Passed: 8-0

RESOLUTION 96-20

CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF AN ICE RINK FACILITY IN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Bloomington has operated the Frank Southern Center and its ice skating programs for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the prospect of funding further capital improvements for this aging facility have raised questions about the feasibility of the City of Bloomington continuing to fund the facility and its ice skating programs in the future; and

WHEREAS, an Ice Rink Task Force has been formed by individuals and families who support the continuation of ice skating programs in Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the City supports funding a study of the feasibility of operating an ice skating facility in Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, any decisions by the City regarding the funding of the facility and ice skating programs should await the findings of the feasibility study; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Common Council recognizes the Ice Rink Task Force and supports their efforts.

2. The Common Council supports funding the ice rink feasibility study.

3. The Common Council encourages cooperation between the Ice Rink Task Force, the City, and other interested members of our community in assessing this feasibility study and developing a plan for an ice facility in Bloomington.

4. If the feasibility study concludes that a new ice skating facility in Bloomington is an economically viable enterprise, and if funding sources can be secured to make it operational in a reasonable period of time, then the City recognizes the desirability of maintaining the present facility and programs until such a new facility is operational, as long as it remains economically practical to do so.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 18 day of September, 1996.

Patricia Cole

PATRICIA COLE, Vice President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 20 day of September, 1996.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by L. David Sabbagh and recognizes a group of individuals and families, known as the Ice Rink Task Force, who have assembled to advocate the continuation of an ice skating program in the City. It also supports the funding of a feasibility study before making a decision regarding the continued funding of an ice facility in Bloomington. And, it recognizes that if the conditions are in place to develop a new facility in a reasonable period of time, then it is desirable to maintain the current facility and skating programs as long as it remains economically practical to do so.

Signature copies to:
L. David Sabbagh
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