

In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30pm, Council President Jim Sims presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council. Per the Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 13, 2021

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

ROLL CALL [6:31pm]

Council President Jim Sims summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:32pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded that for the duration of 2021, the Council suspend the rules to allow the Council to consider minutes for meetings held before 2020 in the ordinary course of business. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:36pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of the June 18, July 2, August 6, September 3, September 10, November 19, December 3, December 17, 2008 meetings, and the October 21, and November 4, 2009 meetings. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

June 18, 2008 (Regular Session)
July 2, 2008 (Regular Session)
August 6, 2008 (Regular Session)
September 3, 2008 (Regular Session)
September 10, 2008 (Special Session)
November 19, 2008 (Regular Session)
December 3, 2008 (Regular Session)
December 17, 2008 (Regular Session)
October 21, 2009 (Regular Session)
November 4, 2009 (Regular Session)

There were no reports from councilmembers.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:38pm]

There were no reports from the Mayor or city offices.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:39pm]

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES [6:39pm]

Jim Shelton spoke about Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). He said a training session for volunteers was coming up and more volunteers were needed.

- PUBLIC [6:40pm]

Barbara Moss, a resident of Hoosier Acres, commented about the Biden housing proposal and the affirmatively furthering fair housing rule. She spoke about home ownership for the black middle class, the effects of upzoning and high density zoning.

Alex Goodlad expressed his discontent with the Office of the Mayor's eviction of the tents in Seminary Park. He spoke in support of a low barrier emergency shelter for the homeless.

Nathan Mutchler echoed and amplified Alex Goodlad's comments.

Annalise Kane, a student at Indiana University (IU), spoke in support of Goodlad and Mutchler’s comments. She said the encampments should remain undisturbed at this time without low barrier, safe shelters available.

- Public (cont’d)

Tassie Gnaidy spoke about the vulnerability of the homeless population.

Sam Barbash Riley, a social worker in the area, spoke about the homeless population. He expressed a need for housing solutions and low barrier, safe shelters.

Nicole Johnson, spoke about the Seattle City Council and their strategies for allowing encampments for the homeless population. She asked the City of Bloomington Council to consider this type of legislation.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [6:58pm]

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [6:58pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded that Resolution 21-02 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Chief Deputy Clerk Sofia McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution 21-02 To Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Monroe County, the Town of Ellettsville and the City of Bloomington for Animal Shelter Operation for the Year 2021

Flaherty moved and it was seconded that Resolution 21-02 be adopted.

Virgil Sauder, Director of the Animal Shelter, presented the legislation. He said the agreement allowed the shelter to accept animals from Monroe County sources outside of the city limits. They do not charge surrender fees like they do for animals coming from outside Monroe County. He presented statistics from the shelter.

Rollo asked for more detail about how the reimbursement figure was derived.

Council questions:

Sauder elaborated on the calculation.

Piedmont-Smith asked about the percentage of animals adopted or transferred.

Sauder said the percentages shared were for animals that left their care through positive means.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the percentage that were not relocated or placed in homes were euthanized.

Sauder said that four percent of all animals in 2020 were euthanized. The remaining percentage of animals were still in the care of the shelter.

Piedmont-Smith asked why the four percent were euthanized.

Sauder said that those animals were sick, severely aggressive animals or injured beyond saving.

Piedmont-Smith asked how that percentage of euthanasia compared to previous years.

Sauder responded it was the lowest percentage yet. In the last couple of years it had been around five to six percent.

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

Rollo stated his support of the resolution. He thanked Sauder's team for making efforts to lower the percentage of animals euthanized.

Council comment:

Sgambelluri thanked Sauder for the work of the shelter. She also thanked volunteers of the shelter.

Sims recognized the success of the shelter's operations.

The motion to adopt Resolution 21-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 21-02 [7:10pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded that Resolution 21-01 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution 21-01 To Consolidate Standing Committees of the Common Council [7:11pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded that Resolution 21-01 be adopted.

Volan presented the legislation. The legislation proposed the Housing Committee would be consolidated into the Land Use Committee, the Utilities & Sanitation Committee consolidated into the Community Affairs Committee, the Climate Action & Resilience Committee would be consolidated into the Sustainable Development Committee, the Sidewalk Committee would be eliminated, and the Jack Hopkins Social Services Fund (JHSSF) Committee would be elevated to a "full" committee. The legislation clarified that the Public Safety Committee would appoint members to the CAPS Commission.

There were no council questions.

Council questions:

Smith moved and it was seconded to adopt Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01.

Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01 [7:18pm]

Amendment 01 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Councilmembers Smith and Rollo to remove a provision that would otherwise dissolve the Council Sidewalk Committee.

Smith summarized the amendment.

Rollo stated his opinion that the Sidewalk Committee did a lot of good work and thought it should remain a stand-alone committee.

Volan asked Smith why he commented that he had a lot to learn about the Sidewalk Committee.

Council questions:

Smith said because he was a new member on the Sidewalk Committee, he wanted to gain more experience on the committee to speak knowledgeably about sidewalk issues and merits of the Sidewalk Committee.

Rollo said equity was addressed on the Sidewalk Committee. The criteria was being revamped to identify metrics that would be used to determine needs for sidewalks throughout the city.

Sgambelluri asked about other sources of funding that could be used to improve sidewalks.

Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01(cont'd)

Rollo and Smith responded that an analysis had not been undertaken. Rollo mentioned some examples of sidewalk projects that benefited from other sources of funds.

Sgambelluri asked how equity had been incorporated in decisions for sidewalks.

Rollo spoke about the criteria used to prioritize sidewalk projects that would be funded, and said it would be done in an equitable manner.

Mark Stosberg, creator of the sidewalk equity audit analyzing the Sidewalk Committees' funding over the last 17 years, spoke about Amendment 01 to Ordinance 21-01. He spoke against the existing process that was in place with the Sidewalk Committee.

Public comment:

Alex Goodlad spoke in opposition to Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01.

Mark Sturdivant spoke about addressing the problem of homeless people sleeping in Seminary Park.

Sims told Mr. Sturdivant that comments for Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01 were being taken at this point in the meeting.

Flaherty, Council Parliamentarian, explained that Mr. Sturdivant would be allowed to speak during the point in the meeting when additional public comments were taken.

Rosenbarger asked the sponsors of the amendment why not follow national best practices of using an objective process.

Council questions:

Rollo stated that a certain amount of subjectivity is unavoidable. Rollo explained that objective standards were being used.

Smith believed it was impossible to eliminate subjectivity entirely.

Sandberg asked Rollo if he wanted to defend the finding in the sidewalk equity audit that his district has benefited disproportionately over other districts in the city.

Rollo cited various examples of why different sidewalk projects were chosen in his district, 4. He explained that reasons could be nuanced and complicated.

Volan asked if it would be a better idea to have decisions for funding of sidewalks be made by the Committee of the Whole (COW) so that each district was represented by their councilmember.

Rollo explained that the meetings had been time consuming and he agreed that there are merits to the COW to review sidewalk projects.

Sandberg spoke in support of keeping the Sidewalk Committee intact as it is now.

Council comment:

Flaherty clarified that Resolution 21-01 proposed to strike the Sidewalk Committee from existence entirely after the end of 2021. He said that Amendment 05, to be discussed later in the meeting, proposed that the duties of the Sidewalk Committee be folded into the duties of the Transportation Committee. He noted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission voted unanimously to adopt the findings of Stosberg's sidewalk equity audit report. They also recommended that sidewalk funding decisions should be done by city staff. He stated his opinion that the existing process by which the Council Committee decided how sidewalk funds be spent was

not how the Council should be spending their time. He said the existing process was not as objective as it could be. He stated that he would not vote for Amendment 01 of Resolution 21-01.

Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01(cont'd)

Sgambelluri stated her support of Amendment 01 of Resolution 21-01. She stated that council members were the frontline hearing from constituents and that the committee should be allowed to exist for another year and have this subject revisited in another year.

Piedmont-Smith spoke against Amendment 01 of Resolution 21-01. She felt the existing process led to the possibility of inadvertent inequity in sidewalk funding. She supported that sidewalk funding should be decided by city staff.

Rollo said that comments from constituents were useful in informing decisions. He stated that city staff do not meet with constituents on a regular basis and will not take their views into consideration. Rollo said neighborhood meetings bring forth good information that should be considered.

Volan spoke in support of the work that Rollo had done for the Sidewalk Committee. He stated that no one councilmember decided sidewalk funding unfairly, but rather that the existing process may not be as objective as possible. He supported the idea of the Sidewalk Committee becoming a part of the Transportation Committee. He discussed the different ways sidewalk funding could be decided by either councilmembers or city staff.

Rosenbarger spoke in support of sidewalk funding being decided by the COW so that all council members had a say in the process. Rosenbarger said a lot of city staff had participated in the Sidewalk Committee meetings. City staff had gathered data on all city sidewalks that could be used in planning and decision making in the future. Rosenbarger expressed her interest in working on a project to do bonding for large sidewalk projects.

Sims pointed out that words matter. He stated his support of keeping the Sidewalk Committee for at least another year. He said that city staff was committed and willing to update the criteria for decision making. He supported some recommendations from Mr. Stosberg's report for decision making.

Piedmont-Smith said that sidewalks were geographic issues and could lead to council bias whereas other policy decisions were not tied to a council member's districts. She stated her desire to attempt to represent citizens who were unable to attend constituent meetings. People who attend the meetings were a self-selected group and she hoped to listen to the voices of those who could attend and those who could not.

Smith spoke in support of keeping the Sidewalk Committee as it currently existed.

Volan said he supported eliminating bias in decision making as much as possible but sees the merits of opinions at times too.

Sims described the complexity of sidewalk project planning.

The motion to adopt Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 4 (Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith, Volan, Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Amendment 01 to Resolution 21-01 [8:29pm]

Sgambelluri moved and it was seconded to adopt Amendment 02 to Resolution 21-01.

Amendment 02 to Resolution 21-01 [8:30pm]

Amendment 02 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Councilmember Sgambelluri. It removes the first three Whereas clauses from the resolution to avoid implying there is a consensus on the assessment of the Council's standing committees and their impact on the legislative process, as there are a variety of opinions among stakeholders.

Sgambelluri explained the amendment.

Volan asked why the third Whereas clause was considered by Sgambelluri to be subjective in nature. He did not take exception to the first two Whereas clauses being omitted.

Council questions:

Sgambelluri thought that all three were subjective.

There was no public comment on Amendment 02 to Resolution 21-01.

Public comment:

Sandberg appreciated the neutrality of amending the Whereas clauses.

Council comment:

Volan said he understood the intent of the amendment.

Smith appreciated the amendment and would be supporting it.

The motion to adopt Amendment 02 to Resolution 21-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Amendment 02 to Resolution 21-01 [8:38pm]

Sgambelluri moved and it was seconded to adopt Amendment 03 to Resolution 21-01.

Amendment 03 to Resolution 21-01 [8:39pm]

Amendment 03 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Councilmember Sgambelluri. The Sustainable Development Committee has evolved to focus on the City's economic vision and, most recently, the response to COVID-19's devastating impact on local employers. These efforts have primarily been in coordination with the Department of Economic and Sustainable Development. In contrast, Bloomington's response to climate change must involve every City department as well as multiple boards and commissions, private sector partners, colleagues in County government, and others. A stand-alone Climate Action and Resilience Committee is better positioned to play such a boundary-spanning role.

Sgambelluri explained Amendment 03.

Piedmont-Smith asked Sgambelluri, for the sake of the public, to explain the purpose of the amendment.

Council questions:

Sgambelluri said Resolution 21-01 proposed to discontinue the Climate Action and Resilience Committee as a stand-alone committee, and that Amendment 03 removed that proposed action from the resolution.

Volan asked if he could comment on the amendment since he was the sponsor of Resolution 21-01.

Flaherty confirmed that was appropriate and Sims allowed it.

Volan reminded council that the resolution had proposed to implement the single Sustainability Climate Action and Resilience committee as proposed the prior year. He stated that he had no issues with Amendment 03.

Flaherty commented on council's committee system and the hearing of legislation. He asked how committees would be affected if Amendment 03 failed.

Amendment 03 to Resolution 21-01 (cont'd)

Sgambelluri responded that the usefulness of a particular committee was based on how much legislation was sent to it. She said that the value of a committee was more than just the legislation that was sent to it, and that climate was a pervasive issue, and would get diluted if folded in to another committee.

Alex Goodlad commented on his support for Amendment 03.

Public comment:

Mark Sturdevant spoke against Centerstone.

Nathan Mutchler discussed climate crisis and the role of the city.

Volan commented on councilmembers' focus on sustainable development, and climate action, and said that resilience need to be discussed further. He said that the Economic and Sustainable Development (ESD) department had the most to do with the resilience of the community with dispersal of monies. He stated he did not have strong feelings either way regarding Amendment 03.

Council comments:

Sandberg stated she supported keeping the committees separate and thanked city staff for their work in responding to the pandemic. She spoke about the council's expertise and stated that some committees would not have as much legislation referred to them.

Flaherty said he would support Amendment 03 and that he saw benefits in keeping the committees separate, and in combining them. He commented that climate modified both action and resilience, climate change mitigation, and adaptation. He said that climate resilience was the adaptive capacity in responding to things like climate migration and other impacts.

Smith stated his support of Amendment 03.

Volan thanked Sandberg for pointing out that the Community and Family Resources (CFR) Department and its staff played a crucial role in the response to the pandemic. He also thanked Flaherty for expressing that climate modified action and resilience. He stated his support for Amendment 03.

The motion to adopt Amendment 03 to Resolution 21-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Amendment 03 to Resolution 21-01 [9:01pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to adopt Amendment 04 to Resolution 21-01.

Amendment 04 to Resolution 21-01 [9:02pm]

Amendment 04 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith and removes provisions that would abolish the Council's Housing Committee, while also clarifying that committees not abolished or otherwise affected by the resolution would continue unchanged.

Piedmont-Smith presented Amendment 04.

Volan stated that he did object to Amendment 04.

Flaherty asked Piedmont-Smith's opinion on placing housing within land use and why she thought it was not ideal.

Piedmont-Smith responded that there were synergies between land use and housing, and the efficient use of land. She commented that the Land Use Committee (LUC) was already very busy and that there was a steady stream of petitions from the Plan Commission. She commented that she knew the work load having been on the LUC for three years, and having chaired the committee. She explained the value in having a separate committee that could focus on just the housing issues.

Alex Goodlad spoke about climate's role in committees.

Stephen Lucas, Council Attorney, read a statement submitted via Zoom chat from the B Square Beacon pertaining to the situation in Seminary Park being either a housing issue or a public safety issue, and asked if it was a housing issue, why the Public Safety Committee was hosting a meeting regarding the situation the following day.

There was no comment from the council.

The motion to adopt Amendment 04 to Resolution 21-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to adopt Amendment 05 to Resolution 21-01.

Amendment 05 Synopsis: This amendment is sponsored by Councilmember Rosenbarger and specifies that the function performed by the Council Sidewalk Committee shall be performed by the Transportation Committee (in addition to the existing functions of the Transportation Committee).

Rosenbarger presented Amendment 05.

Volan stated that he did not object to Amendment 05.

Piedmont-Smith asked if Amendment 05 was moot because Amendment 01 was passed which preserved the Sidewalk Committee.

Flaherty stated that council chose to pass Amendment 01 and not strike the Sidewalk Committee, and that Amendment 05 proposed something different.

Rosenbarger explained that Amendment 05 proposed moving the duties of the Sidewalk Committee into the Transportation Committee.

Volan asked if Amendment 05 retained the sidewalk fund and that the Transportation Committee would be responsible.

Rosenbarger confirmed that was correct.

Lucas commented on the ninth whereas clause which might need to be revised.

Smith asked what happened if Amendment 05 passed.

Rosenbarger stated that the duties of the Sidewalk Committee would become the duties of the Transportation Committee.

Smith asked for the rationale.

Rosenbarger explained that it was an attempt to merge some committees, based on feedback that there were too many

Amendment 04 to Resolution 21-01 (cont'd)

Council questions:

Public comment:

Council comment:

Vote to adopt Amendment 04 to Resolution 21-01 as amended [9:09pm]

Amendment 05 to Resolution 21-01 [9:09pm]

Council questions:

committees. She also stated that sidewalks were a form of transportation.

Amendment 05 to Resolution 21-01 (cont'd)

Sgambelluri asked if the Transportation Committee would only take over the duties or would also absorb the Sidewalk Committee members.

Council questions:

Rosenbarger stated that it would only be the duties and that there were two councilmembers on both the Transportation Committee and Sidewalk Committee.

Sgambelluri asked if she was correct in that it would effectively eliminate the Sidewalk Committee.

Lucas explained that was correct, that Amendment 01 preserved the Sidewalk Committee, but it was essentially superfluous.

Sgambelluri asked if there were other funds controlled by the Transportation Committee aside from the Alternative Transportation Fund monies and the sidewalk fund.

Rosenbarger stated there were no other funds.

Smith stated that his interpretation was that since Amendment 01 passed, that Amendment 05 was moot.

Rosenbarger explained that Amendment 01 asked if council wanted to eliminate the Sidewalk Committee and its duties, and that Amendment 05 asked if council wanted the duties moved to the Transportation Committee.

Smith said that it would essentially dissolve the Sidewalk Committee.

Rosenbarger stated that it wouldn't dissolve the Sidewalk Committee but that it would not have anything in its portfolio and would not have a reason to meet.

Volan asked that regardless of how council oversaw the sidewalk funds, that council would still have control over those funds, and that it was only a question of which committee would do so.

Rosenbarger confirmed that was correct.

Volan said that the net result of Amendment 05 would obviate the Sidewalk Committee but that there would still be a committee deliberating on the use of the sidewalk funds.

Rosenbarger stated that was correct.

Volan asked Smith if that was his understanding, too.

Smith stated that it was.

Sims mentioned the issues regarding inherent biases by elected officials, and asked Rosenbarger how Amendment 05 impacted that, if at all.

Rosenbarger responded that all councilmembers had inherent biases and it wouldn't be different.

Sims commented on the discussion during consideration of Amendment 01 regarding a reason to dissolve the Sidewalk Committee being the inherent biases in sidewalk equity.

Alex Goodlad supported Amendment 05 and provided reasons for his support.

Public comment:

Mark Sturdevant commented on Centerstone.

Sgambelluri asked why sidewalk funds would be better housed in the Transportation Committee, when it could be that the Sidewalk Committee could inform the Transportation Committee.

Council comment:

Rosenbarger stated that it made sense to have all transportation issues under one committee, especially given the workload of the

committees. She said that the Sidewalk Committee did not inform the Transportation Committee over the last year.

Amendment 05 to Resolution 21-01 (cont'd)

Flaherty stated that council had discussed other funding sources for sidewalks. He asked if moving the duties of the Sidewalk Committee to the Transportation Committee would result in better integration of broader policy issues like better sidewalk funding and how trails and bike lanes interacted.

Council comment:

Rosenbarger stated that it would be a good way to look at the broader transportation issues. She explained that combining the committee duties created a cohesive and collaborative approach to dealing with everything at once. Rosenbarger also stated that she was on both committees, and that councilmembers could give their committee preference to the council president.

Volan commented that he had not addressed the questions of the Sidewalk Committee with Resolution 20-01, the previous year, because it was well established and there were other issues that merited a Transportation Committee. He stated that he knew some standing committees would need to evolve, and said that Amendment 05 made sense because sidewalks were transportation. He said that a majority of councilmembers voted to keep being directly in charge of sidewalk funds, and that Amendment 05 proposed that it be the Transportation Committee. Volan stated that he would be willing to yield his seat on the Transportation Committee, to another councilmember, if Amendment 05 passed.

Rollo said he thought Amendment 05 was a bad idea, and that he had served on the Sidewalk Committee for a long time, and thought it was an effective committee. He explained that it had a specific role involving connectivity in the city. Rollo said that was why he believed that some of the larger projects were out of the purview of the Sidewalk Committee because they were miles long, or too costly. He clarified that the Transportation Committee had a broader role to play. Rollo commented on funding for sidewalk projects. He reiterated the role and schedule of the Sidewalk Committee and its efficiency. He said that it would be useful to maintain the Sidewalk Committee for at least another year because it was currently evaluating projects.

Flaherty stated that he would support Amendment 05, and that he appreciated council's comments. He analyzed the proposals and stated that it made sense to have a single committee to looking at transportation issues. He clarified that it would not undermine the Sidewalk Committee's work or quality, and that the same procedures and processes would be in place, just under another committee.

Rollo explained that he had been on the Sidewalk Committee for several years, and knew how it operated. He said that it was different from the broad scope of the Transportation Committee.

Volan invited Rollo to take his seat on the Transportation Committee, and talked about the Parking Commission. He said that the Transportation Committee's broader scope did not mean that it could not also take on the Sidewalk Committee's duties.

The motion to adopt Amendment 05 to Resolution 21-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 4 (Rollo, Sandberg, Sims, Smith), Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Amendment 05 to Resolution 21-01 as amended [9:42pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded to authorize staff to reconcile Section 4 of Resolution 21-01.

Motion to authorize staff to reconcile Section 4 [9:43pm]

Piedmont-Smith asked for clarification on how Section 4, which listed the Sidewalk Committee as being dissolved, would be amended.

Council questions:

Lucas responded that the ninth whereas clause also listed the abolition of the Sidewalk Committee and the Transportation Committee subsuming its functions, which might need to be revised. He explained further considerations, and said that council could reconsider Amendment 01 or a future resolution might be needed to abolish the Sidewalk Committee.

Sims asked what the will of the sponsors of Amendment 01 was.

Smith stated that he was not sure.

Flaherty provided context that Sgambelluri was a councilmember on the prevailing side of Amendment 01 and Amendment 05, and said that she could make a motion to reconsider Amendment 01 in light of Amendment 05. He said that a future resolution would also suffice.

Sims asked for clarification on the process including commenting.

Lucas stated that it would be council's normal process.

Sgambelluri asked if the options were to reconsider Amendment 01 or to draft a housekeeping resolution at a later date.

Flaherty confirmed that was correct, and that a future resolution might be preferred action.

Sgambelluri declined to move to reconsider Amendment 01.

Sims asked if council needed to postpone action on Resolution 21-01.

Flaherty stated that council could pass the resolution in its current form with the understanding that there was future housekeeping.

Lucas confirmed that was correct, and that council had the ability to create or abolish standing committees. He clarified that a future resolution would be sufficient and explained additional information regarding standing committees.

Flaherty asked about the ninth whereas clause which did not dictate anything in the meeting, and that it could be stricken via an amendment.

Lucas stated that was correct.

The motion to authorize staff to reconcile Section 4 of Resolution 21-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 2 (Rollo, Smith), Abstain: 0.

Vote to authorize staff to reconcile Section 4 of Resolution 21-01 [9:53pm]

Resolution 21-01 as amended

There were no questions from the council.

Council questions:

Mark Sturdevant commented on Centerstone.

Public comment:

There were no comments from the council.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Resolution 21-01 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Rollo), Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 21-01 as amended [9:56pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 21-03 be read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Flaherty noted that he had intended to make a motion to extend the amount of time the Administration Committee had to report to the council. He asked if it made more sense to extend the time to after January 20, 2021.

Sims asked Lucas to weigh in.

Volan asked when the next Regular Session would be.

Flaherty confirmed it was January 20, 2021.

Volan stated that the council could have a third reading at the February 3, 2021 meeting.

Flaherty stated that due to the constraints of the evening, that made sense.

Sims noted that he would defer to council staff.

Lucas commented that the motion could extend the time for the Administration Committee to report on Ordinance 21-03 to the Regular Session on February 3, 2021. He also stated that there were city staff and petitioners at the meeting that might prefer to continue with the LUC meeting that evening.

Flaherty asked if there was a time limit past which a motion would need to be made to start the LUC meeting.

Lucas stated that it was past 9:45pm and that code called for committee meetings to be held between 5:30pm and 9:45pm.

Volan commented that it would be ideal to hear from staff and petitioners.

Flaherty moved and it was seconded to extend the Administration Committee's time for reporting on Ordinance 21-03 to the February 03, 2021 Regular Session. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Rollo), Abstain: 0.

Ordinance 21-03 (formerly Ordinance 20-33) To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Administration and Personnel" – Re: Chapter 2.02 (Boards and Commissions – revised) and Chapter 2.04 (Common Council – revised)

Vote to extend the Administration Committee's time for reporting on Ordinance 21-03 [10:05pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING [10:05pm]

Flaherty moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 21-01 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 21-01 To Amend the City of Bloomington Zoning Maps by Rezoning 7 Acres of Property from Residential Medium Lot (R2) to Employment (EM) - Re: 1600 W. Fountain Drive (Comcast, Petitioner)

Sims asked if it was proper to check with staff regarding the referral of Ordinance 21-01 to the LUC.

Lucas stated that he received a message via Zoom chat from a representative from Comcast, petitioner, that stated they would prefer to move forward with the meeting that night. Lucas stated that a motion to suspend the rules would be necessary.

Volan moved and it was seconded to suspend the rules to allow the meeting of the Land Use Committee immediately following the Regular Session. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to suspend the rules [10:09pm]

Mark Sturdevant commented on Centerstone and asked why it was allowed to make people homeless.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT [10:10pm]

Renee Miller spoke about her appreciation for council's meeting that evening and the process of making council committee appointments.

Sims announced upcoming council meetings.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [10:15pm]

There was brief council discussion.

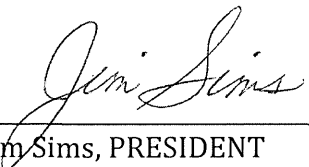
Flaherty moved and it was seconded to adjourn. Sims adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT [10:17pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 1st day of December, 2021.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Jim Sims, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington

