



City of Bloomington
Common Council
Legislative Packet –Addendum
(Issued on Wednesday, 12 August 2020)

Wednesday, 12 August 2020

Regular Session
6:30 PM

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**Land Use Committee
City of Bloomington Common Council**

Report on Referral of:

Ordinance 20-13: To Amend the City of Bloomington Zoning Maps by Amending the District Ordinance and Preliminary Plan for the Thomson PUD to Add 8.46 Acres - Re: 700 W. Guy Avenue (Habitat for Humanity, Petitioner)

Referral and Deliberations

Date	Entity	Action
07/29/2020	Common Council Regular Session	Introduction and referral to Land Use Committee
08/05/2020	Council Land Use Committee	Staff presentation, discussion, public comment, do pass vote to return to Council.

Summary and Recommendations

The committee met on Wednesday, August 5 for approximately 50 minutes to discuss Ord. 20-13. Eric Greulich from Planning & Transportation gave the staff presentation of the proposed PUD amendment to allow Habitat for Humanity to move forward with its plan for 70 single family residences just east of RCA Park. Nathan Ferreira spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, with Habitat CEO Wendi Goodlet chiming in to answer a question about long-term affordability of the homes.

Discussion focused on the sustainable building practices planned to construct the homes, including a plan called “zero-ready,” which would allow for residents to add solar panels without additional wiring on roofs planned as south-facing. Ferreira mentioned that residents might partner with Indiana Solar for All on such an addition in the future. It was also established that the homes will still be outfitted for natural gas, due to the overall lower utility costs. Goodlet clarified that she is in discussions with the city on a long-term affordability agreement, since the city is providing up to \$800,000 to fund infrastructure for the project. CM Volan requested a map of the proposed development laid on top of current street stubs to get a better overview of linkages. This was supplied by the developer after the meeting and is available in the Council Packet for the 8/12/20 meeting.

Committee members were very favorable toward the project due to its proximity to the city (infill) and amenities such as the Switchyard and RCA Parks, its connectivity to road and pedestrian/bike networks, and its provision of badly needed affordable housing for our community. The do pass recommendation received an affirmative vote of 4-0.

/s/ Isabel Piedmont-Smith
Isabel Piedmont-Smith (Chair)

8/9/2020
Date

/s/ Matt Flaherty
Matt Flaherty

8/10/2020
Date

Kate Rosenbarger

Date

/s/Stephen Volan
Stephen Volan

8/10/2020
Date

Transportation Committee City of Bloomington Common Council

Report on Referral of Ordinance 20-12:

An ordinance to amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” amending chapters on loading zones, no parking zones, motorcycle parking, creating a temporary visitor parking permit program, speed limits, and other items.

Referral and Deliberations

Date	Entity	Action
07/22/2020	Transportation Committee	Staff presentation, committee member discussion, public comment. Continued to second meeting of Transportation Committee
08/05/2020	Transportation Committee	Introduction of amendments, discussion, due pass vote on amendments and ordinance.

Summary and Recommendations

The Transportation Committee met twice to hear Ordinance 20-12, on July 22, 2020 and again on August 5, 2020. On July 22, multiple changes to the ordinance were discussed, so no vote was taken and the committee scheduled a second meeting. On August 5, the Transportation Committee met again to go over amendments to the ordinance, and voted (4-0-0) to recommend Council approve this ordinance.

This ordinance is a compilation of small fixes and changes that need to be made to the Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC), such as updating no parking zones, loading zones, and adjusting speed limits. The ordinance also includes new restrictions for motorcycle parking, and the creation of a temporary visitor parking permit where neighborhood parking zones exist. Four amendments were prepared by planning staff to correct errors contained in the original legislation. Two amendments were brought by council members. Descriptions and votes for each amendment are below. Amir Farshchi presented, and he along with Beth Rosenbarger, Michelle Wahl, RayeAnn Cox and Neil Kopper were available to answer questions.

Committee Recommendations

- Amendment 1, sponsored by Cm. Volan, 4-0-0.
 - This amendment makes two technical corrections to the list of no parking zones, removing two blocks from Schedule M.
- Amendment 2, sponsored by Cm. Volan, 4-0-0.
 - This amendment makes two technical corrections, adding two blocks and editing one as described to be removed from the list of no parking zones (Schedule M).
- Amendment 3, sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith, 4-0-0.
 - This amendment adds defined hours for three loading zones.
- Amendment 4, sponsored by Cm. Volan, 4-0-0.
 - This amendment corrects a reference to a definition within the Unified Development Ordinance.
- Amendment 5, sponsored by Cm. Volan, 2-0-2.
 - This amendment creates a parking benefit district in parking zone 6 (Garden Hill), allows all residents living in Zone 6 to buy a neighborhood parking permit, and creates a price scheme to increase the price of the permit as more permits are sold.
- Amendment 6, sponsored by Cm. Rosenbarger, 3-0-1.
 - This amendment aligns Bloomington Municipal Code with Indiana State Code in terms

of defining “motorcycles” and “motor driven cycles.” It allows motorcycles to park in full-sized parking spots, and it allows Class A and Class B motor driven cycles to park at bike racks.

The Transportation Committee recommends the Council approve Ordinance 20-12 (4-0-0).

Report on Referral of Ordinance 20-14:

An ordinance to amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” to reflect a proposed redesign of Seventh Street at the “7-Line.”

Referral and Deliberations

Date	Entity	Action
08/05/2020	Transportation Committee	Staff presentation, committee member discussion, recommendation for approval.

Summary and Recommendations

Planning staff proposed multiple changes to Title 15 in order to allow the city to complete design and eventual construction of the 7-Line Project on 7th Street. In 2018, Council approved a series of Park Bonds in honor of the city’s bicentennial. One project meant to be financed by the bonds is the project now called the 7-Line Project, to provide improvements along the 7th Street Greenway, which includes a two-way protected bike lane, raised pedestrian crossings, transit islands, and other improvements.

The proposed changes include eliminating most metered and all angled parking, and removing no parking zones and loading zones on 7th Street between the B-Line and Woodlawn Avenue. The ordinance will also remove bus zones and change the intersections along this portion of 7th Street.

These proposed changes support many goals in our Comprehensive Plan, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting a sustainable downtown, improving public transit, and improving our bicycle and pedestrian network.

The Transportation Committee recommends the Council approve Ordinance 20-14 (4-0-0).

/s/Kate Rosenbarger
Kate Rosenbarger (Chair)

8/12/2020
Date

/s/Isabel Piedmont-Smith
Isabel Piedmont-Smith

8/9/2020
Date

Ron Smith

Date

/s/Stephen Volan
Stephen Volan

8/10/2020
Date

***** Amendment Form *****

Ordinance #: 20-12
Amendment #: Am 05-R (Revised)
Submitted By: Cm. Volan, District VI
Date: August 12, 2020

Proposed Amendment:

1. Ord 20-12 shall be amended by adding a new Section 16 and by renumbering subsequent sections appropriately. The new Section 16 shall read as follows:

SECTION 16. Section 15.37.040 entitled “Eligibility” shall be amended by adding the sentence, “Each resident of a multiple household dwelling in Zone 6 shall be entitled to apply for one residential neighborhood zone parking permit, but no more than two hundred and fifty (250) permits shall be sold in Zone 6.” The amended section shall read as follows:

15.37.040 Eligibility

Each resident of a single household detached dwelling in a neighborhood zone defined in Bloomington Municipal Code Section 15.37.020 shall be entitled to apply for one residential neighborhood zone parking permit. Each single household detached dwelling in a neighborhood zone is entitled to apply for one visitor permit per household. **Between September 15, 2020 and February 28, 2021, each resident of Zone 6 shall be entitled to apply for one residential neighborhood zone parking permit, no more than one hundred (100) of which shall be sold in Zone 6.** Requests for additional parking and/or visitor permits shall be made in writing, with all relevant documentation attached, to the parking services director or his or her designee.

2. Ord 20-12 shall be amended by added a new Section 17 and by renumbering subsequent sections appropriately. The new Section 17 shall read as follows:

SECTION 17. Section 15.37.050 entitled “Fees” shall by amended by adding a new subsection (c), which shall read as follows:

15.37.050 – Fees

(c) Fee for Residents in Zone 6. The fee for the one hundred (100) parking permits available to all residents of Zone 6 shall be set at double the fee for an all-zone permit. This provision shall begin on September 15, 2020 and expire February 28, 2021.

3. Ord 20-12 shall be amended by adding a new Section 18 and by renumbering subsequent sections appropriately. The new Section 18 shall read as follows:

SECTION 18. Chapter 15.17 entitled “Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking” shall be amended by adding Section 15.37.155 entitled “Parking Benefit Funds, purposes and expenditures” which shall read as follows:

15.37.155 - Parking benefit funds, purposes and expenditures.

- (a) A Zone 6 Parking Benefit Fund (fund) is hereby established within the Office of the Controller.
- (b) All expenditures from this fund shall be subject to appropriation by the city’s fiscal body.
- (c) Disbursements from the fund shall be made only on orders of the board of public works for projects within the zone, which include the cost of:
 - (1) Repairing or maintaining any of the public ways, curbs, and sidewalks.
 - (2) Street lighting.
 - (3) Installation of new sidewalks, bicycle parking facilities such as racks, or bus shelters.
 - (4) Improvement of public ways to accommodate non-automobile traffic, such as protected bike lanes or tree plots to provide shade.
 - (5) Burial of power or other overhead cables.
 - (6) Improvements to City of Bloomington Utilities facilities within the zone.
 - (7) Signage to explain such improvements and the source of their funding.

4. Ord 20-12 shall be amended by adding a new Section 19 and by renumbering subsequent sections appropriately. The new Section 19 shall read as follows:

SECTION 19. Section 15.37.160 entitled “Disposition of revenue” shall be amended by deleting the existing section and replacing it with the following:

15.37.160 - Disposition of revenue.

- (a) All funds derived from the issuance of permits and from fines shall be used to pay the costs of operating this program. Funds received in excess of the annual cost of operating the program in all zones except Zone 6 shall go into an alternative transportation fund. The alternative transportation fund shall be for the purpose of reducing our community's dependence upon the automobile. Expenditures from the fund shall be approved by the council.
- (b) Funds from each permit sold in Zone 6 over and above the permit price for a resident of a single household detached dwelling as specified in the schedule in §15.37.050 shall go into the Zone 6 Parking Benefit Fund. In 2020, this means any amount above the first \$46 per permit sold shall go into the Zone 6 Fund.

- (c) Should the fund be dissolved, dollars remaining in it shall be transferred to the Alternative Transportation Fund.

Synopsis

This amendment, authored by Councilmember Volan, proposes to elevate the Garden Hill neighborhood parking zone (Zone 6) into a “parking benefit district.” In Zone 6 only, it makes residents of multiple-household dwellings eligible for one hundred additional permits at a market rate, although it does not make multiple-household dwellings eligible for annual visitor permits.

Committee Action (8/5/2020): Do Pass 2-0-2 (*Committee recommendation was made on a previous version of Am 05, available in the Weekly Legislative Packet for the week of August 10-14.*)

Regular Session Action: