In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, June 03, 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.

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

Council members absent: none

Council President Stephen Volan summarized the agenda.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of August 07, 2019 and August 28, 2019.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Sims spoke of an upcoming peaceful protest titled “Enough is Enough.” Sims spoke against police brutality and systemic racism against people of color, and stated the need for change concerning racism in the United States.

Sgambelluri discussed ways white people could be allies to people of color and fight against racial injustice.

Piedmont-Smith spoke against systemic racism and police brutality.

Sandberg stated that she supported and sympathized with Sims and his statement and expressed her support for every person of color.

Rollo stated his support for the protestors. Rollo also discussed economic inequalities within the United States.

Flaherty provided an update from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) policy; expressed his grief and anger over the murder of George Floyd; spoke against state sanctioned violence and systemic discrimination against African Americans; and pledged to do more to educate himself.

Smith stated that he was saddened that another black person was killed during a police action, spoke against systemic racism, and demanded change.

Rosenbarger spoke about how community members felt excluded from political, social, and economic systems and the need to make changes to these systems to be more inclusive and not perpetuate racism.

Volan thanked the council for their thoughtful remarks. Volan thanked everyone for their patience and consideration concerning the current political climate.

Mayor John Hamilton discussed low hospitalization rates and low numbers from those testing positive for COVID-19. Hamilton spoke in support of social distancing and the use of masks. Hamilton spoke about racial inequalities and systemic racism within the U.S.

There were no council committee reports.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 3, 2020

ROLL CALL [6:31pm]

AGENDA SUMMATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:32pm]

August 07, 2019 (Regular Session)
August 28, 2019 (Special Session)

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Randy Paul spoke on the importance of continuing with zoom meetings once the pandemic was over.

Greg Alexander commented on social form, sidewalks, and privilege.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to hire Stephen Lucas, currently serving as the Deputy Administrator/Attorney, to be the Council Administrator Attorney no later than August 1, 2020.

There was council discussion related to hiring process, salary, paid time off, and reporting.

Rollo moved and it was seconded to postpone the appointment of Stephen Lucas to Council Administrator Attorney until June 10, 2020.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-10 be 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 do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-10 be adopted.

Michael Rouker, City Attorney, explained the importance of having a unified set of rules to be better understood by the public and city staff. He asked for the council’s support in passing Ordinance 20-10.

There were no council questions.

There was no public comment.

There were no council comments.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 20-10 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-08 be 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 do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to adopt Resolution 20-08.

Beth Rosenbarger, Planning Services Manager, presented the Transportation Demand Management Plan, and explained the key recommendations.

There was council discussion about the plan.
Greg Alexander spoke about the plan.

Mary Morgan, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy, Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, made suggestions for the city.

There was additional council comment.

The motion to adopt Resolution 20-08 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Smith), Abstain: 0.

There was no legislation for first reading.

There were no additional public comments.

Lucas reviewed the Council schedule.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to schedule a Special Session for June 10, 2020 at 6:30pm.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

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 [December] day of [December], 2020.

APPROVE:______________________________

Stephen Volan, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:______________________________

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington