

MEMORANDUM
Bloomington Common Council - Special Committee on Council Processes
Bloomington City Hall, Hooker Conference Room, Bloomington, Indiana
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

NOTE: Formal minutes are not produced for committee meetings; however, the following summarizes actions taken at the meeting of the Special Committee on Council Processes.

Meeting called to order: 8:02am

Chair: Isabel Piedmont-Smith

Councilmembers present: Isak Nti Asare (arrived at 8:05am), Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo (out of the room 8:21-8:28am)

Councilmembers present via Zoom: None

Councilmembers absent: None

City staff, officials, and guests present: Taylor Brown, Lisa Lehner, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Crossley, Clerk Nicole Bolden

Topics Discussed:

1. Agenda review and approval
2. Operationalizing equity in city government (CM Flaherty)
 - a. Suggestions and discussion
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Proposal(s) to bring to the full Council or other next steps
3. Deliberative sessions of the Council (continuation of 11/12/24 discussion)
 - a. When/Who/How to schedule and organize such sessions
 - b. How to run such sessions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Proposal(s) to bring to the full Council or other next steps
4. Changes to Council regular session processes
 - a. Items to consider from the committee chair
 - i. Order of Business at regular sessions
 1. More appropriate placement for reports from non-profits
 2. More appropriate placement for letters of support from Council
 3. When to allow the administration to speak on an item of legislation or an amendment that was not brought forward by the administration
 - ii. Rules for public comment
 1. Need to identify oneself in-person, online via Zoom, online via Zoom chat
 2. Option for anonymous online feedback
 - iii. Who is allowed to put what in a Council packet or packet addendum
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Proposal(s) to bring to the full Council or other next steps
5. Code of Conduct updates (CM Rollo)
6. Public comment (items not on the agenda)
7. Adjournment

ACTION: Piedmont-Smith adjourned the meeting.

Meeting ended: 9:43am

Memorandum prepared by:
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