were discussed. The group proposed categorizing budget items into ongoing offers, enhancement offers, and new initiatives, with a focus on high-impact, high-lift projects. They emphasized the need for a structured negotiation process and suggested using a standard grid to evaluate program impact and lift. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16.

4. MEETING ENDED [10:05am]

Memorandum prepared by:
Clerk Nicole Bolden
City of Bloomington