

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



PLAN COMMISSION

**March 19, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS #115
CITY HALL**

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PLAN COMMISSION – SPECIAL HEARING
March 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

❖Council Chambers – Room #115

ROLL CALL

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED: None at this time

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

PETITIONS:

MP-12-17

Adoption of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Bloomington

The Common Council reviewed, revised, and approved a final version of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan at their January 17, 2018 meeting. The Plan Commission must file a report approving or rejecting the amendments made by the Common Council as the last step of the adoption process. If approved, the Plan is adopted. If rejected, the Common Council may consider adoption through another resolution. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan and other information can be accessed at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/plan/comprehensive-plan>

Case Manager: Scott Robinson

****Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2018**

Last Updated: 2/22/2018

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**BLOOMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

**CASE #: MP-12-17
DATE: March 19, 2018**

PETITIONER: City of Bloomington

REQUEST: The City is requesting approval of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Bloomington. This Comprehensive Plan will replace the 2002 Growth Policies Plan (GPP).

BACKGROUND: The process to update the 2002 GPP was initiated in 2011. The result of this multiyear initiative is a draft Comprehensive Plan that is being considered for adoption. The first step, per state code (I.C. 36-7-4-510), the Plan was reviewed, revised, and approved by the Plan Commission in June, 2017 through a series of special hearings. Then the next step, the Common Council reviewed and considered the Plan. As part of their process, the Common Council revised and approved a final version at their January 17, 2018 meeting through Resolution 18-01. Again per state code, since the Common Council revised the version that Plan Commission approved in June, the Plan Commission must review the Council's final version as a final step in the adoption process.

The Common Council issued a report, dated February 14, 2018 that details the changes made. Unless extended by the Common Council, the Plan Commission has 60 days to file a report approving or rejecting the changes made. If approved, the Plan is effective the date the report is filed. If rejected, the Common Council may elect to adopt it through new resolution. If no action is taken within 60 days, then the Plan is effective.

This report can be accessed at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/sites/default/files/2018-02/Amendment%20Packet%20-%20Return%20to%20Plan%20Commission2.pdf>. A copy of the final Plan, along with pertinent information, is also posted on the Comprehensive Plan website at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/cmp>.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Plan Commission approve the final version of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. While the total number of changes made by the Common Council are numerous (considered a total of a 178 amendments and approved 162), the overall net result did not substantively change policy, guidance, and/or intent of the Plan that was first approved by the Plan Commission.

Plan Commission members should review the changes the Common Council made to the Plan. Staff will need to incorporate a transportation plan and Master Thoroughfare Plan as part of the Comprehensive Plan. This is anticipated later this year when the Master Thoroughfare Plan has been completed.