

RESOLUTION 20-01

**TO ESTABLISH STANDING COMMITTEES
AND ABOLISH OTHER CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
(Amendment by Substitution)**

- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington Common Council ("Council") has an interest in the efficient governance of the City; and
- WHEREAS, predictability and accessibility in the legislative process is desirable for all involved, including city departments, city residents, and the various petitioners that come before the Council; and
- WHEREAS, one way to create greater predictability and accessibility in the legislative process and to provide more opportunities for concerned residents to be heard is by creating a slate of standing committees of Councilmembers, each devoted to a particular subject matter; and
- WHEREAS, a slate of standing committees would allow Councilmembers to better manage their workload and time, to provide predictability in meeting scheduling and duration, to specialize in the topics of greatest concern to them, to respond to changing community priorities, to triage issues before a matter is heard by the full Council; and, per Bloomington Municipal Code ("BMC") 2.04.230(b), to provide an extended cycle of committee deliberation when warranted; and
- WHEREAS, standing committees, which are simply subsets of the Council, do not supplant the full Council, but do research on behalf of, and make recommendations to, the full Council; and
- WHEREAS, since February 2018, the Council has successfully used the Land Use Committee to make recommendations to the Council on matters certified to the Council by the Plan Commission; and
- WHEREAS, in 2013, Resolution 13-04 consolidated the previous 24, three-member Council Board and Commission Interviewing and Nominating Committees into three, three-member Interviewing Committees (named Interview Committees "A," "B," and "C"), whose purposes are to review and make recommendations to the full Council regarding the appointment of citizens to the City's boards and commissions; and
- WHEREAS the work of reviewing and making recommendations to the full Council regarding the appointment of members of the public to the City's boards and commissions would be better suited for the standing committee whose mandate most closely matches that of the particular board or commission; and
- WHEREAS, BMC 2.04.210 provides for the establishment of and governs standing committees "to facilitate the transaction of business," 2.04.220 governs meetings; 2.04.230 governs reporting requirements; and, 2.04.255 governs the scheduling of such committees; and
- WHEREAS, the 2020 Indiana Elected Municipal Officials Handbook published by Accelerate Indiana Municipalities describes standing committees as "usually set up at the beginning of the term of office, and to which are referred all matters relating to specific subjects";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Establishment. The Council hereby establishes the following committees as standing committees of the Council:

- Administration Committee
- Community Affairs Committee
- Housing Committee
- Public Safety Committee

- Sustainability, Climate Action, & Resilience Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Utilities & Sanitation Committee

SECTION 2. Dissolution of Interview Committees. Each of the Council's three Interviewing Committees, Interview Committees "A," "B," and "C," shall be abolished, effective September 1, 2020. Until such date, the Interview Committees "A," "B," and "C" shall continue to exist and operate as they have, and the standing committees listed herein under Section 4 shall not begin to perform the function of making appointment recommendations for boards and commissions until the same date.

SECTION 3. Composition. Each standing committee listed above in Section 1 shall be composed of four members of the Council.

SECTION 4. Purpose. The purpose of each of the newly-created standing committees, along with the existing Land Use Committee, is to make recommendations to the full Council on matters referred to that committee by the Council, and to research and take input on other matters of community concern within the particular committee's purview, as detailed below. Additionally, the duty of each committee listed below shall be to review and make recommendations to the full Council regarding the appointment of citizens to the City's boards and commissions, as detailed herein.

- (a) The Administration Committee shall focus on matters of basic administration of city government and internal services provided by certain departments and divisions. It shall not have oversight of the city budget proposals, which shall remain the domain of the Committee of the Whole. The Administration Committee shall also subsume the duties and function of the Council Rules committee created in 2019, which shall be abolished. The Administration Committee shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments/Divisions

- Office of the Controller
- Human Resources
- Information Technology Services
- Legal/Risk Management
- Facilities Division of Public Works Department
- Fleet Division of Public Works Department

Boards and Commissions

- Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee
- Board of Public Works

The Administration Committee shall also be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee

- (b) The Community Affairs Committee shall focus on the outreach and community support functions carried out mainly by, or with staff support from, the Community and Family Resources Department, but also by other citizen boards or commissions, and shall research and take input on other community affairs and matters that do not otherwise fall within the purview of another standing committee. The Community Affairs Committee shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments/Divisions

- Community & Family Resources

Boards and Commissions

- Commission on Aging
- Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs
- Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
- Commission on the Status of Women

- Commission on the Status of Black Males
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commission
- Bloomington Arts Commission

The Community Affairs Committee shall also be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Commission on Aging
- Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs
- Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Commission on the Status of Black Males
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commission
- Bloomington Arts Commission

- (c) The Housing Committee shall focus on the various facets of housing in the city, including support for low-income housing and historic preservation, and research and take input on other housing issues of community concern. The Housing Committee shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments/Divisions

- Housing and Neighborhood Development

Boards and Commissions

- Historic Preservation Commission
- Housing Quality Appeals Board
- Housing Authority Board

The Housing Committee shall also be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Historic Preservation Commission
- Housing Quality Appeals Board

- (d) Consistent with Resolution 18-02, the Land Use Committee shall continue to be responsible for making recommendations to the Council on matters certified to the Council by the Plan Commission. It shall also research and take input on other land use matters of community concern, with a focus on implementing the city's Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance, as well as on more specific issues relating to land use within the city's planning jurisdiction, both by the city itself and other public or private developers. The Land Use Committee shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments/Divisions

- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Transportation: planning matters

Boards and Commissions

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Plan Commission
- Plat Committee
- Tree Commission
- Board of Park Commissioners

The Land Use Committee shall also be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Tree Commission

- (e) The Public Safety Committee shall focus on the public safety and animal control functions of the city, and shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments

- Animal Control Division of Public Works Department
- Fire
- Police

Boards and Commissions

- Animal Control Commission
- Dispatch Policy Board
- Board of Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee shall also be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Control Commission

- (f) The Sustainability, Climate Action & Resilience Committee shall focus on the city's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase community resilience in the face of climate change, and implement sustainability as a guiding principle. All three facets of sustainability will fall under this committee purview: economy, environment, and social equity. The Sustainability, Climate Action & Resilience Committee shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments

Economic and Sustainable Development

Boards and Commissions

- Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association
- Redevelopment Commission
- Environmental Commission
- Farmers' Market Advisory Council
- Human Rights Commission
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability
- Economic Development Commission
- Bloomington Industrial Development Advisory Commission

The Sustainability, Climate Action & Resilience Committee shall be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association
- Redevelopment Commission
- Environmental Commission
- Bloomington Arts Commission
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability

- (g) The Transportation Committee shall focus on all types of transportation infrastructure and planning, and shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments/Divisions

- Planning and Transportation: transportation matters
- Streets Division of Public Works Department

Boards and Commissions

- Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors (Transit)
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission
- Traffic Commission
- Parking Commission
- Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee
- Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
- Metropolitan Technical Advisory Committee

The Transportation Committee shall be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission
- Traffic Commission
- Parking Commission

- (h) The Utilities & Sanitation Committee shall focus on the public services provided by the city through water treatment, wastewater treatment, stormwater infrastructure, and sanitation, and shall also act as liaison to and be responsible for oversight of the following boards, commissions, and city departments:

City Departments/Divisions

Sanitation Division of Public Works Department
Utilities

Boards and Commissions

- Utilities Service Board

The Utilities & Sanitation Committee shall be responsible for making appointment recommendations to the Council for the following boards and commissions:

- Utilities Service Board

SECTION 5. Motion to Refer to Standing Committee. Following the first reading of an ordinance, the Council shall, pursuant to BMC 2.04.255, entertain a motion to refer the legislation to the standing committee best suited to consider the matter. Once such a motion has been entertained, the Council may, if no other referral was made, entertain a motion for referral to the committee of the whole. Resolutions may be referred to the standing committee best suited to consider the matter by decision of the Council President in consultation with the Vice President and the various committee chairs.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, sentence or provision of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this _____ day of _____, 2020.

STEVEN VOLAN, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2020.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2020.

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Volan and proposes the creation of various Council standing committees, along with the dissolution of Council Interviewing Committees.