



**City of Bloomington
Common Council
Legislative Packet**

**Wednesday, 12 September 2018
Committee of the Whole**

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
6:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SHOWERS BUILDING, 401 N. MORTON ST.**

Chair: Councilmember Jim Sims

1. Ordinance 18-11 To Amend Title 15 of The Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” - Re: Amending Chapter 15.32 (Parking Controls) to Make Changes to Limited Parking Zones and to Modify Parking Allowances for Certain Vehicles; Chapter 15.36 (Resident-Only Parking Permits) to Clarify Placement on On-Street Parking Spaces; Chapter 15.37 (Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking) to Adjust the Boundaries of Neighborhood Parking Zones and the Fees Associated With the Same; Chapter 15.40 (Municipal Parking Lots, Garages and On-Street Metered Parking) to Adjust the Times and Rates for Parking in Off-Street Facilities; Chapter 15.48 (Removal and Impoundment of Vehicles) to Make Minor Changes Reflecting the Administration of this Section; and Chapter 15.64 (Traffic Violation Schedule) to Increase the Fine for a Class D Traffic Violation.

Asked to Attend: Jim Blickensdorf, Chair, City of Bloomington Parking Commission

2. Ordinance 18-15 To Amend Title 11 (Lakes and Reservoirs) and Title 14 (Peace And Safety) of the Bloomington Municipal Code - Re: Amending Sections 11.08.040 (Prohibited Activities) and 14.20.020 (Discharging Firearms) of the Bloomington Municipal Code to Permit Firearm Hunting for the Purpose of Deer Population Control at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve.

Asked to Attend:

Paula McDevitt, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Steve Cotter, Natural Resources Manager, Parks and Recreation Department
Mike Rouker, City Attorney, City Legal Department
Sam Whiteleather, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Dr. Anthony DeNicola, White Buffalo, Inc.

Public Comment: Please note that pursuant to the Bloomington Municipal Code, at Committee of the Whole meetings, the public may comment *only* on items listed on the Agenda. BMC § 2.04.250

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**Supplement to materials issued in last week's legislative packet in interest of
Ordinance 18-15**

- Letter from Kathleen Mills, President of the Board of Park Commissioners

Aug. 30, 2018

Dorothy Granger and Members of the Bloomington City Council
401 N. Morton
Bloomington, IN 47401

Dear Ms. Granger and Council Members:

On behalf of the Park of Bloomington Park Commissioners, I am writing to request a change to language governing firearms in the Griffy Lake Nature Preserve. Section 14.20.020 reads that it is "unlawful for any person to shoot any firearm within the limits of the city." It goes on to make several exceptions, including "any contractor of the city of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners hired for the purpose of deer reduction via sharpshooting at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve." We ask that this be amended to also include hunters at that site.

Deer overpopulation at the 1,200 acre Griffy Lake property has been well established by numerous reports over the years (Joint City of Bloomington-Monroe County Deer Task Force, research by Dr. A. L. Shelton from the Indiana University Department of Biology). The large number of deer has caused ecological damage as well as a rise in deer-vehicle collisions near the area. After a number of alternatives (fencing, trapping, etc.) were considered and rejected, a sharp shooting program was carried out at Lake Griffy in the winter of 2017-2018. It was very successful and 62 deer were killed. Thanks to the efforts of Steve Cotter, of the parks department, the department was recently awarded a \$32,500 grant through the state's Community Hunting Access Program to facilitate a hunt at Lake Griffy to further reduce the deer population. White Buffalo, Inc., the same company that managed the sharp shooting last year, will train and oversee hunters chosen for the event. Hunts are tentatively scheduled for Nov. 17, 18, 24, 25, Dec. 1, and 2. A private security firm will be hired to patrol the area during the hunts to ensure safety.

It is our hope that a controlled hunt of deer at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, similar to those that have worked well in Indiana's state parks, will help in restoring the area's biodiversity. Feel free to contact me or Steve Cotter, about any further information about this. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Mills, President
Board of Park Commissioners