

Bloomington Common Council Special Session Packet Addendum #2

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, IN
47404

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1. Second Amended Regular Session Agenda - October 14, 2026
2. Corrected Appropriation Ordinance 2026-04 – An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operations, Maintenance, Debt Service, and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2027 (Correction to ordinance number in text)
3. Proposed Amendment 01 from Cm. Stosberg to Ordinance 2026-21 – Updating Title 2 to Provide Better Apportionment of Representation on the Transportation Commission and Environment Commission
4. Co-Sponsor Memo for Ordinance 2026-22 – Prohibiting Use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology and Certain Video Surveillance Systems

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City of Bloomington, Indiana Common Council

Amended Regular Session Agenda

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1. Roll Call

2. Agenda Summation

3. Minutes for Approval

- A. April 15, 2026 Deliberation Session
- B. April 22, 2026 Regular Session
- C. May 6, 2026 Regular Session
- D. May 13, 2026 Deliberation Session
- E. May 20, 2026 Regular Session
- F. June 3, 2026 Regular Session

4. Reports (a maximum of twenty minutes is set aside for each part of this section)

- A. Council members
- B. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Offices, and City Boards and Commissions
- C. Council Committees
 - 1. Report from Transportation Commission Regarding Walker Parking Study (5 min.)
- D. Public*

5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions & Hiring

- A. Memorandum from Clerk Bolden

6. Legislation for First Readings

- A. Ordinance 2026-29 – Amending the Bloomington Municipal Code to Prohibit the Development, Deployment, or Delivery of Superintelligence with the City of Bloomington, Indiana
Council Sponsor: CM Rollo

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- B. Ordinance 2026-30 – Authorizing Issuance of City of Bloomington, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, to Provide Funds to Finance the Costs of Certain Capital Improvements, and Equipping Projects and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds and Appropriating the Proceeds Derived from the Sale of Such Bonds
Council Sponsor: CM Stosberg
- C. Ordinance 2026-23 – UDO Amendments Related to Limited Compliance and Change in Use Standards
Council Sponsor: CM Stosberg

7. Legislation for Second Readings and Resolutions

- A. Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 – An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Establishing 2027 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington)
- B. Appropriation Ordinance 2026-04 – An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operations, Maintenance, Debt Service, and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2027
- C. Ordinance 2026-21 – Updating Title 2 to Provide Better Apportionment of Representation on the Transportation Commission and Environment Commission
Council Sponsor - CM Stosberg
- D. Ordinance 2026-22 – Prohibiting Use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology and Certain Video Surveillance Systems
Council Sponsor - CMs Zulich, Piedmont-Smith, Asare
- E. Resolution 2026-22 – To Approve an Update to the City of Bloomington’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan
Council Sponsor - CM Daily

8. Additional Public Comment* (a maximum of twenty-five minutes is set aside for this section)

9. Council Schedule

10. Adjournment

*Members of the public may speak on matters of community concern not listed on the agenda at one of the two public comment opportunities. Individuals may speak at one of these periods, but not both. Speakers are allowed up to three minutes.

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2026-04

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE,
DEBT SERVICE, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER AND
WASTEWATER UTILITY DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,
INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2027**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,
MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Water Utility Fund of said City
for the year 2027, the following sums:

Projected Revenues for the Water Utility are:			
Metered Sales to Customers		\$ 24,326,300	
Fire Protection		\$ 2,197,000	
Other Income		<u>\$ 2,345,700</u>	
Total Projected Income			<u>\$ 28,869,000</u>
Operation & Maintenance Fund			
Personnel Services:			
Salaries and Wages	\$5,861,050		
Employee Benefits	<u>\$1,944,230</u>	\$ 7,805,280	
Supplies		\$ 3,676,970	
Other Services and Charges:			
Insurance	\$ 295,680		
Utility Services	\$ 1,960,150		
Other Charges	\$ 1,740,170		
Inter-department/In Lieu of Taxes	<u>\$ 1,385,250</u>	\$ 5,381,250	
Capital Outlay		<u>\$ 0</u>	
Total Operation & Maintenance Expense			\$ 16,863,500
Sinking Fund			
Debt Service & Existing Obligations		<u>\$ 7,041,000</u>	
Total Appropriations from Sinking Fund			\$ 7,041,000
Extensions and Replacements		<u>\$ 4,964,500</u>	
Total Appropriations from Depreciation Fund			<u>\$ 4,964,500</u>
Total Water Utility Budget			<u>\$ 28,869,000</u>
Total Projected Water Income		\$ 28,869,000	
Total Water Utility Budget		<u>\$ 28,869,000</u>	
Balance			\$ 0

SECTION 2. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Wastewater Utility Fund of said City for the year 2027, the following sums:

Projected Revenues for the Wastewater Utility are:

Sewer Service Charges	\$ 29,715,000	
Stormwater Service charges	\$ 3,990,000	
Interest Income Stormwater	\$ 100,000	
Other Income	<u>\$ 2,595,000</u>	
Total Projected Income		<u>\$36,400,000</u>

Operation & Maintenance Fund

Personnel Services:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,630,990	
Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 3,417,200</u>	\$14,048,190
Supplies		\$ 2,596,560
Other Services and Charges:		
Insurance	\$ 416,930	
Utility Services	\$ 1,595,360	
Other Charges	\$ 3,411,870	
Inter-department/In Lieu of Taxes	<u>\$ 2,562,220</u>	\$ 7,986,380
Capital Outlay		<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Operation & Maintenance Expense		\$ 24,631,130

Sinking Fund

Debt Service & Existing Obligations – Wastewater	<u>\$ 8,327,780</u>	
Total Appropriations from Sinking Fund		\$ 8,327,780

Extensions and Replacements

Wastewater projects	\$ 1,656,850	
Stormwater projects	<u>\$ 1,784,240</u>	
Total Appropriations from Depreciation Fund		<u>\$ 3,441,090</u>

Total Wastewater Utility Budget		<u>\$ 36,400,000</u>
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Total Projected Wastewater Income	\$ 36,400,000
Total Wastewater Utility Budget	<u>\$ 36,400,000</u>
Balance	\$ 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ISAK NTI ASARE, 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 _____, 2026.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2026.

KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This appropriation ordinance, approved by the Utilities Service Board in July of 2026, sets the water and wastewater budgets for 2027.

Proposed Amendment

Ordinance #: 2026-21
Amendment #: 01
Submitted by: CM. Stosberg
Date: October 13, 2026

Ordinance 2026-21 shall be amended as follows:

1. Section 4 Environmental Commission Appointments shall be amended to change the number of Environmental Commissioners proposed for Bloomington Municipal Code Section 2.02.090(b) from nine (9) to eleven (11), and shall read as follows (strikethrough = deletion; bold = addition):

(b) Appointments. The Environmental Commission shall consist of ~~nine~~**eleven** members, ~~five~~**six** appointed by the Common Council and ~~four~~**five** appointed by the Mayor.

2. Section 5 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 5. Environmental Commission Seats. Seat M-6 (currently vacant) shall be removed by the Clerk.

Synopsis: This amendment reduces the number of Environmental Commission seats from twelve to eleven.

October 15, 2026 Regular Section Action: Pending

Co-Sponsor Memo

To: Bloomington Common Council

From: Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Council Member, District 1

Date: October 12, 2026

Subj: Ordinance 2026-22

Background

On January 30, hundreds of Bloomington residents protested outside City Hall against the city's use of Flock Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs). In February, I issued an [open letter to Mayor Kerry Thomson](#) to urge her to cancel the City of Bloomington's contracts with the Flock Safety corporation for ALPRs and surveillance cameras. On March 4, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution drafted by Council Member Asare opposing generalized surveillance and calling for strict limits, public transparency, and democratic oversight of surveillance technology.

On April 15, the mayor announced the city had not renewed its contract for Flock ALPRs which expired on March 5. A report from Police Chief Mike Diekhoff the same day explained that the city still had contracts with Flock for four downtown surveillance cameras and four mobile security trailers. As of today, those contracts are still in effect, and the mayor's administration can still legally engage a different vendor to reinstate ALPRs in our community.

Ordinance Summary

This ordinance, which I co-sponsor with Council Members Isak Asare and Sydney Zulich, creates a new section of city code, Chapter 2.87 - "Prohibition on the Use of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) and Certain Video Surveillance Technology." It bans the implementation of any ALPR system in Bloomington, prohibits any city agency from accessing ALPR data gathered by other entities, and prohibits the use of any surveillance camera system that allows third-party access to data. The ordinance also requires that all permitted surveillance camera systems have publicly accessible use guidelines, and that annual reports be issued on how the data is accessed and used.

Rationale

ALPR systems and surveillance camera systems with data accessible to third parties do not provide public safety to our residents.

- 1) These systems can be easily hacked¹
- 2) These systems create nationwide databases that have been shared by the vendors with other law enforcement agencies despite local contracts that supposedly preclude such sharing.²
- 3) The data collected includes not just license plate numbers (of questionable accuracy) but also the make, model, and color of vehicles, dents and scratches, and bumper stickers that make it easy to track individuals not accused of any crimes.³
- 4) Studies have shown that less than 1% of cars scanned by ALPRs are connected to any crime or wrongdoing⁴
- 5) ALPR readings of license plates are inaccurate.⁵
- 6) ALPR databases have been accessed by law enforcement personnel hundreds of times for unauthorized reasons.⁶
- 7) The use of ALPRs and surveillance camera systems engender fear and stifle free movement and speech among immigrant communities, Black and Brown populations, women seeking reproductive health care, and residents lawfully protesting against government policies.

The City of Bloomington has, per Chief Diekhoff's April 15 memo, spent nearly \$237,000 on ALPR and third-party surveillance camera systems. This money would be better spent on initiatives which lead to true public safety, such as community responder programs, social services, and youth programming. We are learning from our residents what their priorities for public safety are through our deliberation sessions on Sept. 9 and Oct. 21. Let's listen to our constituents and shape policies and funding priorities accordingly, instead of allowing continued investment in systems that reduce freedoms in exchange for a false sense of security.

¹ <https://www.wired.com/story/hackers-flock-camera-data-shows-how-system-works/>

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https://www.wyden.senate.gov/news/press-releases/wyden-slams-surveillance-tech-company-for-ineffective_protections-for-oregonians-against-abuses-by-federal-agencies-and-out-of-state-law-enforcement and <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2026/09/boston-dumps-flock-says-it-shared-data-nationwide-in-violation-of-contract/>

³ <https://www.aclu.org/campaigns-initiatives/get-the-flock-out>

⁴ <https://www.eff.org/pages/automated-license-plate-reader-dataset>

⁵ <https://www.obscureiq.com/license-plate-surveillance-accuracy>

⁶ <https://ij.org/the-ij-database-of-alpr-abuse/>