

City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet

**Wednesday, 10 January 2018
Organizational Meeting**

*For material regarding Council Consideration of the
Comprehensive Plan, please consult:
<https://bloomington.in.gov/council/plan-schedule>.*

*For material regarding annual organization of the Council and for
Resolution 18-01 (which proposes adoption of the Comprehensive Plan
as amended) and amendments carried-over from 05 December 2017
for consideration next week, please consult this Packet.*

*For a schedule of upcoming meetings of the Council and the City's
boards and commissions, please consult the City's Calendar.*

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Packet Related Material

Memo

Agenda

Notices and Agendas:

- **Notice of Cancellation and Rescheduling** – Affordable Living Committee and Sub-Committees

Material Related to Elections, Appointments, and Assignments Scheduled for Action at the Organizational Meeting:

- List of Council Positions - Officers, Appointments, and Assignments for 2018 (*blank*)
- List of Current Council Positions - Officers, Appointments, and Assignments (2017)
- List of Interview Committee Assignments in 2018 (*with 2017 assignments followed by a question marks*)
- Council Member Seating Chart for 2013 – 2018 (*with 2018 blank*)

Legislation for Second Reading:

None

Material Related to the Comprehensive Plan which is ready for Re-Introduction and Consideration at the 10 January 2018 Organizational Meeting

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Minutes from Regular and Special Sessions:

None

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Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 10th with Elections, Appointments & Assignments and Reintroduction and Further Deliberation of the Legislation Proposing Adoption of Comprehensive Plan

The Council will hold an Organizational Meeting and is expected to cancel the Committee of the Whole, which is currently scheduled to immediately follow the Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

The Organizational Meeting is the occasion when the Council elects officers and appoints members to boards and commissions. At this meeting, the new President assigns seating and may announce assignments of members to serve on Council Committees. This meeting also typically begins the first legislative cycle of the year which would include legislation to be introduced at the Organizational Meeting, discussed at the Committee of the Whole later that evening, and placed under Second Readings at the Regular Session the following Wednesday. This year, however, the Council will use this opportunity to pick up where it left off last month in regard to deliberation on the Comprehensive Plan (*see below*).

Group Photo on January 10, 2018. With a new Council member as of August of last year and likely changes in Council officers, the Council should have a new photo taken for the Council webpage. Next Wednesday will be a good opportunity for taking that photo, so please come suitably attired and be ready for a photo after the meeting.

Organizational Meeting - Elections, Appointments and Assignments

The Organizational Meeting is the time for the Council to hold elections and make appointments, and for the new President to make assignments. These actions typically occur in the following order:

- The Council elects officers – President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian (and the outgoing President is presented with the gavel);
- The new officers are seated and the new President assigns seating for the rest of the Council members (*Please note that any two Council members who wish*

to switch seats may do so by written request to the Council President (BMC 2.04.110) ;

- The Council appoints Council members to various boards and commissions; and
- The new President assigns Council members to Council committees.

Please see the attached sheets for appointments, assignments, and seating. Note that the sheets include those from last year (for context) as well as blank sheets for completion this year.

Reintroduction of the Legislation (Res 18-01 – Formerly Res 17-28) Which Proposes Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan as Amended by the Council

As a result of actions taken last year, the Council will reintroduce legislation proposing adoption of the City's Comprehensive Plan at the Organizational Meeting on Wednesday. In addition, the Council will affirm and ratify actions taken last year, move to continue the deliberations in the same manner at either Regular Sessions or Special Sessions in 2018, consider two amendments carried-over from the 05 December 2017 meeting, and perhaps revisit its schedule regarding future deliberations.

Reintroduction of Legislation Proposing Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

Because of the New Year, the Council will introduce legislation with a new number (Res 18-01). Last year, the Council considered the proposed Comprehensive Plan in the context of Res 17-28, which was brought forward from the Plan Commission and proposed adoption of the City's Comprehensive Plan without mention of changes by the Council. For that and other reasons, Res 18-01 also makes additional changes to Res 17-28 beyond the dates, names, and legislation number. Those changes, in brief:

- Reflect the Council deliberations in 2017 – which spanned seven meetings and about 24.5 hours, and involved consideration of two rounds of amendments (one round following discussion of one or more chapters or sections of the Comprehensive Plan, and a second round pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan as a whole), and the adoption of ~ 96 of ~114 amendments;
- Affirm and ratify actions of the Council in 2017 – which include, but are not limited to, disposition of amendments and the manner of conducting the deliberations;
- Add a Severability Clause – which is a standard device to preserve the remainder of a document in the event any part of it is found invalid; and
- Mention that, in light of the amendments made by the Council, the Comprehensive Plan must be returned to the Plan Commission with a written

statement of reasons for the amendments and with an opportunity for the Plan Commission to review and respond in accordance with IC 36-7-4-510.¹

- *Please note that, although the Council may grant a specified extension of time for the review and response by the Plan Commission (which is set at 60 days by statute), P & T staff do not, at this time, foresee the need for doing so.*

Continuation of Deliberations – Motion. Usually, with the start of a new year, the Council has finished with legislation from the prior year and is moving on to other legislative matters. This year, however, the Council is continuing work on the Comprehensive Plan begun in 2017 and, for that reason, an action formalizing those procedures for 2018 is in order. Because **Res 18-01**, which affirms and ratifies last year’s actions, has not been adopted, I suggest that, the Council adopt a motion on Wednesday, which takes that step, so that the Council, in essence, may pick up where it left off in December.

The motion (forthcoming) would do the following:

- Affirm and ratify all actions taken in regard to the Comprehensive Plan in 2017;
 - This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Disposition of amendments – including all votes taken by the Council;
 - Manner of the deliberations – including motions regarding the conduct of the meetings; and
 - Proposed schedule for deliberations into the new year,
- Continue deliberations in the same manner on either Regular or Special Sessions in 2018;
 - This includes, among other things:
 - Having the Council take up the Comprehensive Plan as part of the Organizational Meeting next week, without convening a Special Session and, in future weeks, at either Regular or Special Sessions;

¹ According to IC 36-7-4-510, any amendments to, or an outright rejection of, the Plan proposed by the Plan Commission must be returned to the Plan Commission with a written statement of reasons for the Council action. Upon submission of the written statement, the Plan Commission then has 60 days to act and file a report to the Council or the action of the Council stands. The Council’s action on the Plan also stands in the following scenarios:
Upon

- the filing of a Commission report supporting the Council’s previous action prior to the 60-day period;
- expiration of the 60-day period without the filing of a report by the Commission; or
- Council affirmation of its action in the event a report is filed within the 60-day period, but disapproves the rejection or amendment of the Plan.

- Considering the Comprehensive Plan in seriatim (i.e. one part at a time and then as a whole, with the entire document open to amendment); and
- In one change, allow the Council to amend its procedures or schedule in regard to these deliberations by a simple majority vote (rather than a two-thirds majority required as a Suspension of the Rules).

Consideration of Two Amendments Carried-Over from December 5th There were two amendments remaining on the agenda for the December 5th meeting before it was recessed until January 10th. Those amendments are in this packet and briefly noted below (in one case with a note regarding possible revision):

- **Am 112 (Cm. Piedmont-Smith)** – Chapter 7, Downtown Land Use District (Page 84) – Revises third bullet-point under Land Use Approvals to address building height and density calculations in the Downtown – *Please note that the Sponsor intends to revise it prior to consideration on Wednesday.*
- **Am 36-R (Cm. Sturbaum)** – Chapter 7, Land Use Districts, Urban Corridor (Page 89) – Revises last bullet-point under Land Use Approvals to encourage higher-density developments be located to preserve the character of existing single family zoned neighborhoods and to recommend those uses as more appropriate for multi-family and commercial zones in Urban Corridors.

Please note that, in reviewing these two amendments and preparing what will be third-round amendments (which are due at noon on Tuesday, January 9th), staff will be referencing the updated draft Council Comprehensive Plan compiled by Planning and Transportation staff. Although, perhaps obvious to some, please know that other first and second-round amendments, will continue to refer to pages and text set forth in the Comprehensive Plan as forwarded by the Plan Commission.

Other Actions – Schedule. Currently the Council is scheduled to submit third-round amendments by noon on Tuesday, January 9th for release online on Friday, January 12th, and for consideration at the Regular Session on Wednesday, January 17th. If the Council has not considered all amendments and taken final action on the Comprehensive Plan by the end of that evening, then it is scheduled to do so on Wednesday, January 31st. Once Council members have a better idea about the number and nature of third-round amendments (which can be shared next Wednesday) and has looked at their schedules for the end-of-the-month, one or more of you may want to change that schedule.

**NOTICE AND AGENDA
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
6:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SHOWERS BUILDING, 401 N. MORTON ST.**

- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. AGENDA SUMMATION**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *None*
- IV. REPORTS** (A maximum of twenty minutes is set aside for each part of this section.)
 - 1. Councilmembers**
 - 2. The Mayor and City Offices**
 - 3. Council Committees**
 - 4. Public ***
- V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** (Once the Council elects its officers, the newly-elected President will assign Council members their seats at the dais. The President may also, at this time, announce assignments of Council members to Council committees.)
- VI. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** (The Council will take this opportunity to appoint members to serve on various boards and commissions; and, if any nominations are ready, it may also consider appointment of citizens to serve on boards and commissions, as well.)
- VII. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING**
None
- VIII. REINTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION PROPOSING ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS CARRIED-OVER FROM DECEMBER 5, 2017 MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS**

Reintroduction of Legislation Proposing Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan (Formerly Resolution 17-28)

- 1. Resolution 18-01 - To Adopt the City's Comprehensive Plan
- 2. Motion to Affirm and Ratify Actions Taken in 2017 Regarding the Comprehensive Plan and to Continue Deliberations in the Same Manner at Either Regular or Special Sessions in 2018 - *anticipated*

Consideration of Amendments Carried-Over from the December 5, 2017 Meeting of the Special Session

Chapter 7: Land Use – Land Use Districts (Pages 84-97)

- 1. Am 112 (Cm. Piedmont-Smith) – Chapter 7, Downtown Land Use District (Page 87) – Revises fourth bullet-point under Land Use Approvals to address building height and density calculations in the Downtown.
- 2. Am 36-R (Cm. Sturbaum) – Chapter 7, Land Use Districts, Urban Corridor (Page 92) – Revises second-to-last bullet-point under Land Use Approvals to encourage higher-density developments to be located to preserve the character of existing single family zoned neighborhoods and to recommend those uses as more appropriate for multi-family and commercial zones in Urban Corridors.

(Over)

**Members of the public may speak on matters of community concern not listed on the agenda at one of the two Reports from the Public opportunities. Citizens may speak at one of these periods, but not both. Speakers are allowed five minutes; this time allotment may be reduced by the presiding officer if numerous people wish to speak.*

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Other Possible Actions Related to Deliberation of the Comprehensive Plan

Pending

IX. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT * (A maximum of twenty-five minutes is set aside for this section.)

X. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

1. Motion to Cancel the Committee of the Whole previously scheduled to immediately follow this Organizational Meeting - *anticipated*

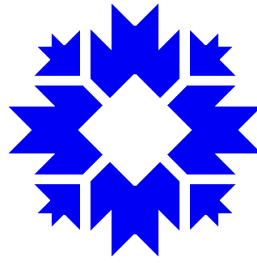
XI. ADJOURNMENT

Note: The Committee of the Whole previously scheduled to follow this Organizational Meeting is expected to be cancelled by a motion made earlier this evening.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION and RESCHEDULING

The Affordable Living Committee Housing and Transportation subcommittee meeting previously scheduled for Monday, 08 January 2018, Noon has been re-scheduled to Monday, 22 January 2018, Noon, Hooker Room (#245), City Hall.

The meeting of the Affordable Living Committee Childcare and Employment subcommittee meeting previously scheduled for Monday, 08 January 2018, Noon has been cancelled.

The meeting of the entire Affordable Living Committee previously scheduled for Monday, 22 January 2018 has been cancelled.

Pursuant to Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. 5-14-1.5), this provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

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- List of Council Positions –Election of Officers, Appointments to Boards and Commissions (by Council), and Assignments (by the President) to Two of the Council Committees for 2018 (*blank*)
- List of Council Positions –Election of Officers, Appointments to Boards and Commissions (by Council), and Assignments (by the President) to Two of the Council Committees for 2017
- List of Assignments to the Three Council Interview Committees (A, B & C) for 2018 (*with 2017 assignments followed by question marks*)
- Council Member Seating Chart for 2013 – 2018 (*with 2018 blank*)

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS, APPOINTMENTS &
ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018 (blank)**

ACTION BY MOTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

President _____
Vice President _____
Parliamentarian _____

Citizens Advisory Committee - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Social Services _____

Physical Improvements _____

Commission for Bloomington Downtown _____

Economic Development Commission (City) _____

Economic Development Commission (County) _____

Environmental Resource Advisory Committee _____

Metropolitan Planning Organization _____

Plan Commission _____

Solid Waste Management District _____

Board of the Urban Enterprise Association _____

Utilities Service Board (ex officio) _____

Bloomington Economic Development Corporation _____

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability _____

Parking Commission (New 2017) _____

**PS LIT – Allocation Committee (New 2017) –
assuming that representatives from the MC LIT
Council meet in the same manner as 2016 – 2017** _____

ACTION BY PRESIDENT (By Assignment)

Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee (5 council members)

Council Sidewalk Committee (4 council members) (Regarding 2018 Funds)

**Council Interview Committees for Citizen Appointments to Boards and
Commissions (*see accompanying list*)**

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS, APPOINTMENTS & ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2017 (Revised August – September)

ACTION BY MOTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

President	<u>Susan Sandberg</u>
Vice President	<u>Dorothy Granger</u>
Parliamentarian	<u>Steve Volan</u>

Citizens Advisory Committee - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Social Services	<u>Susan Sandberg</u>
Physical Improvements	<u>Andy Ruff</u>

Commission for Bloomington Downtown Chris Sturbaum

Economic Development Commission (City) Dorothy Granger

Economic Development Commission (County) Allison Chopra

Environmental Resource Advisory Committee Dave Rollo

Metropolitan Planning Organization Andy Ruff

Plan Commission Isabel Piedmont-Smith

Solid Waste Management District Steve Volan

Board of the Urban Enterprise Association Chris Sturbaum

Utilities Service Board (ex officio) Jim Sims

Bloomington Economic Development Corporation Allison Chopra

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability Dave Rollo

Parking Commission (New 2017) Steve Volan

PS LIT – Allocation Committee (New 2017 – assuming the MC LIT Council members meet in the same manner as 2016) Allison Chopra, Dorothy Granger, Susan Sandberg & Isabel Piedmont-Smith

ACTION BY PRESIDENT (By Assignment)

Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee (5 council members)
Allison Chopra (Chair), Dorothy Granger, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, (Vacancy) & Susan Sandberg

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BOARD AND COMMISSION -- INTERVIEW COMMITTEE¹ ASSIGNMENT GRID 2018

Committee →	A Allison, Jim & Chris ???	B Dorothy, Steve & Andy ???	C Isabel, Dave & Susan ???
↓ Boards and Commissions			
Animal Control	X		
Bloomington Community Arts Commission			X
Bike and Ped Commission		X	
Bloomington Digital Underground		X	
Board of Zoning Appeals	X		
Commission on Aging	X		
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs			X
Commission on the Status of Black Males		X	
Commission on the Status of Women		X	
Commission on Sustainability			X
Commission on the Status of Children and Youth			X
Economic Development Commission	COUNCIL		
Environmental Commission		X	
Historic Preservation	X		
Housing Quality Appeals Board	X		
Housing Trust Fund			X
Human Rights Commission			X
MLK Commission		X	
Parking			X ²
Public Transportation Corporation	X		
Redevelopment Commission	X		
Telecommunications Council		X	
Traffic Commission		X	
Tree Commission			X
Urban Enterprise Association	X		
Utilities Service Board			X

¹ The three Board and Commission Interview Committees are Standing Committees of the Council enabled by Res 13-04 To Consolidate the Council Board and Commission Interviewing and Nominating Committees. Res 13-04 assigned the interviewing responsibility for each board and commission to a specific Interviewing Committee.

² The Parking Commission was established with adoption of Res16-41 and the duty to make recommendations regarding citizen appointments to the Council was delegated to Interviewing Committee C by adoption of a motion at the Organizational Meeting on January 11, 2017.

Council Member Seating 2013 – 2018 (Assigned by President) ¹

Seating For the Year 2013

Ruff	Sturbaum	Sandberg	Granger	Neher	Mayer	Rollo	Volan	Spechler
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2014

Ruff	Sturbaum	Sandberg	Granger	Neher	Mayer	Rollo	Volan	Spechler
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2015

Neher	Granger	Mayer	Ruff	Rollo	Sandberg	Sturbaum	Volan	Spechler
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2016

Granger	Sturbaum	Mayer	Sandberg	Ruff	Volan	Piedmont-Smith	Chopra	Rollo
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2017 (January – July)

Sturbaum	Ruff	Chopra	Granger	Sandberg	Mayer	Piedmont-Smith	Volan	Rollo
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2017 (August – December)

Sturbaum	Ruff	Chopra	Granger	Sandberg	Volan	Piedmont-Smith	Sims	Rollo
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2018

			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

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RESOLUTION 18-01

TO ADOPT THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-7-4-501, the Plan Commission is responsible for preparing comprehensive plans and amendments thereto and forwarding them to the Common Council; and
- WHEREAS, on November 6, 2002, with the passage of Resolution 02-19, the Common Council adopted the City's current comprehensive plan, which is known as the Growth Policies Plan (Plan); and
- WHEREAS, almost 10 years later, the City Planning Department and Plan Commission were directed to evaluate and update this Plan, starting in 2011; and
- WHEREAS, the Plan Commission completed this process, conducted public hearings, and developed a new Comprehensive Plan; and
- WHEREAS, on June 26, 2017, the Plan Commission approved the proposed new Comprehensive Plan which, on July 5, 2017, was certified to the Common Council; and
- WHEREAS, at the Regular Session on August 9, 2017, the Common Council introduced Resolution 17-28, which proposed adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan, and then met over a series of seven meetings in one long Special Session held from the month of August and into December, where it undertook the review of, and consideration of two rounds of amendments to, the proposed new Comprehensive Plan; and
- WHEREAS, at the Regular Session on December 20, 2017, the Council voted to extend the deliberations into January 2018; and
- WHEREAS, that extension entailed the introduction of an amended and renumbered resolution (Resolution 18-01), affirmation and ratification of past actions in regard to the new Comprehensive Plan, conclusion of consideration of second-round amendments, and consideration of additional amendments before consideration of the Comprehensive Plan in its entirety and as amended by the Council; and
- WHEREAS, in light of Common Council amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, upon adoption by the Common Council, the Plan must be returned to the Plan Commission with a written statement of reasons for the amendments and an opportunity for it to review and respond in accordance with IC 36-7-4-510;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby affirms and ratifies actions it has taken in regard to its deliberations of the proposed new Comprehensive Plan in 2017. Those actions include but are not limited to the disposition of amendments along with the conduct of its deliberations.

SECTION 2. The City's Comprehensive Plan, as certified by the Plan Commission, shall be adopted as amended by the Common Council.

SECTION 3. If any section, sentence or provision of this legislation, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this legislation which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this legislation are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2018.

, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2018.

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution amends and adopts the City's new Comprehensive Plan, which was certified to the Common Council in July 2017. This proposed City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan replaces the existing Comprehensive Plan, which is known as the Growth Policies Plan. The Comprehensive Plan sets forth a vision for the future growth and development of Bloomington. It includes information and policies regarding Community Services & Economics, Culture & Identity, Environment, Downtown, Housing & Neighborhoods, Transportation, and Land Use. In light of Common Council amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, upon adoption by the Common Council, the Plan must be returned to the Plan Commission with a written statement of reasons for the amendments and an opportunity for it to review and respond in accordance with IC 36-7-4-510.

AMENDMENT FORM

Resolution 17-28: To Adopt the City's [Comprehensive Plan](#) (linked)

Please complete all fields indicated in yellow.

Amendment Number: #112

Name of Sponsor(s): Cm. Piedmont-Smith

Date Submitted: 11/22/17 – updated 1/4/18

Comp Plan Chapter, Section, and Page

Chapter	Section (e.g., Overview, Goals & Policies, or Programs)	Page #
Ch 7 – Land Use	Land Development Approvals, Downtown	84 87

Synopsis and Legislative Intent (brief description of amendment and its motivation)

This amendment revisits the concerns expressed in the defeated amendment 34. While Amendment 34 deleted the provision on higher densities and increased heights in the downtown, this amendment revises the passage to narrow the focus to building heights downtown. It reflects a desire to increase heights above one story but to limit heights to five stories, or less depending on the overlay district.

Amendment (indicate text added in bold and text to be deleted via ~~strikeout~~)

Revise 3rd 4th bullet-point under Land Use Approvals as follows:

In order to develop higher residential densities Downtown, the city should consider increased building heights above one story but no greater than five stories ~~should be considered in the Downtown core, with overlay areas continuing to dictate lower height maximums in specific locations. and~~ Diversified density calculations for new unit types should also be considered. ~~in the Downtown Core character area.~~

Special Session Action – 05 December 2017: None – Not Considered before Council Recessed Until 10 January 2018

Special Session Action – 10 January 2018: Pending

AMENDMENT FORM

Resolution 17-28: To Adopt the City's [Comprehensive Plan](#) (linked)

Please complete all fields indicated in yellow.

Amendment Number: #36 - R

Name of Sponsor(s):

Chris Sturbaum

Date Submitted:

9/18/17 - Revised 11/27/17;
Updated 1/4/18

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Synopsis and Legislative Intent (brief description of amendment and its motivation)

This amendment has been revised since it appeared on the October 10th agenda, but was not introduced. The initial amendment added a sentence to the last bullet-point under Urban Corridors, "Land Use Development Approvals," that called for the conditional use process to mitigate the adverse impacts of higher density (up-zoning) proposals which encroach upon single family zoned neighborhoods. The revised amendment replaces the proposed text with one that recommends that the greater residential density and diversity of housing types be located in order to preserve the character of existing single family neighborhoods and are more appropriate for the multi-family and commercial zones with the Urban Corridor district.

Urban Corridor – Land Use Development Approvals

(Note: The eight bullet-points associated with this section are included below for context; the amendment adds a sentence to the last entry in this excerpt.)

The following provide additional land development policy guidance:

- Buildings should be developed with minimal street setbacks, with parking located behind the building, and with an emphasis on minimizing pedestrian obstacles to accessing businesses.
- To increase pedestrian and transit accessibility, street cuts should be limited as much as possible to reduce interruptions of the streetscape, tree plots, and sidewalks.
- Affordable housing units are an important component of the Urban Corridor district.
- Access to public transit service is an important component of the Urban Corridor district.
- Connections to a network of City trails, paths, and bikeways create access to other destinations and provide active, healthy means of transportation.
- Districts are located along major roadways in order to provide convenient pedestrian, bicycle, transit, automobile, and truck (e.g. delivery) access.
- In new development or redevelopment projects, utilities could be placed underground where feasible and located so as to minimize potential conflicts with trees and other landscaping features.
- Consider opportunities for infill and redevelopment to increase residential densities, with housing types such as duplex, triplex and four-plex buildings, courtyard apartments, bungalow courts, townhouses, row houses and live/work spaces. **This increased residential density and diversity in housing types should be located in order to preserve the character of existing single family neighborhoods. This mixed-density development is more appropriate for the multi-family and commercial zones within the Urban Corridor district.**

Special Session Action – 10 October 2017
Special Session Action – 5 December 2017

Special Session Action – 10 January 2018
(under Res 18-01)

None – Not Introduced
None – Not Considered – Council Recessed Until
10 January 2018
Pending

**NOTICE AND SCHEDULE FOR BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN JANUARY, 2018**

THE COMMON COUNCIL MET OVER A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN THE LATE SUMMER AND FALL OF 2017 TO REVIEW THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS PROPOSED BY RES 17-28 AND WILL MEET IN JANUARY OF 2018 TO CONTINUE THE REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UNDER RES 18-01

THIS SCHEDULE INCLUDES DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTAL AND RELEASE OF AMENDMENTS ALONG WITH THE DATES, TIMES, AND SUBJECTS COVERED AT MEETINGS. THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY HALL (ROOM 115, 401 N. MORTON) ON THE FOLLOWING EVENINGS

December - 2017

Friday, December 15th: The Planning and Transportation Department released an updated Comprehensive Plan incorporating amendments adopted by the Council up to and including the meeting on Tuesday, December 5th. In addition, the Council Office released a compilation of amendments adopted by the Council up to and including that meeting in December. These documents, along with a summary of this schedule, can be found at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/council/plan-schedule>

January - 2018

Tuesday, January 9th: Third-Round Amendments for consideration on January 17, 2018 are due in the Council Office at noon.

Friday, January 12th: Third-Round Amendments for consideration on January 17, 2018 are to be released by the Council Office at the webpage set forth above.

Wednesday, January 10, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

The Council will hold its first regular meeting of the New Year. After preliminary matters are concluded, the Council intends to:

- re-introduce the Comprehensive Plan under a new resolution number (Res 18-01),
- ratify previous actions and amendments adopted by the Council and, if needed, other appropriate action, and
- consider any amendments carried-over from December.

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

The Council will hold its second regular meeting of the New Year. On this agenda, the Council will continue deliberation on the proposed Comprehensive Plan (now Res 18-01). In so doing, the Council intends to:

- consider additional and perhaps reconsider past amendments, and,
- consider a motion to adopt Res 18-01 as amended.

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

If needed, the Council has scheduled a back-up meeting of the Special Session on this date and time to conclude consideration of amendments carried-over from the previous meetings, take ANY other appropriate action, and consider a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Plan as amended by the Council.

Note: Any changes made to the Proposed Comprehensive Plan must be returned to the Plan Commission in accordance with IC 36-7-4-510.

** Conduct of Deliberations – Submittal of Amendments; Public Comment. By previous motions of the Council, amendments must be sponsored by a member of the Council and submitted within the time frame set forth above. Also, members of the public may comment once, for no more than 5 minutes at each opportunity to offer public comment. Please note that this schedule and the associated procedures may be amended by a motion of the Council made during the course of these meetings or at any other Regular and Special Sessions occurring over the span of these deliberations.*

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Amended Schedule: Adopted on 20 December 2017; and, Posted & Distributed on 22 December 2017