

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30pm, Council President Sue Sgambelluri presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 20, 2023

Councilmembers present: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Kate Rosenbarger, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan  
Councilmembers present via Zoom: Dave Rollo, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims  
Councilmembers absent: none

ROLL CALL [6:34pm]

Councilmember Matt Flaherty gave a land and labor acknowledgement and Council Vice President Isabel Piedmont-Smith summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION  
[6:34pm]

Rollo moved and Sgambelluri seconded to approve the minutes of December 07, 2022 as corrected and December 21, 2022. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
[6:38pm]

Volan reported on two articles regarding right of ways and a recent incident where a bicyclist, knowingly on a bike with no brakes, collided with a pedestrian, Amanda Whitaker. She sustained serious injuries. The bicyclist was not criminally charged. He referenced another incident involving a crash between a scooter and a vehicle. He said that all modes of transportation were valid, including scooters, and that vehicles should be the most regulated.

REPORTS [6:38pm]  
• COUNCIL MEMBERS

Smith reported on the recent Plan Commission meeting and the projects it considered including the former Marsh store site and the Sudbury development.

Sims acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month and commented on the similarities of it with Black History Month. He discussed the incident involving the Black graduate student arrested by Indiana University (IU) police for not paying a \$3 parking fee with a card because he only had cash. He questioned the training of the parking attendant and the behavior of the police.

Rosenbarger presented a brief slide show on the Local Progress national convening event that she, Flaherty, and Piedmont-Smith attended. They discussed public engagement with city budgets through outreach to thirteen underserved neighborhoods, local elected officials' role with public safety and prison, breaking down systems of oppression and building up systems of support, supporting our unhoused neighbors, and resources and readings. They gave specific details on the sessions and gave examples.

Piedmont-Smith extended reports from councilmembers for 10 minutes without objections.

Stephen Lucas, Council Attorney, explained that the review of the Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) commission was part of the legislation that established it. He highlighted the activities, meetings and events, annual reports, and recommendations.

• The MAYOR AND CITY  
OFFICES [7:01pm]

There was council discussion on commissioners, applications, and the purposes of the commission.

Council discussion:

Jason Michálek, CAPS commissioner, commented on the difficulty of filling seats on the commission. It was sometimes due to the goal of including those with lived experience of being marginalized due to race, disability, gender, sexual identity, or sexual orientation.

There was additional discussion on recruiting commissioners, having representatives from underrepresented demographics, barriers and challenges for members, and research and outreach.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES (cont'd)

Piedmont-Smith extended reports from city offices for 10 minutes without objections.

Council discussion:

Final discussion included a better understanding of qualifications for applicants, and that historically underrepresented communities were strongly encouraged to apply including residents who were Black, Latinx, people of color, people with disabilities, people who were experiencing or had experienced challenges with mental health, non-binary or non-cisgender identities, people experiencing or had experienced homelessness, domestic violence, incarceration, addiction, and those who had a demonstrated background on empowering historically disadvantaged groups and working to further racial, social, and economic equity. Additionally, there was discussion on the review of all boards and commissions, public safety, the robust annual reports from CAPS, and the need for CAPS work, initiatives, and research.

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES [7:36pm]

Greg Alexander commented on his concerns involving sidewalks as well as successes with city staff monitoring sidewalks with examples.

- PUBLIC [7:36pm]

Jamie Sholl read negative comments regarding the proposed monolith at the Millers-Showers Park.

Volan moved and Piedmont-Smith seconded to appoint Rosenbarger to the Safe Streets for All Steering Committee. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [7:50pm]

There was no legislation for second reading.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [7:51pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING [7:51pm]

Rollo moved and Sgambelluri seconded that Ordinance 23-22 be introduced and 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.

Ordinance 23-22- To Vacate Public Parcels – Re: Two 12-Foot Wide Alley Segments Located Between West 1st Street, West 2nd Street, South Rogers Street, and South Walker Street (City of Bloomington Redevelopment Commission, Petitioner) [7:51pm]

Piedmont-Smith referred Ordinance 23-22 to the Regular Session to meet on October 04, 2023.

Rollo moved and Sgambelluri seconded that Ordinance 23-23 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 23-23 – To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” – Re: Amending Section 15.12.010 (Stop Intersections) to remove a stop intersection from Schedule A and add a multi-stop intersection to Schedule B [7:53pm]

Piedmont-Smith referred Ordinance 23-23 to the Regular Session to meet on October 04, 2023

There was no additional public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT [7:54pm]

Piedmont-Smith reviewed the upcoming council schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:54pm]

Piedmont-Smith adjourned the meeting without objection.

ADJOURNMENT [7:56pm]

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Isabel Piedmont-Smith, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

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Nicole Bolden, CLERK  
City of Bloomington