

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, December 04, 2019 at 6:30pm, Council President Dave Rollo presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
December 04, 2019

Councilmembers present: Andy Ruff, Allison Chopra (left the meeting at 10:06pm), Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dorothy Granger (left the meeting at 9:01pm), Dave Rollo, Stephen Volan, Jim Sims, Chris Sturbaum, Susan Sandberg
Councilmembers absent: none

ROLL CALL [6:36pm]

Council President Dave Rollo summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:37pm]

There was brief discussion about the agenda order.

There were no minutes for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sturbaum said hello to his mother.

REPORTS

Sims noted that Councilmember Sturbaum made it on time that evening.

- COUNCIL MEMBERS
[6:44pm]

Chopra commented on her absences from previous meetings.

There were no reports from the Mayor or city offices.

- The MAYOR AND CITY
OFFICES

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Greg Alexander spoke about discouraging car use in Bloomington.

- PUBLIC [6:48pm]

Marc Cornett spoke about gentrification in Bloomington.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS

Volan moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 19-09 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. City Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Appropriation Ordinance 19-09
To specially appropriate from the Food and Beverage Tax fund expenditures related to the Convention Center Expansion and Authorize Persons Designated by the Mayor to Relay Council Request for Recommendations

There was brief council discussion of procedural matters.

Volan moved and it was seconded that the council postpone further consideration of Appropriation Ordinance 19-09.

Council comment:

There was council discussion related to the motion to postpone.

The motion to postpone further consideration of Appropriation Ordinance 19-09 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to postpone further consideration of Appropriation Ordinance 19-09 [7:00pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 19-18 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution 19-18 To Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between The City of Bloomington and the Fraternal Order of Police, Don Owens Memorial Lodge 88

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-27 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 19-27 Amending Ordinance 18-17 which Fixed the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for 2019 – Re: Providing a One-Time, \$1,000 Bonus for Officers First Class and Senior Police Officers and Adding a Fire Logistics Officer

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-28 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 19-28 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “Administration and Personnel” - Re: Amending Chapter 2.28 (Bloomington Living Wage Ordinance) to Remove Exclusion for City Seasonal Employees

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING AND RESOLUTIONS
[7:03pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-25 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis giving the Committee of the Whole do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Ordinance 19-25 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled “Historic Preservation and Protection” to Establish a Historic District – Re: The Near West Side Conservation District (Near West Side Historic Designation Committee, Petitioner)

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-25 be adopted.

Conor Herterich, Program Manager - Historic Preservation, presented the legislation and explained the details of Amendment 01 for Ordinance 19-25.

Amendment 01 to Ordinance 19-25

Councilmember Susan Sandberg moved and it was seconded to introduce Amendment 01 to Ordinance 19-25.

Amendment 01 to Ordinance 19-25 Synopsis: This amendment is requested by staff and is in need of a sponsor. Changes include reconciling properties in Section 1 with Section 2 and providing an Addendum clarifying parts of the map.

There was brief council discussion.

Council questions:

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

There was no council comment.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 19-25 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Amendment 01 to Ordinance 19-25 [7:19pm]

There was council discussion of the legislation.

Council questions:

Captain Cindy Hoag spoke about keeping the Salvation Army’s properties excluded from the historic preservation zoning.

Public comment:

Betty Bridgewaters spoke about the legislation and corrected some of the things that Herterich said about the African American community in Bloomington.

Olivia Dorfman explained the process of petitioning the City for historic designation.

Karen Duffy recounted historical stories she had uncovered while researching the Near West Side neighborhood.

Alan Balkema stated that the neighborhood association supported the ordinance and he urged the council to vote in favor of it.

Peter Dorfman spoke about a conversation he had with Professor Henry Glassie about Bloomington architecture.

Randy Cassady spoke about the community in the Near West Side neighborhood.

Marc Cornett urged the council to vote in favor of the ordinance.

There was further council discussion.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 19-25 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-23 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis giving the Land Use Committee do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-23 be adopted.

Ryan Robling, Zoning Planner, presented the legislation to the council.

Mark Lauchli, Hilltop Meadow, LLC, explained the preliminary plan for the property.

Piedmont-Smith introduced an amendment to Ordinance 19-23.

Reasonable Condition 01 to Ordinance 19-23 Synopsis: This Reasonable Condition is sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith and would reduce the maximum impervious surface area for the development of this site from 65% to 57%. The petitioner is proposing to use RH development standards for this Planned Unit Development and is seeking deviation from the RH district's maximum impervious surface coverage from 50% to 65%. This change to 57% actually reflects plans submitted by the petitioner.

There were no council questions.

There was no public comment.

There was no council discussion.

The motion to adopt Reasonable Condition 01 to Ordinance 19-23 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

There was brief council discussion about the legislation as amended.

There was no public comment.

Ordinance 19-25 (cont'd)

Council comment:

Vote to adopt Ordinance 19-25 as amended [8:06pm]

Ordinance 19-23 To Amend a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District Ordinance and Approve a Preliminary Plan – Re: 1201 W. Allen Street (Hilltop Meadow, LLC, Petitioner)

Reasonable Condition 01 to Ordinance 19-23

Council comment:

Public comment:

Council comment:

Vote to adopt Reasonable Condition 01 for Ordinance 19-23 [8:34pm]

Council questions:

Public comment:

There was additional council discussion related to the legislation.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Ordinance 19-23 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 19-23 as amended [8:54pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 19-18 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution Ordinance 19-18 To Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between The City of Bloomington and the Fraternal Order of Police, Don Owens Memorial Lodge 88

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 19-18 be adopted.

Michael Rouker, City Attorney, gave a presentation on the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Bloomington and the Fraternal Order of Police.

There were no council questions.

Council questions:

Paul Post, President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 88, stated that the police were not happy about the agreement that was reached.

Public comment:

There was brief council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Resolution 19-18 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. (Granger left the meeting).

Vote to adopt Resolution 19-18 [9:05pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-20 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis giving the Committee of the Whole do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 1, Nays: 0, Abstain: 7.

Ordinance 19-20 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2020

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-20 be adopted.

Volan moved and it was seconded to amend his motion to take Ordinance 19-20 off the table.

Caroline Shaw, Director of Human Resources, presented the legislation to the council.

Volan moved and it was seconded to adopt an Amendment by Substitution to Ordinance 19-20.

Amendment by Substitution to Ordinance 19-20.

Piedmont-Smith explained the Amendment by substitution.

There were no council questions.

Council questions:

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

There was no council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt the Amendment by Substitution to Ordinance 19-20 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. (Granger left the meeting).

Vote to adopt the Amendment b Substitution to Ordinance 19-20 [9:12pm]

There were no council questions.

Council questions:

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

There was no council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Ordinance 19-20 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. (Granger left the meeting).

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-27 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion to introduce Ordinance 19-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 19-27 be adopted.

Shaw presented the legislation to the council.

There was brief council discussion.

There was no public comment.

There was no additional council comment.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 19-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. (Granger left the meeting).

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

Volan moved and it was seconded Resolution 19-19 be adopted.

Volan presented the legislation to the council and explained the details of Resolution 19-19.

There was council discussion.

Julie Thomas, Monroe County Commissioner, spoke about the need for the City and County to work collaboratively.

Penny Githens, Monroe County Commissioner, urged the Council to not pass any appropriations unless there was a written agreement between the City and the County that required both of them to sign off on contract agreements involving the convention center.

Lee Jones, Monroe County Commissioner, spoke about Monroe County's desire to create a Capital Improvement Board (CIB).

Thomas spoke again and asked the Council to wait for a CIB structure to be in place before they approved funding. Thomas also asked the Council to commit to approving any contracts in collaboration with the county.

Eric Spoonmore, President of the Monroe County Council, spoke about his support of the creation of a Capital Improvement Board.

There was additional council discussion.

There was a brief council recess.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Amendment 01 to Resolution 19-19 be adopted.

There were no council questions.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 19-20 as amended [9:13pm]

Ordinance 19-27 Amending Ordinance 18-17 which Fixed the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for 2019 – Re: Providing a One-Time, \$1,000 Bonus for Officers First Class and Senior Police Officers and Adding a Fire Logistics Officer

Council questions:

Public comment:

Council comment:

Vote on Ordinance 19-27 [9:23pm]

Resolution 19-19 To Affirm a Request From the Common Council for the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission to Make a Recommendation for Expenditure of Food and Beverage Tax Revenues Towards Phase II of the Convention Center Expansion Project

Council questions:

Public comment:

Council comment:

Amendment 01 to Resolution 19-19

Council questions:

Thomas thanked the council for the amendment.

Public comment:

Guthrie said the administration did not have an objection to the amendment.

Spoonmore said he supported the amendment.

There was brief council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Resolution 19-19 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. (Granger, Chopra left the meeting).

Vote to adopt Amendment 01 to Resolution 19-19 [10:39pm]

There were no council questions.

Council questions:

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

There was brief council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Resolution 19-19 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. (Granger, Chopra left the meeting).

Vote to adopt Resolution 19-19 as amended [10:43pm]

There was no additional public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney, reviewed the upcoming schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [10:43pm]

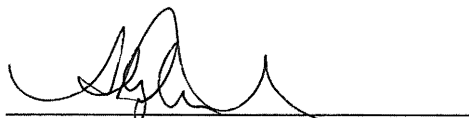
Volan moved and it was seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT [10:45pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 18th day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Stephen Volan, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington