In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:33pm with Council President Susan Sandberg presiding over a Special Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
October 4, 2017

Roll Call: Sturbaum, Ruff, Chopra, Granger, Sandberg, Volan, Piedmont-Smith, Sims, Rollo
Absent: None

ROLL CALL [6:34pm]

Council President Susan Sandberg gave a summary of the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:34pm]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:35pm]

Councilmember Dave Rollo moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017 as corrected. The motion was approved by voice vote.

September 6, 2017 (Regular Session)

Rollo moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017. The motion was approved by voice vote.

September 19, 2017 (Regular Session)

Rollo moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of September 27, 2017. The motion was approved by voice vote.

September 27, 2017 (Special Session)

Councilmember Steve Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 17-37 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. City Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [6:36pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 17-37 be adopted.

Resolution 17-37 - Resolution Proposing an Ordinance Modifying Local Income Tax Allocations in Monroe County and Casting Fifty-Eight Votes in Favor of the Ordinance - Re: Adjusting the Allocations between the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and General Public Safety Purposes Tax Rates Without Changing Other Allocations or the Total Expenditure Tax Rate

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney, presented the legislation to the Council. Sherman described the legislation and what would follow if the Council approved the legislation. Sherman also reminded Council that it would have another hearing on the matter the following week.

Councilmember Allison Chopra, the Public Safety Local Income Tax (PS-LIT) Committee Chairperson, emphasized that the tax rate remained the same as the previous year's rate. She said the PS-LIT Committee received six proposals from qualified providers and a recommendation from the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Board. She said the committee decided to follow the Board's recommendation to fund a unified communication method for use throughout the county. She said the decision was difficult, but the Committee voted 4-3 in favor of the granting the request. She noted that the city was the only entity that was receiving fewer dollars even though its overall percentage of dollars received remained the same.

Council Questions:

Councilmember Chris Sturbaum asked for more information about the 4-3 vote.

Chopra said that the motion was to accept the PSAP recommendation, which meant not funding the other provider requests. She said those in favor were herself, Committee member Granger, Committee member Sandberg, and Committee member Oldham from Ellettsville.

Sturbaum asked how comfortable the committee felt about not funding the townships.

Sandberg said it was a difficult decision, but the committee felt the PSAP allocation was for the benefit of the entire county.

Chopra added that the funding did in fact go to the townships, but not in the manner that they requested.

Resolution 17-37 [*cont'd*]

Piedmont-Smith said that she voted against the PSAP recommendation because she thought the budget proposal was inflated and she thought some of the financial cushion included could have been used to fund other projects around the county, particularly for a new fire station in Washington Township. She also discussed the need for new firefighters in the Perry-Clear Creek Fire Protection District. She recognized the importance of centralized communications and said they benefited the entire county.

Volan moved and it was seconded to postpone further consideration of Resolution 17-37 until the Special Session on October 11, 2017.

The motion to postpone Resolution 17-37 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote on motion to postpone further consideration of Resolution 17-37 [7:08pm]

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 17-39 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 17-39 - To Authorize and Approve an Agreement in Lieu of Annexation Between the City Bloomington and Cook Group, Incorporated and Affiliates

Volan moved and it was seconded to cancel the Internal Work Session scheduled for Friday, October 6, 2017. The motion was approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:11pm]

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 1 day of November, 2017.

APPROVE:

Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington