



City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet – Addendum

(Issued on Wednesday, 06 January 2021)

Wednesday, 06 January 2021
Organizational Meeting

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Meeting Memo – from Council Office

January 6, 2021

Organizational Meeting

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Election of Officers and Assignment of Seating

Statute and local code require the Council to meet in January in order to elect a President, Vice-President, and Parliamentarian for the New Year. Section V of the agenda has been set aside for that purpose and typically unfolds with a motion by a councilmember to nominate a slate of candidates for the three positions (e.g., I nominate CM 1 as president, CM 2 as vice president, and CM 3 as parliamentarian). A draft motion is included herein that may be introduced at tonight's meeting to address the election of officers (as well as the appointment of councilmembers to various boards/commissions, discussed below).

Unless there are further nominations, the Council then votes on the slate as a whole. If there are other nominations for an office, then a vote on the nominations for that office would proceed separately. The motion requires a majority vote to be adopted.

Once the Council officers are elected, the new officers and other councilmembers would typically rearrange their seating. Please note that the President has the duty of assigning seats, but that any two councilmembers may change seats by joining in a written memorandum and submitting it to the President. (BMC 2.04.110) Virtual meetings make this step unnecessary for the moment, but it should be addressed when in-person meetings resume. Please also note that a group photo is typically taken at the first meeting of the year, but this step has also been put on hold during the pandemic.

Appointments to Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Appointments – Council

Under Section VII of the agenda, the Council votes on the appointment of councilmembers to serve on various boards, commissions, or organizations. This, too, may be done by nomination of a slate of candidates or individually.



Possible Motion for Conduct

The following motion may be introduced at tonight's meeting to provide a framework for considering nominations for officers and appointments to board and commissions:

Draft motion:

I move to suspend the rules to conduct the election of council officers and appointments to boards and commissions in the following manner:

- A candidate for president, vice president, or parliamentarian of Council shall require a nomination and second by other members.
- A candidate for appointment to a board or commission may express their interest in the position without need for a nomination or second by another member.
- All Council officer positions with only one nominee shall be determined by a single roll-call vote, followed by a separate vote for each office with two or more nominees.
- The same procedure shall be used to determine the appointments to all board and commission seats.
- Members may ask questions and discuss the nominations of any seat before a final vote is taken.

Procedural requisites of the Motion:

- Must be seconded
- (the suspension of the rules) Is neither debatable nor amendable
- Requires a 2/3s majority to pass.

Appointments - Citizens

Please note that the Council may also use this occasion to make citizen appointments to boards or commissions if any are ready to be made.

Committee Assignments - The Council President is given the duty of assigning councilmembers to committees (observing the preferences of councilmembers as closely as possible when doing so - See BMC 2.04.210). If the President is ready, some of those assignments may also be announced this evening. However, if additional time is needed for councilmembers to communicate their preferences to the President (especially in light of any changes made to existing committees), these assignments could also be announced at a later date.

ORGANIZATION DAY WORKSHEET FOR 2021 • January 6, 2021

<u>ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS</u>	Last Year	This Year
President	Volan	
Vice President	Sims	
Parliamentarian	Piedmont-Smith	

<u>APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS</u> <i>(action by motions of Council)</i> <i>(All appointments of Councilmembers are for voting members and for one-year terms, except where noted.)</i>
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<u>Community Development Block Grants</u> — <u>Citizens' Advisory Committees</u> >>>		
— for <u>Physical Improvements Funding</u>	Rosenbarger	
— for <u>Social Services Funding</u>	Smith	
<u>Downtown Bloomington Inc.</u> >>>	Sgambelluri	
<u>Economic Development Commission (City)</u> <i>(4-year term)</i> >>>	Rosenbarger (appointed 2020)	
<u>Economic Development Commission (County)</u> <i>(4-year term)</i> >>>	Smith (appointed 2020)	
<u>Bloomington Economic Development Corp</u> >>>	Sims? Rosenb.?	
<u>Environmental Resources Advisory Council</u> <i>(non-voting)</i> >>>	Sgambelluri	
<u>Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission (County)</u> <i>(IC 6-9-41-16(a)(5))</i> >>>	Volan	
<u>Metropolitan Planning Organization</u> >>>	Flaherty	

Parking Commission >>>

Volan	
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Plan Commission >>> (term of appointee is co-extensive with member’s term of office, unless Council appoints another to serve as its representative on Org. Day [IC 36-7-4-217].)

Sandberg	
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Public Safety Local Income Tax Committee (County Local Income Tax Council)

(4 council members, assuming the MC LIT Council members meet in the same manner as 2020)

Piedmont-Smith	
Sgambelluri	
Sims	
Smith	

Solid Waste Management District >>> (term of Council appointee is co-extensive with that member’s term of office on Council, but serves at the pleasure of the Council [IC 13-21-3-8].)

Piedmont-Smith	
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Bloomington Commission on Sustainability >>> (2-year term; “may be removed for cause” [BMC 2.08.020].)

Rollo (appointed 2020)	
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Board of the Urban Enterprise Association >>> (4-year term; can only be removed for “just cause” [IC 5-28-15-13].)

Rosenbarger (appointed 2020)	
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Utilities Service Board >>> (ex-officio; non-voting [BMC 2.24.030].)

Sims	
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ASSIGNMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES (action by president)

(Members should submit to the new president on Organization Day a list of at least five standing committees on which they would like to serve, ranked in order of preference. The President shall make every effort to distribute assignments evenly, and to accommodate as many of each member’s topmost preferences as possible, by the first Regular Session of the year. Should Council act to create or abolish any standing committees, thereby affecting the list below, the President shall adjust the assignments to affected committees accordingly.)

Administration Committee

C	Volan	
	Rollo	
	Sgambelluri	
	Sims	

Climate Action & Resilience Committee

C	Flaherty
	Piedmont-Smith
	Rollo
	Rosenbarger

Community Affairs Committee

C	Smith
	Rollo
	Sandberg
	Sims

Housing Committee

C	Rosenbarger
	Sandberg
	Smith
	Volan

Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee

*Citizens Advisory Committee Members
(for the funding process only):
Mark Fraley, Tim Mayer, Lauren McCalister*

C	Sandberg
	Flaherty
	Sgambelluri
	Smith

Land Use Committee

C	Piedmont-Smith
	Flaherty
	Rosenbarger
	Volan

Public Safety Committee

C	Sims
	Piedmont-Smith
	Sandberg
	Sgambelluri

Sidewalk Committee

C	Sims	
	Rollo	
	Rosenbarger	
	Smith	

Sustainable Development Committee

C	Sgambelluri	
	Flaherty	
	Sandberg	
	Volan	

Transportation Committee

C	Rosenbarger	
	Piedmont-Smith	
	Smith	
	Volan	

Utilities & Sanitation Committee

C	Rollo	
	Flaherty	
	Rosenbarger	
	Sims	

Last Year's Committee Assignments, by Councilmember <i>(year serving) *chair</i>								
<i>AL Ranking</i>	<i>AL Senior</i>	<i>AL Junior</i>	<i>District I</i>	<i>District II</i>	<i>District III</i>	<i>District IV</i>	<i>District V</i>	<i>District VI</i>
Sandberg <i>(15th)</i>	Sims <i>(4th)</i>	Flaherty <i>(2nd)</i>	Rosenbar-ger <i>(2nd)</i>	Sgambel-luri <i>(2nd)</i>	Smith <i>(2nd)</i>	Rollo <i>(19th)</i>	Piedmont-Smith <i>(10th)</i>	Volan <i>(18th)</i>
Cmty.Afs.	Admin.	Climate*	Climate	Admin.	CmtyAfs*	Admin.	Climate	Admin.*
Housing	Cmty.Afs.	J.Hopkins	Housing*	J.Hopkins	Housing	Climate	Land Use*	Housing
J.Hopkins*	P.Safety*	Land Use	Land Use	P.Safety	J.Hopkins	Cmty. Afs.	P.Safety	Land Use
P.Safety	Utilities	Sust.Dev.	Transp.*	Sust.Dev.*	Transp.	Utilities*	Transp.	Sust.Dev.
Sust.Dev.	—	Utilities	Utilities	—	—	—	—	Transp.

Resolution 21-01

**Consolidating Some
City Council Committees**

Steve Volan, District VI • January 6, 2021

Primary function of committees: legislation

- Committees being new in 2020, the initial set was a best guess
- Some committees had no legislation referred to them
- Number, scope of each initial committee was based on legislative record

Secondary functions: oversight, research

- “Oversight” as in “referees” (not as in “bosses”)
- The appropriate way to look into issues when legislation isn’t pending
- Also appropriate for handling nominations to boards & commissions

1. Eliminates Housing Committee

- Was unused in 2020
- Obligations would be merged into Land Use Committee

2. Eliminates Climate Action & Resilience Cmte.

- Obligations would be merged into Sustainable Development Committee
- Committee would be renamed “Sustainability, Climate Action & Resilience”
- This was originally the proposal in Res. 20-01

3. Eliminates Utilities & Sanitation Committee

- Was under-used in 2020
- Obligations would be merged into Community Affairs Committee

4. Eliminates Sidewalk Committee

- Obligations could be moved to Transportation Committee...
- ...but P&T staff recommends sidewalk funds be determined less arbitrarily

5. Elevates Hopkins to full committee

- Name would change to “Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee”
- Would allow it to be referred legislation on emergency social services
- Would conduct Hopkins Fund distribution as before

6. Puts CAPS Commission under Public Safety

- A bit of housekeeping, since the commission was just established
- Reflects common understanding of which Council committee would oversee it

NOTE: RES. 21-01 IS A BUFFET OF OPTIONS

NO OPTION IS DEPENDENT ON ANY OTHER; NONE IS PREFERRED

BEFORE: 11

- Administration
- Climate Action & Resilience
- Community Affairs
- (Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding)
- Housing
- Land Use
- Public Safety
- (Sidewalk)
- Sustainable Development
- Transportation
- Utilities & Sanitation

AFTER: as few as 7

- Administration
- Climate Action & Resilience
- Community Affairs (incl. Utilities & Sanitation)
- (Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding)
- Housing
- Land Use (incl. Housing)
- Public Safety (+CAPS Commission)
- (Sidewalk)
- Sustainability, Climate Action & Resilience
- Transportation
- Utilities & Sanitation

QUESTIONS?