

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:30pm, Council President Dave Rollo presided over an Organizational Meeting of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 8, 2020

Councilmembers present: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo (left at 8:52pm), Kate Rosenbarger, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan
Councilmembers absent: none

ROLL CALL [6:32pm]

Council President Dave Rollo summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:32pm]

There were no minutes for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Piedmont-Smith welcomed the new Councilmembers. She also said she looked forward to working with the Mayor and his administration on several issues in the coming months.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:33pm]

Sgambelluri thanked the people who showed up to her first constituent meeting.

Rollo also spoke about his enthusiasm about working with the administration on climate change policies.

There were no reports from the Mayor or city offices.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

David Keppel urged the Council to make a resolution declaring that they are aligned with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

- PUBLIC [6:42pm]

Former Mayor Tomi Allison also urged the Council to declare they were aligned with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Greg Alexander spoke about sidewalks.

Ben Ramsdenn spoke about his experience with Crawford Apartments in his neighborhood.

Sgambelluri moved and it was seconded that the following slate of officers be elected:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS [6:57pm]

President: **Stephen Volan**
Vice President: **Jim Sims**
Parliamentarian: **Isabel Piedmont-Smith**

The slate of officers was approved by a voice vote.

The councilmembers took new seats as assigned by the new president. Council President Stephen Volan presided for the remainder of the meeting and presented outgoing President Dave Rollo with a gavel to commemorate his term as president.

Volan announced the new seating order, starting from his left, which was Sandberg, Smith, Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith, Volan, Sims, Rosenbarger, Sgambelluri, and Rollo.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Volan announced Council appointments to the following list of Boards and Commissions be approved:

Citizens Advisory Committee-Community Development Block Grants-Social Services **Smith**
Citizens Advisory Committee- Community Development Block Grants-Physical Improvements **Rosenbarger**
Commission for Bloomington Downtown **Sgambelluri**
Economic Development Commission (City) **Rosenbarger**
Economic Development Commission (County) **Smith**
Environmental Resource Advisory Committee **Sgambelluri**
Metropolitan Planning Organization **Flaherty**
Plan Commission **Sandberg**
Solid Waste Management District **Piedmont-Smith**
Board of the Urban Enterprise Association **Rosenbarger**
Utilities Services Board **Sims**
Bloomington Economic Development Corporation **Sims**
Bloomington Commission on Sustainability **Rollo**
Parking Commission **Volan**
Public Safety Local Income Tax Allocation Committee **Piedmont-Smith, Sgambelluri, Sims, and Smith**
Monroe County Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission **Volan**

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

Volan appointed the following councilmembers to the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee: **Sandberg, Smith, Flaherty, Sgambelluri**. Volan noted that there was still a council vacancy to be filled at a later date.

Volan appointed the following councilmembers to the Council Sidewalk Committee: **Rollo, Sims, Rosenbarger, Smith**.

Volan appointed the following councilmembers to the Council Land Use Committee: **Volan, Piedmont-Smith, Flaherty, Rosenbarger**.

There was brief council discussion about the council appointments.

Volan appointed the following councilmembers to the following Board and Commission Interview Committee assignments:

- A-**Sims, Smith, Rosenbarger**
- B-**Flaherty, Sgambelluri, Volan**
- C-**Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Sandberg**.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING AND RESOLUTIONS
[7:07pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-02 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.

Resolution 20-02 To Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Monroe County, the Town of Ellettsville, and the City of Bloomington for Animal Shelter Operation for the Year 2020

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-02 be adopted.

Virgil Sauder, the Director of the Animal Shelter, presented the legislation.

There were brief council questions.

Council questions:

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

There was no council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Resolution 20-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 20-02
[7:15pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-03 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 20-03 To Approve of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana – Re: Building Code Authority

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-03 be adopted.

Philipa Guthrie, Corporation Counsel, presented the legislation to the council.

There were brief council questions.

Council questions:

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

There was no council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Resolution 20-03 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 20-03
[7:19pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-01 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 20-01 To Establish Standing Committees and Abolish Other Certain Committees of the Common Council

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-01 be adopted.

Volan passed the gavel to Sims. Volan presented the legislation to the council.

There were several council questions.

Council questions:

Peter Dorfman suggested that the each committee have an at-large member on it.

Public comment:

David Keppel stated that he believed that constituents learn more from sitting through a whole meeting, rather than just going for a specific issue.

Resolution 20-01 (cont'd)

Daniel Bingham said he supported the legislation.

There was additional council discussion.

Council comment:

Rollo moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-01 be postponed until a Special Session to be held on January 29, 2020.

There was additional council discussion.

Council comment:

The motion to postpone Resolution 20-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 3 (Rosenbarger, Volan, Flaherty), Abstain: 0.

Vote to postpone Resolution 20-01 [8:51pm]

Sims passed the gavel back to Volan.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-01 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.

Ordinance 20-01 To Amend the City of Bloomington Zoning Maps by Rezoning a 3.2 Acre property From Commercial Limited (CL) to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to Approve a District Ordinance and Preliminary Plan – Re: 105 S. Pete Ellis Drive (Curry Urban Properties, Petitioner)

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that that the Council refer Ordinance 20-01 for discussion at the Land Use Committee on Wednesday, January 15th to start no earlier than 8:00pm, and Wednesday, January 29th to start at a time to be determined later. The motion was approved by voice vote

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-02 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.

Ordinance 20-02 Final Approval to Issue Economic Development Notes and Lend the Proceeds for the Renovation of Affordable Housing – Re: Walnut Woods, 818 E. Miller Drive, and Reverend Butler Apartments, 1202 W. 11th Street (Bloomington RAD I, LP, Petitioner)

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to appoint Dan Sherman as the Council Attorney for the year 2020. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Melissa O'Neil spoke about downtown building height restrictions and the demographics of the Bloomington population.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Bingham spoke about the mayor's proposal to increase the local income tax to create a sustainability fund, and how that money should be used.

Stephen Lucas, Deputy Council Attorney, reviewed the upcoming schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [9:04pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to hold a Council Work Session on January 10, 2020 at 1:15pm. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to adjourn. The motion ADJOURNMENT [9:06pm] was approved by voice vote.

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

APPROVE:



Stephen Volan, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington

