In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, April 01, 2020 at 6:30pm, Council President Stephen Volan presided over a Special 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.

Smith spoke about community actions during the pandemic, and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Sims thanked several community organizations and people for their work to help others during the pandemic.

Sgambelluri acknowledged and thanked the Economic Stabilization and Recovery Group.

Sandberg thanked her neighborhood association in Matlock Heights and the Continuity of City Government (COCG) team.

Flaherty thanked city staff, COCG, and other organizations working to help the community.

Rollo recognized the COCG's work in keeping the city running and spoke about personal protection equipment.

Rosenbarger thanked essential workers in the community.

Piedmont-Smith spoke about being impressed with the community outreach during the pandemic, and the importance of masks.

Volan spoke about how the pandemic might last for months and urged folks to brace themselves for a long time of essential business only.

Mayor John Hamilton thanked the council, clerk, and staff for their work. He then gave an update on the pandemic response, employee health, collaboration efforts with the Indiana University, protocol changes, and how the city and county were working together.

Beverly Calender-Anderson, Community and Family Resources Director, gave an update on the Social Services Working Group.

Alex Crowley, Economic and Sustainable Development Director, gave an update on the Economic Stabilization and Recovery Working Group (ESRWG).

There was council discussion following the reports.

There were no council committee reports.

Greg Alexander spoke about the need for sidewalks.

Daniel Bingham discussed sidewalk width as it related to social distancing, and suggested consideration of that in the future.
Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 20-01 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Sims moved and it was seconded to appoint Nicholas Kappas to the Bloomington Redevelopment Commission.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Stephen Lucas, Council Deputy Attorney, reminded the council that guidance from the Public Access Counselor called for all votes to be roll call votes.

There was brief council discussion related to the appointment.

The motion to appoint Nicholas Kappas received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Sgambelluri).

Sims moved and it was seconded to reappoint David Walter to the Bloomington Redevelopment Commission.

There was brief council discussion related to the appointment.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Sgambelluri).

Lucas reviewed the upcoming council schedule.

Volan adjourned the meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING AND RESOLUTIONS

Appropriation Ordinance 20-01 – To Specially Appropriate from the Food and Beverage Tax Fund Expenditures Related to the Convention Center Expansion and Support of Local Tourism During the COVID-19 Emergency

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Vote to appoint Kappas [7:41pm]

Vote to appoint Walter [7:44pm]

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

ADJOURNMENT [7:49pm]

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

APPROVE:

Stephen Volan, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington