In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, July 29, 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.

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

Councilmembers absent: none

Council President Volan summarized the agenda.

There were no minutes for approval.

Smith commented that the Parks and Rec Master Plan development process has begun.

Sgambelluri extended an invitation to attend constituent meeting, on August 1, via Zoom.

Alex Crowley, Director of Economic & Sustainable Development (ESD), introduced the two presenters from his office.

Jane Kupersmith, Assistant Director of Small Business Development, presented the Annual Economic Development Commission (EDC) Report for 2019 Activity and Tax Abatement. There was council discussion following the report.

Rollo moved and it was seconded to accept the Annual Economic Development Commission Report-2019 Activity and Tax Abatement Summary. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Kaisa Goodman, Special Projects Manager for the ESD, gave a report on a program to help local businesses during the pandemic. She described the implementation of 15 minute free parking in designated pick-up, drop-off zones (PUDO) in the downtown quarter. The program would run as a trial period through September 30 to concur with the closure of Kirkwood from Indiana to Grant Street and Washington to Walnut Street. There was council discussion following the report.

There were no council committee reports.

Jane Arthur, representing Black Lives Matter Bloomington, spoke about their anti-racism training program that was available to local government.

Kelly Clark, in her capacity as co-founder of the Bloomington Mask Drive, noted that although they were no longer accepting direct requests for masks, they had recruited a network of partners around the city to help them to distribute free, handmade, fabric masks made by volunteers. In her capacity as a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, Clark read a statement she drafted in response to two pedestrian deaths in the last year, emphasizing the need for safe streets, sidewalks, and public transportation.
Sandberg moved and it was seconded to appoint Amy Oakley to seat C-2, and Pedro Ramirez to advisory seat C-5, on the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

There was no legislation for second reading.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-13 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-14 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

There was no public comment.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to read an Encomium for Dan Sherman. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Volan read the Encomium.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to adopt the Encomium for Dan Sherman.

Sherman spoke about his 30 years serving as the Council Attorney. He thanked his colleagues and staff members that worked with him during his tenure.

All councilmembers spoke and thanked Sherman for his assistance with their jobs and recognized the impact he has had on the city.

The motion to adopt the Encomium for Dan Sherman was approved by voice vote.

Sims moved and it was seconded to cancel the Council Work Session scheduled for Friday, July 31. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith reminded Volan that the legislation introduced for first reading was not referred to committees. Volan referred Ordinance 20-13 to the Land Use Committee and Ordinance 20-14 to the Transportation Committee. He suggested on August 5, 2020, the Land Use Committee meet at 5:15pm, the Committee as a Whole meet at 6:30pm, and the Transportation Committee meet at 8:30pm.
Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that the Council suspend the rules to allow the committee meeting on August 5, 2020 to begin at 5:15pm. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Stephen Lucas, Deputy Council Attorney, had two reminders about recently scheduled meetings for the Public Safety Local Income Tax Committee. The meetings were scheduled for August 4, 2020 at 8:00am and August 6, 2020 at 6:30pm.

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

Vote to suspend the rules and set meeting times for committee meetings earlier than 6:00pm. (8:07pm)

ADJOURNMENT [8:12pm]