



**City of Bloomington  
Common Council  
Legislative Packet**

**Wednesday, 10 October 2018  
Special Session**

This packet contains the Agenda for next week's Special Session and the Minutes for the Special Session on 26 September 2018.

For the budget legislation, please see the [Supplemental Legislative Packet](#) from 26 September 2018.

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. AGENDA SUMMATION**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

26 September 2018 – Special Session

**IV. LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS**

1. Ordinance 18-17 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2019

Committee Recommendation: 9-0-0

2. Ordinance 18-18 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Appointed Officers, Non-Union and A.F.S.C.M.E. Employees for All the Departments of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, for the Year 2019

Committee Recommendation: 9-0-0

3. Ordinance 18-19 To Fix the Salaries of All Elected City Officials for the City of Bloomington for the Year 2019

Committee Recommendation: 9-0-0

4. Appropriation Ordinance 18-03 An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Establishing 2019 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington)

Committee Recommendation: 7-0-2

5. Appropriation Ordinance 18-04 An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operation, Maintenance, Debt Service and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana for the Year 2019

Committee Recommendation: 9-0-0

6. Appropriation Ordinance 18-05 Appropriations and Tax Rates for Bloomington Transportation Corporation for 2019

Committee Recommendation 8-0-1

**V. COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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Posted: 05 October 2018

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 6:32pm with Council President Dorothy Granger presiding over a Special Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
September 26, 2018

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

ROLL CALL [6:32pm]

Council President Dorothy Granger gave a summary of the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:33pm]

There were no minutes for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Granger invited Mayor John Hamilton to the podium to speak about the budget ordinances.

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- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:34pm]

Hamilton greeted the Council and thanked members of the public for participating in the budget process. Hamilton stressed the importance of the budget. He shared the most current updates and main highlights of the 2019 Budget.

Councilmember Steve Volan moved and it was seconded to suspend the rules of the council schedule from the end of the meeting to the beginning. Volan called for a voice vote. The motion was approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:16pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Councilmember Jim Sims presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. He explained that he was married to Doris Sims, Director of the Housing and Neighborhood Department, and the Council would be voting on legislation that would affect her salary and departmental budget.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to accept the Conflict of Interest Disclosure by Sims. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Sims).

Vote to accept conflict of interest form [6:47pm]

Sims made an announcement of financial interest as required under local code. He said that he did not anticipate that his wife's salary would be treated any differently than the other department head salaries. He stated that he would not excuse himself from voting on the full budget because he believed he would be able to participate fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-17 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND  
READING AND RESOLUTIONS

approved by voice vote. City Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

[7:02pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-17 be adopted.

Resolution 18-17 To Approve The Interlocal Agreement Between Monroe County, The Town Of Ellettsville And The City Of Bloomington For Animal Shelter Operation For The Year 2019

Virgil Sauder, Director of Animal Care Control, presented the legislation to the Council. He said the formula used to calculate funding had not changed in the last ten years. He said he was available to answer any questions on the resolution.

Council Questions:

Councilmember Allison Chopra asked if the equation was a one-to-one payment for the City of Bloomington and the Town of Ellettsville.

Sauder said the percentage was based on the care of the animals in the shelter and did not include costs for animal control functions for the city or volunteer functions.

Chopra asked if the expenditures per animal were the same for both entities.

Sauder said that it was.

Chopra asked if Sauder thought it was a fair apportionment for the city.

Sauder agreed that it was.

Volan asked if over half the operations for animal control serviced animals from outside of the city.

Sauder said that was correct, and the number fluctuated between 42-54%.

Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith asked about the number of animals from Lawrence County and if there was funding available from that jurisdiction for the servicing of animals from that area.

Sauder said Lawrence County had a closed-door shelter, which meant that when it was full they did not take more animals. He said that there was a surrender fee of twenty dollars per animal if the animal was brought to the Bloomington Shelter from outside of Monroe County.

Councilmember Dave Rollo asked if the surrender fee discouraged people from bringing animals to the shelter.

Sauder said it did not.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Volan said it was a standard agreement that was signed every year but that it was good to check in with Animal Control. He said he was happy to approve the agreement.

Council Comment:

Piedmont-Smith thanked Sauder and everyone who worked and volunteered at the animal shelter. She was happy to vote yes.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-17 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-17  
[6:58pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-16 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was

Resolution 18-16 Resolution Proposing an Ordinance

approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Modifying Local Income Tax Allocations in Monroe County and Casting Fifty-Eight Votes in Favor of the Ordinance

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-16 be adopted.

Council Attorney Dan Sherman presented Resolution 18-16 to the Council. He said it proposed an ordinance for the adoption by the Monroe County Local Income Tax Council. He said the legislation would cast all fifty-eight votes that the City possessed in favor of the ordinance. The ordinance would reallocate the tax rate between two components of the Public Safety Local Income Tax (PS-LIT) without changing any other rates and without net increases. He noted that the public comment portion of the legislation that evening constituted the public hearing required by law.

There were no Council questions.

Council Questions:

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Volan thanked the PS-LIT Committee and the members who spent their summer working on how the tax revenue should be distributed. He was grateful that the tax existed and that it helped fund the 9-11 dispatch center. He supported the resolution.

Council Comment:

Councilmember Susan Sandberg noted that the process was onerous and that she welcomed any improvements to the criteria for allocations. She stated that overall it had been a good process and she was happy to support the resolution.

Sims said that compromises were made in order to provide a greater good for the public and there would be more discussions in the future. He was glad to be a part of the PS-LIT committee and thanked the Dispatch Policy Board for its flexibility in working with the committee.

Granger said that she had been working with County Council President Shelli Yoder to think about ways to improve the process. She recommended that the Council wait to hear the results of the SPEA Capstone Project on township fire services.

Piedmont-Smith agreed with the comments in support of the SPEA Capstone Project. She noted that the needs of the townships, county, and city were all different. She thanked her colleagues that served on the committee and said she would vote in favor of the legislation.

Volan reiterated that the state required the Council to go over the public safety local income tax during its normal recess in the summer. He encouraged the Council to think about changing the time of the summer recess to allow councilmembers to have a break during the summer.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-16 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays:0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-16 [7:13pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Volan moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 18-03 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title, there was no synopsis.

Appropriation Ordinance 18-03  
An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Establishing 2019 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington)

Volan moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 18-04 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.

Appropriation Ordinance 18-04  
An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operation, Maintenance, Debt Service and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana for the Year 2019

Volan moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 18-05 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title, there was no synopsis.

Appropriation Ordinance 18-05  
Appropriations and Tax Rates for Bloomington Transportation Corporation for 2019

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-17 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

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Ordinance 18-19 To Fix the Salaries of All Elected City Officials for the City of Bloomington for the Year 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Granger, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

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Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
City of Bloomington