In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, September 02, 2020 at 6:30pm, Council President Stephen Volan presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council. Per the Governor’s Executive Orders, this meeting was conducted electronically.

Councilmembers present via teleconference: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan

Councilmembers absent: none

Council President Stephen Volan summarized the agenda.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of September 04, 2019. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019 as revised and the minutes of September 18, 2019. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith reminded people to wear face masks.

Sgambelluri told people about an upcoming constituent meeting.

Mayor John Hamilton gave a presentation on the health emergency. He also asked the council to schedule a special session to consider a modification of the local income tax rate.

Lauren Travis, Assistant Director of Sustainability, presented the Climate Vulnerability Assessment Report. There was council discussion following the report.

There were no council committee reports.

Randy Paul spoke about the Election Board meeting.

Greg Alexander spoke about sidewalks proposed in the budget hearings. He also spoke about the proposed modification to the local income tax.

Janna Arthur urged the council to take anti-racist training offered by the local Black Lives Matter organization. She also asked that they declare racism a public health emergency.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-15 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. City Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

There was no public comment.
Stephen Lucas, Council Attorney, reviewed the council schedule.

Volan scheduled a Land Use Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:00pm, with a Special Session of the Council to begin at 7:30pm on the same night.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to extend the suspension of the rules under BMC 2.04.255 and 2.04.270 until December 31, 2020 to give the Council President, in consultation with the Vice President and the various committee chairs, the authority to approve the agendas and starting times for meetings of council standing committees. The President shall also have the authority to refer legislation to the appropriate committee before the meeting at which the legislation is introduced for first reading, but such a referral may be changed by a motion approved by a majority of the Council when the legislation is introduced for first reading. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Sandberg).

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this day of September, 2020.

APPROVE: ATTEST:

Stephen Volan, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington