

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.

REPORTS

- 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 [6:44pm]

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

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND  
READING AND RESOLUTIONS  
[6:50pm]

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 Shelte  
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.

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

Council Questions:

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]

Larime Wilson started to speak about Ordinance 18-15, but was encouraged to discuss her concerns at the next meeting since it was not the time for public comment on that legislation.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Attorney Dan Sherman reminded councilmembers there was an Internal Work Session on September 7, 2018 at noon.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:37pm]

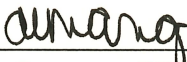
The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

ADJOURNMENT

d APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 29 day of September, 2018.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dorothy Granger, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council



Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
City of Bloomington