

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:30pm, Council President Isabel Piedmont-Smith presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
16 October 2024

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

ROLL CALL [6:31pm]

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

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:31pm]

Stosberg moved, and Zulich seconded to approve the minutes of June 5, 2024, as revised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:34pm]
June 5, 2024 (Regular Session)

Rollo asked if the dissent he submitted for that meeting was included. Clerk Nicole Bolden noted that the dissent and chronology had been sent via email.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Stosberg announced her upcoming constituent meeting. She gave a brief report of Plan Commission activities and expected Safe Streets for All Plan updates.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:36pm]

Zulich thanked participants from the Bloomington Clean-Up Day.

Rollo announced his upcoming constituent meeting to be held with Ruff.

Piedmont-Smith noted Indigenous Peoples' Day had been celebrated that week. She reported on her constituent meeting.

Linda Grove-Paul, Centerstone Vice-President of Adult Services, gave a report on the Stride Center.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:41pm]

Piedmont-Smith extended the time for Mayor and City Offices reports by ten minutes with no objection.

There was council discussion following the report. Piedmont-Smith extended the time for Mayor and City Offices reports by ten minutes with no objection.

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES [7:13pm]

Greg Alexander spoke about the lack of sidewalks in his neighborhood, and a pedestrian who was stuck by a vehicle.

- PUBLIC [7:13pm]

Marc Haggerty spoke about the changes in democracy he has seen since returning from Vietnam.

- Public (cont'd)

Joe Davis spoke in opposition to the Capital Improvement Board and plans to facilitate the purchase of publicly-owned property.

Daily moved and Ruff seconded to make the following appointment(s): For the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission - to appoint Erin McNeil to seat C-1, Sharon Wainshilbaum to seat C-3, Robert Freeman-Day to seat C-4, and Zero Rose to seat C-8.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS [7:24pm]

Stosberg asked if the committee interviewed all of the appointees and what stood out about each of them.

Daily noted McNeil's legal background, Wainshilbaum's particular perspective, and Freeman-Day and Rose's knowledge about the commission.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Piedmont-Smith asked if there were any other appointments for boards and commissions. There were no motions made.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING [7:26pm]

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded that Ordinance 2024-23 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 2024-23 - To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" - Re: Amending Section 15.12.010 (Stop Intersections) to one remove stop intersection on Seventh Street from Schedule A and add one multi-stop intersection on Seventh Street to Schedule B

Piedmont-Smith referred the legislation for a second reading at the Regular Session to be held on November 6, 2024.

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded that Ordinance 2024-22 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 2024-22 - To Fix the Salaries of Appointed Deputies and Employees of the Bloomington City Clerk for the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana for the Year 2025

Piedmont-Smith referred the legislation for a second reading at the Regular Session to be held on October 30, 2024.

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded that Ordinance 2024-20 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 2024-20 - An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries of Appointed Officers, Non-Union, and A.F.S.C.M.E. Employees for All the Departments of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana for the Year 2025

Piedmont-Smith referred the legislation for a second reading at the Regular Session to be held on October 30, 2024.

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded that Ordinance 2024-19 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 2024-19 - An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Officers and Employees of the Police and Fire Departments for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2025

Piedmont-Smith referred the legislation for a second reading at the Regular Session to be held on October 30, 2024.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [7:31pm]

Stosberg moved and Ruff seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 2024-08 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Appropriation Ordinance 2024-08 - To Additionally Appropriate From the Clerk’s Office General Fund for Personnel Expenditures

Stosberg moved and Zulich seconded to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-08.

Jessica McClellan, City Controller, presented the legislation. She said the appropriation was to fund a previously approved position, and would be used for the approved salary of \$74,466 and other supplies for the new employee.

Piedmont-Smith asked for the total sum in the appropriation.

McClellan said that it was \$28, 050.

Stosberg asked if Bolden had a timeline for the hiring of the position.

Council discussion:

Bolden said the position had been posted, applications were being submitted, and she hoped to have someone in the position within a few weeks. She noted that she would not rush the process, because she believed it was better to hire the right person than to have to go through the process of correcting a rushed hire.

There was no public comment.

Public comment:

Piedmont-Smith said she was happy to see the position funded and was grateful to the Clerk for moving forward with the position the Council had requested to help with boards and commissions.

Council discussion:

The motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-08 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 2024-08 [7:37pm]

Taylor Brown, Legislative Affairs Specialist, asked for clarification on why a mayoral appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission was not voted on that evening.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT [7:37pm]

Piedmont-Smith noted that for any vote of the council a motion would need to be made. She said that nobody on the council wanted to make that motion. Piedmont-Smith stated that the council would

confer with the mayor’s office after the meeting or in the coming days.

Piedmont-Smith reviewed the upcoming council schedule. She asked for any questions related to the salary ordinances to be sent by Monday, October 28, 2024 to the Human Resources Director and the Deputy Mayor so they would be prepared to answer them at the meeting on October 30, 2024.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [7:38pm]

Piedmont-Smith adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT [7:40pm]

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