

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:33pm with Council President Dorothy Granger presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
December 19, 2018

Members present: Ruff, Sturbaum Chopra, Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Volan, Sandberg, Sims, Rollo  
Members absent: None

ROLL CALL [6:33pm]

Council President Dorothy Granger gave a summary of the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:34pm]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:36pm]

Councilmember Steve Volan moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of October 31, 2018 as corrected. The motion was approved by voice vote.

October 31, 2018 (Regular Session)

Volan moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of November 14, 2018 as corrected. The motion was approved by voice vote.

November 14, 2018 (Regular Session)

Councilmember Jim Sims wished everyone a happy holiday season and encouraged people to be more considerate. Sims also said he would respond to citizen requests as quickly as possible.

REPORTS [6:37pm]

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Volan said the meeting that evening was the last of the year and that the first meeting of the new year would be January 9, 2019.

Granger thanked the residents, city staff, administration, and Council for all the work that had been put into the issues that were important to the community.

Councilmember Andy Ruff discussed his response time to requests from the public.

Gavin Everett presented the annual report for the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:43pm]

Councilmember Allison Chopra asked what contributed to the high attendance.

Everett stated that the commission was very active. He said commission meetings and festivals were always well attended.

Chris Abert gave a report on the Indiana Recovery Alliance (IRA) and provided opioid epidemic statistics.

Chopra asked to hear more about the legislation that Abert was working on and if the IRA was going to expand to surrounding communities.

Abert said the legislation was called the "Tell an Officer Bill" and explained the details. Abert also said the IRA was expanding.

Ruff asked what could be learned from the example of Dayton, Ohio.

Abert stated they were already doing everything that Dayton was doing.

Sims thanked Abert for the report.

Volan thanked Abert and asked if there was per capita data for Bloomington.

Abert said that the information could be found on Stat Explorer.

Amanda Clerkin-Barge thanked the Council for supporting the IRA.

Mayor and City Offices (*cont'd*)

Dr. Carrie Lawrence noted that Fayette County, Indiana had challenges with its needle exchange program.

Dr. Alicia Suarez stated she supported everything Abert said.

There were no Council Committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Steve Roberston discussed union negotiations with the city, and thanked those involved in the process.

- PUBLIC

Greg Alexander discussed his disappointment in the city's pedestrian infrastructure.

Penny Caudill, Monroe County Health Department, discussed her support of the IRA and the public health services that the County provided.

Daniel Bingham discussed climate change statistics.

Volan counted 37 people that were in attendance for support of the Indiana Recovery Alliance.

Councilmember Dave Rollo moved and it was seconded to appoint Matt Flaherty to the Commission on Sustainability. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [7:25pm]

Volan moved and it seconded to appoint Savannah Wormley to the Commission on the Status of Women. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-26 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation for Amendment 01 of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 and the committee do-pass recommendation for Ordinance 18-26 as amended of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-26 be adopted.

Scott Robinson, Assistant Director for Planning and Transportation, presented the legislation to the Council.

Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith asked how the \$10 per day maximum was chosen for when the equipment in the garage was not working.

Robinson said it came from the idea of having a flat rate fee for special events like the Lotus Festival. The amount was based on the Desman parking study.

Piedmont-Smith asked about 90 day orders being turned into 180 day orders.

Robinson stated that the intent was to reduce the amount of times an order had to be renewed.

Sims asked for clarification on how the \$10 would be charged if the arms stopped working.

Robinson stated that the Board of Public Works would have to sign off on it.

Volan noted that 180 day orders might cause problems for neighborhoods.

Robinson said that 90 day orders were for safety concerns. He added that the only complaints he heard were related to detours.

Piedmont-Smith inquired about two on-street parking changes in the ordinance that have actually been in place with signage for many months: along S. Washington St. and on Rogers St. on the west edge of downtown. She asked why those had not been put in the code earlier.

Robinson replied that other changes took higher priority but they were fixing it now.

Volan asked how 180 days was an improvement over 90 days.

Robinson stated that the best time to do work was summer time when a lot of the population left town. He noted that having 180 days would allow enough time to do the work and then come to Council after summer recess and after budget hearings.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-26 be adopted.

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith and makes two technical corrections to Ord 18-26. First, the amendment corrects an error in Section 7, making clear that the "No Parking Zone" being added on Eleventh Street is to extend from Morton Street to 40' east of Morton Street. The amendment also replaces all references to the street name "Trades Street" with "Maker Way" to reflect the results of a recent community contest to name this new street in the Trades District.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [7:26pm]

Ordinance 18-26 To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" – Re: Amending Chapter 15.08 (Administration) to Extend the Time Period Permissible for Temporary, Experimental, or Emergency Traffic Regulations, Chapter 15.12 (Stop, Yield and Signalized Intersections) to Codify 90-Day Orders, Chapter 15.24 (Speed Regulations) to Codify 90-Day Orders, Chapter 15.26 (Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program) to Add Traffic Calming Locations, Chapter 15.32 (Parking Controls) to Make Changes to No Parking and Limited Parking Zones; Chapter 15.34 (Accessible Parking for People with Physical Disabilities) to Authorize the Transportation and Traffic Engineer to Approve Changes in Accessible Parking; and, Chapter 15.40 (Municipal Parking Lots, Garages and On-Street Metered Parking) to Grant Authority to the Parking Services Director to Modify Parking Fees for Special Events and to Make Changes to Non-Reserved Monthly Garage Permits

Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-26

Volan asked if the name of Trades Street was going to be decided by the Council or just approved.

Council Questions:

Robinson stated that Brian Payne, Assistant Director of Small Business Development, ran the contest and would know more about the street name but that he was unavailable.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Volan stated he would not support the amendment. He said there was some confusion about how the name was selected.

Council Comment:

Chopra stated she voted to make the name Brad Wisler Way.

Piedmont-Smith explained that she included the street name change at the request of staff.

Volan moved and it was seconded to amend Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-26 by striking Section 2.

Amendment to Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-26

Chopra thanked Volan for bringing up the point.

Sturbaum said he would be abstaining from the vote.

Piedmont-Smith supported striking Section 2.

The motion to amend Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-26 received a roll call vote Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Sturbaum).

Vote on motion to amend Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-26 [7:52pm]

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-26 as amended received a roll call vote Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Amendment 01 as amended to Ordinance 18-26 [7:52pm]

Granger moved and it was seconded that Amendment 02 to Ordinance 18-26 be adopted.

Amendment 02 to Ordinance 18-26

Amendment 02 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Councilmember Granger and deletes a provision of the Bloomington Municipal Code providing that no permits for garages or lots may be issued until all debts associated with the vehicle or the vehicle's owner owed to the City are paid. This provision is being deleted as there is no analogous provision associated with the issuance of neighborhood parking permits.

Granger stated she wanted the provision removed because she believed the city had a responsibility to provide services and parking permits were one of those services. She felt the city had other ways of getting the money without penalizing people who really needed a permit.

Sims asked Granger what alternatives the city had to get the fines paid.

Council Questions:

Granger stated the city could take someone to small claims court.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Piedmont-Smith thanked Granger for the amendment.

Council Comment:

The motion to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 18-26 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 3 (Sturbaum, Chopra, Sims), Abstain: 0 (Volan out of the room).

Vote to adopt Amendment 02 to Ordinance 18-26 [7:56pm]

Scott Burke stated he disapproved of the \$10 fee for when the parking garage machines did not work for the street in the Trades District..

Public Comment:

Alex Crowley, Director of Economic & Sustainable Development, stated that a list of the names that were the most popular were sent to the Mayor and he expressed his interest in Makers Way. The list was then sent back to Dimension Mill and the folks there also expressed interest in that name, which was how the name was finally determined.

Council Questions:

Chopra asked how the vote was presented to the public.

Crowley stated that, in an effort to avoid inappropriate names for the street, Dimension Mill had the ability to cull the list. After that, the City would take a name from the culled down list. The procedure was messaged out by Dimension Mill.

Chopra stated she did not know that was how the name would be picked.

Councilmember Susan Sandberg asked how many members of Dimension Mill reviewed and agreed on the name of the street.

Crowley stated that it was not a unilateral decision by the Mayor but was done in conjunction with Dimension Mill.

Chopra asked what the most popular name was.

Crowley said he did not know.

Chopra asked if the decision was done by popular vote.

Crowley did not believe popularity was used to get to the subset.

Chopra asked what was the point of the survey.

Crowley stated the point of the list was to get a lot of different name suggestions.

Piedmont-Smith asked Robinson to explain the \$10 fee for the garage when the equipment was not working.

Robinson stated that it would be a huge disincentive to leave the equipment broken. There were leases that the equipment would monitor and if they left the equipment broken it would interfere with those leases. It was also a cap and it could be less.

Piedmont-Smith stated that she supported the ordinance.

Volan discussed parking permits for the unreserved, part-time spots in the garages. He supported the ordinance.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 18-26 as amended received a roll call vote Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 18-26 as amended [8:11pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-10 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation for Ordinance 18-10 of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-10 be adopted.

Piedmont-Smith presented the legislation to the Council and explained the details in the ordinance.

Granger stated that the legislation added a public component, so people were made aware that they could comment on large expenditures.

Ordinance 18-10 To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) Entitled "Administration and Personnel" (Inserting BMC 2.26.200 to Provide for Additional Council Oversight of Intra-Category Transfers of \$100,000 or More within Certain Funds; Inserting BMC 2.26.205 to Require Submittal and Approval of Capital Plans Associated with Such Funds for the Applicable Year and Council Review of Capital-Related Expenditures of \$100,000 or More Not Identified in those Plans; and, Inserting BMC 2.26.210 to Require that Certain Other Expenditures in Such Funds of \$100,000 or More be Identified and, if Not Previously Identified, then be Reviewed by the Council)

Chopra asked if the administration was on board with the ordinance.

Granger said yes.

Council Questions:

Vauhxx Booker thanked the Council for its support of Ordinance 18-10.

Public Comment:

Chopra thanked Piedmont-Smith and Granger for their work on the legislation.

Council Comment:

The motion to adopt Ordinance 18-10 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 18-10 [8:19pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-27 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation for Ordinance 18-27 of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Ordinance 18-27 To Amend Title 9 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Water" (Adding Chapter 9.24 - Standards for the Control of Backflow and Cross Connections)

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-27 be adopted.

Vic Kelson, Director of Utilities, presented the legislation to the Council. He explained that the ordinance would give Utilities enforcement capabilities when it came to having someone get an inspection done.

Sims asked if irrigation systems represented the main threat for backflow in residential areas.

Council Questions:

Kelson stated that people were required to have a backflow preventer on their irrigation systems.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-27 be adopted.

Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-27

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith. The changes correct some typographical and grammatical errors and maintain a gender-neutral document.

Piedmont-Smith explained the changes made by the amendment.

Ordinance 18-27 (*cont'd*)

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 of Ordinance 18-27 received a roll call vote Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 18-27 [8:26pm]

The motion to adopt Ordinance 18-27 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 18-27 as amended [8:27pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-26 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation for Resolution 18-26 of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Resolution 18-26 To Approve an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement and Other Related Matters – Re: Purchase and Installation of Utility Metering Improvements

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-26 be adopted.

Kelson presented the legislation to the Council. He said the legislation would approve a lease purchase agreement for an advanced metering infrastructure project. He explained the advanced metering infrastructure would provide several benefits to the city and its customers: by reducing the amount of non-revenue water, advancing services for customers, helping detect leaks, improving efficiency of water bill calculations, and providing smart city applications.

Ruff asked what was the nearest community in Indiana that had implemented similar technology.

Council Questions:

Kelson said Evansville had it and Indianapolis might get it in the future.

Ruff asked if Kelson had discussed the benefits with those communities

Kelson said yes.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the estimated pay back period would be seven and a half years.

Kelson stated that the additional revenue that would be gained from more accurate meter readings was estimated at being \$1.2 million, which would pay for the system in seven and a half years.

Rollo asked if the meters were hackable.

Kelson said no.

Sims asked if the revenue increase would be solely from more accurate meter readings and not from a rate increase for water.

Kelson stated that the expected revenue increase would only come from more accurate meter readings.

Sims discussed an issue where his church had been surprised by a higher water bill than usual. He stated that having the new meters could prevent situations like that from happening, by being able to keep up to date with how much water was being used by the hour.

Daniel Bingham stated that he was generally supportive of the smart meters, but felt that information collected by the smart meters should be well guarded.

Public Comment:

Scott Burke agreed with Bingham. He supported the meters.

Mark Stosberg stated that the Council should ask for the smart meters certifications.

Vauhxx Booker urged the Council to enact general data protection.

Resolution 18-26 (cont'd)

Volan asked if there was any provision for two-factor authentication.

Council Questions:

Kelson stated the system selected had a specific frequency that the provider had purchased, that no one was legally able to use except the purchaser. He explained that customers' information was sent to a bay station, then to the provider's hosting service, and then to the Utilities Department. He said he would check and get back to Volan about the two-factor authentication.

Volan felt it was time for the city to have a comprehensive policy on data privacy.

Council Comment:

Granger stated that she worked at an organization that had a very costly leak. She said she would be supporting the resolution.

Piedmont-Smith stated she appreciated the public's comment on data security and she agreed with Volan about the city having a comprehensive policy on data privacy.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-26 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-26 [8:55pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-27 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation for Resolution 18-27 of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Resolution 18-27 Preliminary Approval to Issue Economic Development Bonds and Lend the Proceeds for the Renovation of Affordable Housing at 540 S. Basswood Drive

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-27 be adopted.

Crowley presented the legislation to the Council.

Granger asked the city had ever had a program like this in the past. Crowley said yes.

Council Questions:

Rollo asked about the longevity of the project.

Crowley stated the affordable housing was meant to last for 15 years.

Rollo asked if the affordability would change if the property were sold.

Crowley said the bonds remained with the property until the 15 year period was up.

Volan was pleased with the ease of getting the project started.

Council Comment:

Sandberg was also pleased with the project.

Piedmont-Smith recalled that she protested against the development in 2001. She now supported the project.

Granger was excited for the project.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-27 [9:05pm]



Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-24 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation for Resolution 18-24 of Ayes: 4, Nays: 1, Abstain: 4.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-24 be adopted.

Volan asked Dan Sherman, Council Attorney, if the amendment by substitution was what they were voting on.

Sherman said yes.

Volan asked if Sherman could give a brief synopsis of what was being replaced in the amendment.

Sherman said the Council would just be considering the Fourth Street garage.

Volan moved and it was seconded that the Council amend Resolution 18-24 by substitution as it appeared in the December 5, 2018 Legislative Packet.

Daniel Bingham asked for clarification on the process.

Vauhxx Booker asked if there was additional information about the resolution that would be discussed or if only the Fourth Street garage would be discussed.

Volan stated that the effect of the substitution was to remove the Trades District garage from consideration of Resolution 18-24.

The motion to amend Resolution 18-24 by substitution received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Crowley explained why the administration wanted the Fourth Street garage to be rebuilt. He also explained that if the Council decided to repair the garage instead, the parking facilities fund would be depleted.

Piedmont-Smith asked if there were other parking facilities funds to pay for the repair besides the parking facilities fund.

Jeff Underwood, Controller, explained that TIF funds could not be used for repairs. The three different sources that could be used were the parking facilities fund, the rainy day fund, and the general reserves fund. Depleting those reserves could cause the city to lose the AA Bond rating it just recently achieved.

Piedmont-Smith asked how much the city had in its reserves and the rainy day fund.

Underwood stated the city had \$10 million in reserves.

Volan asked if the administration could bring an ordinance to transfer dollars from the parking meter fund to the rainy day fund or general fund to make up for any deficiency created by paying for the garage repair.

Underwood stated that after the end of the year a determination could be made by the fiscal officer that there was a surplus in the account. That money then could come as an appropriation to move it to either the city's general fund or the rainy day fund.

Volan asked if the city could pay for repairs with the meter fund.

Underwood said it could happen.

Volan asked if the administration had a plan for if the bond did not pass.

Resolution 18-24 Approving the Issuance of Tax Increment Revenue Bonds of the City of Bloomington Redevelopment District to Finance the Costs of Acquisition and Construction for Two Parking Garages in the Bloomington Consolidated Economic Development Area and Costs Incurred in Connection with the Issuance of Such Bonds

Motion to Amend Resolution 18-24 by substitution

Public Comment:

Vote on motion to amend Resolution 18-24 by substitution [9:11pm]

Council Questions:

Resolution 18-24 (cont'd)

Underwood stated that the administration did not have a plan. They could prepare information on the repair option and where that money would come from.

Rollo asked if there was any indication of a height limit for the garage or would that be decided as part of the design process.

Crowley said there was a maximum height in in the area of 70 feet, and to exceed that one would need to go through a planning review process. He explained that a height could not be determined yet because the garage had not been designed yet.

Sandberg asked if the garage could get more levels added underground to avoid getting taller.

Crowley said the garage was still in the planning and design process.

Piedmont-Smith asked what the balance of the parking facilities fund was.

Underwood said he did not know exactly, but would get it to the Council.

Volan thought it was \$3-4 million.

Volan asked about the cost to repair the garage.

Ryan Daily, Parking Garage Manager, said previous repairs totaled \$400,000.

Volan asked if the estimated \$1.1 million to fix the garage included the \$400,000, and if the \$400,000 would be rolled into the bond.

Daily said the \$400,000 was not included in the \$1.1 million repair cost.

Underwood said that the \$400,000 would not be rolled into the bond.

Public Comment:

Scott Burke, Erin Predmore, Ron Walker, Molly Nagy, Moriah Sowders, Jourdan Seib, Talisha Coppock, and Susie Johnson voiced their support for rebuilding the garage.

Matt Flaherty, Quintin Thompson, James Rosenbarger, Mallory Rickbeil, Tracy Gates, Mark Stosberg, Kate Rosenbarger, Abbey Stemler, Bronson Bast, and Daniel Bingham urged the Council to vote against rebuilding the garage.

Council Comment:

Chopra read a statement from a constituent who was against rebuilding the Fourth Street garage.

Rollo stated that he was initially open to rebuilding the Fourth Street garage. He thought it was council's job to transition to the future and not compromise it. He thought the proposed capacity by the administration was excessive and did not go with council's conservation efforts. He said Bloomington was making those transitions. He thought adding 100 spaces to the existing capacity would not be excessive. He addressed the height of the garage and thought 90 feet would be too tall. He said without a height limit he would vote to repair the garage instead. He said council would have a transportation demand management study going forward.

Resolution 18-24 (cont'd)

Sims thanked the community members for attending multiple meetings. He said the city had responsibility for the height, convertibility, and mass of the garage. He thought council should negotiate further and rebuild. He discussed both sides of the argument. He wanted to know how council would incentivize public transportation if council did not rebuild the parking structure. He supported rebuilding but not the maximum capacity.

Councilmember Chris Sturbaum thought council could get a lot more life out of the parking garage and he did not have a lot of confidence in a huge structure taking its place. He thought repairing the garage would be less disruptive for people who use the downtown area. He thought repairing the garage would give the city five more years to think through a difficult problem.

Ruff recognized the work that the administration had done by making the city a more walkable and bikable environment. He felt that what the community faced now was a fundamental transformation. He believed the city had to change or else condemn its children to an unimaginable future. He stated electric cars would not get it out of the mess of climate change in time. He said the city could use different techniques to open up parking spots. He thought repairing the existing garage would be a significant compromise; especially since the Trades District garage was approved. He stated the only alternative would be to not provide the parking. He stated he would vote against the bond and would support repairing the existing garage.

Granger reminded everyone that there were many competing issues that council looked at. She said council listened to people and tried to balance the challenges. She believed the city had a responsibility to conduct a transportation demand management study. She thought the city should pay attention to greenhouse emissions and global warming. She said she would be voting against rebuilding the garage. She thought the city should start planning for the future. She stated it would buy the city time to think about what the demand was and help facilitate changing peoples' practices.

Volan thought the logistics for providing parking did not require a new structure and the city had inefficient time for planning the structured parking. He said the Fourth Street parkers would be accommodated in other parking areas. He thought repairing the garage was more optimal than building a new one. He said it was less expensive per space, per year. He said the city could repair without taking on debt, and get funds from the meters. He said repairing the garage would allow it to be open sooner, barring any structural problems. He said a new garage would take 18-24 months; while repairing would only take six months. He thought the city needed better certainty on supply before rebuilding. He discussed some different parking policies and how the city could accommodate people during the repairs. He wanted to send a strong message that the city needed to rethink its assumptions now. He thought the ease and low cost of city parking encouraged more people to drive. He thought the administration should be more careful in the future. He said the overall parking system in 2017 did not have a gross profit. He said subsidized garages were unsustainable environmentally and socially. He said planning was insufficient and repair would allow for better planning. He said he would be voting against the bond.

Piedmont-Smith said it might not seem important for global climate change if council approved a parking garage, but if everyone took small changes, it would help. She thought it was time to make unpopular decisions. She did not think the city should rebuild the garage. She said the city did not know what the demand would be since the city had been subsidizing parking for years. She said it was irresponsible to use tax dollars to keep subsidizing parking. She said 25% of the total cost of the garage would be paid for by parking fees so 75% of the cost would come from tax dollars that could go to true public benefits that did not harm the public through increased gas emissions. She said the administration did not discuss the repair option with the Council. She said she did not trust the process. She said the city should aggressively pursue transportation demand management. She read a study that said it was better to reuse buildings than build energy efficient ones. She said the city needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and repairing the garage was a small but important step.

Resolution 18-24 (cont'd)

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-24 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 0, Nays: 7, Abstain: 2 (Sandberg, Sims). FAILED.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-24  
[11:06pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-28 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution 18-28 Resolution  
Expressing the Preference of the  
Common Council for the Repair of  
the Fourth Street Parking Garage  
at this Time

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-28 be adopted.

Ruff presented the legislation to the council. He explained that the legislation was to emphasize the preference of the council for a repair of the Fourth Street Parking Garage rather than the replacement.

Volan added that if the city repaired the parking garage for five years, then the Council should support to rebuild the garage. He said there was not enough money to fund a 15-year repair option.

Matt Flaherty thanked the Council for its engagement over the last few weeks. He echoed Piedmont-Smith's comments on climate change. He supported the 15-year repair option.

Public Comment:

Greg Alexander asked the Council to see how people reacted when the parking garage was closed.

Mark Stosberg thought the city should repair the garage and not rebuild it yet.

Kate Rosenbarger thought it was a good idea to preserve the building.

Daniel Bingham pushed for the five-year repair option.

Jim Rosenbarger supported the 15-year repair option.

Crowley said in order to be fiscally responsible the city needed to look at the implications of spending cash and thought it was premature to try and answer that question now. He thought it was easy to be swayed by people coming up and talking; but his concern was that there was a whole population that did not have the luxury of being at the meeting. He discussed how some could not live in the downtown area because of rent prices and those were the ones forced into the cost of car ownership. He cautioned everyone to look beyond the bubble in Bloomington. He stated there were a lot voices not being heard.

Resolution 18-28 (cont'd)

Piedmont-Smith clarified that the resolution did not specify which repair option was best.

Council Comment:

Volan stated that building in Bloomington was happening constantly. He gave some statistics of buildings and parking built. He supported five years.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-28 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-28  
[11:24pm]

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

Resolution 18-18 Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana – Re: Building Code Authority

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

Phillipa Guthrie, Corporation Counsel, presented the legislation.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Piedmont-Smith thanked Guthrie for her patience.

Council Comment:

Volan apologized for making Guthrie wait through a long meeting.

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

Vote on Resolution 18-18  
[11:27pm]

There was no legislation for first reading.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

There were no changes to the council schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
City of Bloomington

