

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:33pm, Council President Dave Rollo presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 6, 2019

Members present: Ruff, Chopra, Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Rollo, Sims, Sandberg  
Members absent: Volan, Sturbaum

ROLL CALL [6:33pm]

Council President Dave Rollo summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:34pm]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:35pm]

Councilmember Dorothy Granger moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of December 19, 2018 as corrected. The motion was approved by voice vote.

December 19, 2019  
(Regular Session)

Granger moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019 as corrected. The motion was approved by voice vote.

January 23, 2019  
(Special Session)

Granger moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of February 13, 2019. The motion was approved by voice vote.

February 13, 2019  
(Special Session)

Granger moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of February 21, 2019. The motion was approved by voice vote.

February 21, 2019 (State of the City  
Special Session)

Councilmember Jim Sims asked people to pray for Councilmember Steve Volan and his family.

REPORTS [6:38pm]

- Councilmembers

Councilmember Andy Ruff thanked Sims for his comment.

Councilmember Allison Chopra spoke about a company's signage that was not in compliance with city code and said that she had spoken to the owner.

Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith reminded people that March was Women's History Month and people could attend events in the community to celebrate.

Granger congratulated Sims on retiring from Indiana University.

There were no reports from the mayor or city offices.

- The Mayor and City Offices

Granger moved and it was seconded to adopt an Encomium Recognizing Toby Strout Way.

- Council Committees

Rollo read the Encomium to the Council.

Councilmember Susan Sandberg said Toby Strout was a force of nature and community activist. Sandberg said it was wonderful to celebrate Strout's life and legacy.

Ruff said that Strout's work was lasting and important to the community.

Granger appreciated the work that Strout did in the city.

Rollo spoke favorably of Strout's courage and work.

The motion to accept the Encomium was approved by voice vote.

David VanDeventer, Operations Manager for Lime Scooters, spoke about the positive benefits of scooters in Bloomington.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

Sims moved and it was seconded that Resolution 19-04 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, and noted that public comment on the legislation would serve as the legally-advertised public hearing.

Sims moved and it was seconded that Resolution 19-04 be adopted.

Brian Payne, Assistant Director for Small Business Development, presented the resolution to the Council. He said that the resolution would support job and wage growth in the community. He noted that the proposed expansion would happen in two phases and would involve both real and personal property. He said that the petitioner was planning to invest \$125 million in total, which would include adding 200 full-time jobs. He reviewed the proposed abatement schedule, which would amount to an estimated \$2.45 million over the term of the abatement. He said that city staff and the Economic Development Commission strongly recommended approval of the resolution.

Chopra asked for clarification on the process of tax abatements.

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney, explained that state law required a declaratory resolution and a confirmatory resolution.

Piedmont-Smith said the area in question has been vacant for a long time and hoped the hospital site would do better. Piedmont-Smith supported the resolution.

Sandberg welcomed corporate entities that brought good jobs to the community. She said she favored the resolution.

Sims thanked staff and petitioners for their hard work. He said the project created more jobs and thought the city would benefit in the long run. He supported the resolution.

Ruff said a great project should not automatically guarantee a tax abatement. He did not support the resolution.

Rollo said the abatement was a wise investment for the community. He supported the resolution.

Chopra said that the tax abatement was being given as a reward rather than as an incentive. She did not support the resolution.

The motion to adopt Resolution 19-04 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 2 (Ruff, Chopra), Abstain: 0.

REPORTS (cont'd)

- Public

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [6:36pm]

Resolution 19-04 To Confirm Resolution 19-03 Extending the Period of Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area, Approving the Statements of Benefits, and Authorizing Periods of Abatement for Real and Personal Property Improvements – Re: Properties at 1300 S Patterson Drive (Catalent Indiana, LLC, Petitioner)

Council questions:

Council comment:

Vote to adopt Resolution 19-04 [7:16pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Sims moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-07 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 19-07 Amending Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code – Re: Updating Permissible Towing and Storage Fees for Authorized Towing Services

There was no additional public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no changes to the council schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

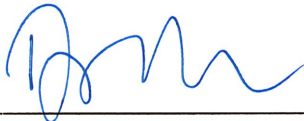
The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

ADJOURNMENT

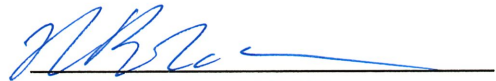
APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



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Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council



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Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
City of Bloomington