In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, December 2, 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 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.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of July 7, September 15, September 22, October 6, October 20, November 3, and December 1 of 2010. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Smith had technical difficulties).

Sgambelluri extended an invitation to her constituent meeting on December 5, 2020 at 1:30pm via Zoom. She stated that Eric Greulich from Planning and Transportation would be the guest.

Piedmont-Smith invited the public to attend her constituent meeting on December 5, 2020 from 11:00am-12:30pm via Zoom. She also applauded the bipartisan group, Citizens Climate Lobby’s (CCL), call-in-day which lobbies for enacting a carbon tax and redistributing the monies. Piedmont-Smith provided additional information.

Mayor John Hamilton gave an update on the Covid-19 pandemic and health emergency, including the increase in cases, Economic Stabilization and Recover task force efforts, Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding (JHSSF), the Covid-19 testing site, emergency women’s shelter, the isolation center (serving community members that do not have anywhere else to isolate), local vaccine production and vaccinations.

Mary Catherine Carmichael, Director of Community Engagement, Office of the Mayor, reported on the Community Covid-19 Testing Site in Bloomington.

There was council discussion following the report.
There were no council committee reports.

Jim Shelton spoke about Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

Stephen Lucas, Council Attorney, read a comment from Sam Dove asking when the virus would end.

Melissa Bowers commented about the restrictions due to Covid-19 and its effect on local schools.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 20-07 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. (Smith had technical difficulties). Clerk Nicole Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Jeff Underwood, City Controller, presented Appropriation Ordinance 20-07. Underwood explained that the comprehensive year-end appropriation was $1,630,400. He stated that the request covered 11 different funds of which only four needed additional funds, and seven needed to move funds between major categories. Underwood summarized the request.

There were no council questions.
Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Amendment 01 be adopted to Appropriation Ordinance 20-07.

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith and corrects typographical errors in this appropriation ordinance.

Piedmont-Smith presented Amendment 01 to the council.

There were no council questions.

There was no public comment.

Piedmont-Smith pointed out that Amendment 01 was vetted by Underwood and he was in support of Amendment 01.

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Appropriation Ordinance 20-07 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Smith had technical difficulties).

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to adopt Amendment 02 to Appropriation Ordinance 20-07.

Amendment 02 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith at the request of the Controller’s Office. It increases the amount appropriated for Classification 1 – Personnel Services in the Solid Waste Fund from $30,000 to $55,000 and for Classification 3 – Services and Charges in the Solid Waste Fund from $20,000 to $95,000.

Underwood presented Amendment 02 to the council.

There were no council questions.

There was no public comment.

Piedmont-Smith asked when the money from the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) would be moved to Public Works for parking enforcement.

Underwood stated that the transition was happening that month and would go into effect January 1, 2021.

Underwood noted that the meeting also served as a public hearing, for Appropriation Ordinance 20-07 as amended, which had been duly advertised.
There were no council comments.

The motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 20-07 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Smith had technical difficulties.)

Council comments:

Vote to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 20-07 as amended [7:40pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING [7:41pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-28 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Smith had technical difficulties.). Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 20-28 To Amend the City of Bloomington Zoning Maps by Rezoning 7.22 Acres of Property from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Mixed-Use Student Housing (MS) - Re: 301 E. Brownstone Drive (The Standard at Bloomington, LLC, Petitioner) [7:41pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-30 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Smith had technical difficulties.). Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 20-30 To Establish the Citizens’ Redistricting Advisory Commission (To Establish an Independent Redistricting Commission) [7:42pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-32 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Smith had technical difficulties.). Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 20-32 - An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 20-22, Which Fixed the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2021[7:44pm]

There was brief council discussion regarding the referral of Ordinance 20-32, Ordinance 20-28, Ordinance 20-29, and Ordinance 20-30 to Council Committees.

Volan referred Ordinance 20-32 to the Public Safety Committee at 5:35pm, Ordinance 20-28 to the Land Use Committee at 6:15pm, Ordinance 20-29 to the Administration Committee at 7:30pm, and Ordinance 20-30 to the Community Affairs Committee at 8:30pm. All of the committee meetings to be held on December 09, 2020.

There was no public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Lucas reviewed the upcoming council schedule.

Piedmont-Smith stated that council had informally discussed scheduling a work session to consider the budget process, and mentioned that it would be useful to have that discussion prior to approving the 2021 schedule. Piedmont-Smith requested postponing the vote on the 2021 schedule until after the work session. There was brief council discussion.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to hold a Council Work Session on December 11, 2020 at 12:00pm. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0 (Smith had technical difficulties).

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 ___ day of _____ October 2021.

APPROVE:  
Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
Bloomington Common Council