

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, February 07, 2024 at 6:30pm, Council President Isabel Piedmont-Smith presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
07 February 2024

Councilmembers present: Isak Nti Asare, Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Andrew (Andy) Ruff, Hopi Stosberg, Sydney Zulich
Councilmembers present via Zoom: Shruti Rana, Kate Rosenbarger
Councilmembers absent: none

ROLL CALL [6:32pm]

Council President Isabel Piedmont-Smith gave a land and labor acknowledgment and summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:33pm]

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded to suspend the rules to consider the minutes for approval. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:35pm]

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded to approve the minutes of May 10, 2023, June 14, 2023, June 21, 2023, January 10, 2024, January 17, 2024, and January 24, 2024.

May 10, 2023 (Regular Session)
June 14, 2023 (Regular Session)
June 21, 2023 (Regular Session)
January 10, 2024 (Organizational Meeting)
January 17, 2024 (Regular Session)
January 24, 2024 (Regular Session)

Stosberg noted a misspelling of a name in the minutes of May 10, 2023 that was corrected in the minutes. Bolden noted two other changes that had been incorporated into the minutes of June 14, 2023 and June 21, 2023.

Stosberg asked about the way public comment was captured in the minutes that had changed in 2024.

Bolden explained that the clerk's office was trying to be more in alignment with state code and Robert's Rules.

The motion to approve minutes received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Rana commented about her time on council and thanked people for their support.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:39pm]

Rosenbarger announced Safety Week, produced by Safe Streets for All, which was set for March 18-22, and encouraged folks to look at the website.

Flaherty thanked Rana for her service and wished her the best.

Zulich thanked Rana for her service. She reported that she was working with Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) department to get more rental data available to the public.

Ruff thanked Rana and wished her luck in Missouri.

Piedmont-Smith wished Rana well, discussed the Black History Month kickoff event that was held the previous week, and thanked Shatoyia Moss for her work on the event. She announced her upcoming constituent meeting.

Doug Bruce gave an update on the work of the Capital Improvement Board.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:48pm]

Mayor Kerry Thomson gave updates related to setting up a collaborative meeting to discuss the police headquarters and utilization of Showers West, a discussion with Crowe related to a

recent salary study, and the annexation hearing set for the following day.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES (*cont'd*)

Clerk Nicole Bolden updated the council on the Clerk's Office work as it pertained to board and commission appointments, minutes, parking citation appeals, and spoke about Black History Month.

Rosenbarger presented the Sidewalk Committee report, noting the ongoing projects and allocations, program criteria, new projects discussed, and allocations recommended for 2024 projects. There was council discussion following the report.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES [7:35pm]

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded to approve the Council Sidewalk Committee Report and the partial funding recommendations regarding 2024 Council Sidewalk Funding. The motion to approve the report received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Christopher Emge, Greg Alexander, Sarah Ryterband (via Zoom), and Stephen Volan gave comments to the council.

- PUBLIC [7:48pm]

Piedmont-Smith appointed Asare to the Special Committee on Council Processes to replace Rana.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [8:00pm]

Piedmont-Smith appointed Asare as the chair of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee to replace Rana.

Piedmont-Smith appointed herself as an interim member of the Council Sidewalk Committee to replace Rana.

Stosberg moved and Zulich seconded to appoint Flaherty as an interim member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization to replace Rana. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Rollo moved and Zulich seconded to make the following appointment(s):

For the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth - Eugene (Fred) Schick to be appointed to seat C-1.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Flaherty moved and Zulich seconded to make the following appointment(s):

For the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs - Mariella Arrendondo to be appointed to seat C-5, Jimena Holguin to seat C-4, and Dinorah Sapp to seat C-1.

For the Redevelopment Commission - Randy Cassady to be reappointed to seat C-1 and Deborah Myerson to be reappointed to seat C-2.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Ruff moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to make the following appointment(s):

Commission on the Status of Women - Eliza Carey to be reappointed to seat C-1.

Environmental Commission - Neil Goswami to be appointed to seat C-6.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration - James Sanders to be reappointed to seat C-2.

Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission (CAPS) - Jason Michalek for reappointment to seat C-2.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (*cont'd*)

There was no legislation for second reading.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING [8:10pm]

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded that Ordinance 2024-01 be introduced and 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.

Ordinance 2024-01 - To Amend Title 12 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers" Re: Amending Various Chapters to Update References to the City Engineer, to Update References to the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan, to Amend Language about Trees and Vegetation in Chapter 12.24, and Using this Occasion to Make Typographical and Grammatical Updates

There was no public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Piedmont-Smith noted the upcoming meeting of the Special Committee on Council Processes (SCCP).

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [8:15pm]

Asare moved to dispense with the meeting the following week and instead attend the meeting proposed by the mayor to discuss Showers West.

Piedmont-Smith noted that there was a piece of legislation scheduled for second reading at that meeting and asked what he proposed for handling it.

Asare moved and Ruff seconded to suspend the rules to allow for consideration of Ordinance 2024-01 on the same night that it was introduced.

Piedmont-Smith noted that there was not any member of the administration at the meeting to present the legislation.

Asare noted that the motion was not debatable.

Piedmont-Smith asked for clarification.

Stephen Lucas, Council Attorney, said that motions to suspend the rules were not debatable. He also said a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 that evening would require unanimous consent to take it up for consideration and a two-thirds vote to adopt the legislation.

The motion to suspend the rules received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 3 (Piedmont-Smith, Stosberg, Rosenbarger), Abstain: 0.

Vote to suspend the rules [8:15pm]

Piedmont-Smith asked what the next steps could be since the motion to suspend the rules passed.

Lucas explained that the motion to take up the legislation for consideration could be made, and would pass only with unanimous consent.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE (cont'd)

Stosberg concurred, and added that since some members had voted no on the motion to suspend the rules, it was suggestive that they would vote no on taking up the legislation as well.

Piedmont-Smith asked if there were any other motions, and there were none.

Piedmont-Smith adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT [8:17pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this ____ day of _____, 2024.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Isabel Piedmont-Smith, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington

For Approval