



November 14, 2023

The Honorable John Hamilton
Office of the Mayor
401 N. Morton St., Suite 210
Bloomington, IN 47404

Dear Mayor Hamilton,

As your tenure as Mayor of the City of Bloomington is coming to an end, I want to thank you for your service to the City.

I look forward to taking office on January 1, 2024, and to working with you and your team to effect a smooth and seamless transition for the benefit of our constituents.

With that transition in mind and given that you have fewer than 30 business days remaining in office, I request that you refrain from making any strategic or discretionary decisions which will impact beyond December 31, 2023.

Such decisions would include, *but not be limited to*, signing new or extensions of contracts, purchasing or conveying property, and making future board and commission appointments.

I appreciate your letting vacancies remain or allowing acting/interim staff to serve. This reflects our common belief that new administrations are owed the courtesy of making decisions on matters that will impact city government in the next four years and beyond.

I welcome the opportunity to engage with you in conversation about what matters may impact my tenure, in case there are any questions or you have confusion about what I mean.

Of course, you have an obligation to maintain operations and protect assets, which I trust you will do; however, legal and policy decisions that have an effect into 2024 and beyond need not be made now and certainly not without consultation with me.

Please accept this request with the spirit in which it is intended, which is respectful, collaborative, and with the best interests of Bloomington in mind.

The City Council members are copied here, so that they, too, are aware of this request and can work with us to this end.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and cooperation.

Respectfully,

Kerry Thomson
Mayor-Elect, City of Bloomington