ORDINANCE 92-04

TO AMEND SECTION 2.04.320 (PUBLIC INSPECTION OF LEGISLATION) AND SECTION 2.24.380 (ORDER OF AGENDA) OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, The Common Council generally controls the order and time allotted for each item of the agenda; and

WHEREAS, The Common Council desires to change the order of the agenda by allowing public comment before the end of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, In general unscheduled matters should not cause undue inconvenience for those who are presenting legislation and other arranged business before the Council; and

WHEREAS, It is reasonable to seek public comment during the "Reports" portion of the council agenda; and

WHEREAS, The Council recognizes that a suggested twenty minute limitation for each report category and a five minute limitation for each speaker from the public should avoid undue inconvenience for those with scheduled business before the council; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Council President to keep reports within these limits; and

WHEREAS, The Council recognizes that since the twenty minute limitation may not accommodate all those in the public who wish to address issues not on the agenda, some time should still remain available at the end of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Council will review this change prior to the yearly code update in late spring; and

WHEREAS, The Common Council also desires to make legislation available for inspection at one predictable and central location in the center of the City outside of the Municipal Building.

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

SECTION I. Section 2.04.380 Order of Business part (a) of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(a) The council shall transact its business in the following order, but it may by majority vote amend the normal order of business:

(1) Roll call;
(2) Agenda Summation;
(3) Approval of minutes;
(4) Reports from:
  (A) Councilmembers,
  (B) The Mayor and city offices,
  (C) Council Committees,
  (D) Public;
(5) Legislation for second readings and resolutions;
(6) First Readings;
(7) Privilege of the floor (this section of the agenda will be limited to twenty-five minutes maximum, with each speaker limited to five minutes);
(8) Adjournment.

SECTION II. Section 2.04.320 Ordinances and resolutions -- Public inspection and publication part (a) of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(a) For purpose of public inspection, the city clerk shall mail copies of ordinances to the Monroe County Public Library within twenty-four hours after first reading. The clerk shall also mail copies of resolutions there as well prior to their being considered by the council.

SECTION III. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19th day of February, 1992.

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PAM SERVICE, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20 day of February, 1992.

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 21st day of February, 1992.

Tomilea Allison
TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Title II of the BMC in two sections. The first change provides for a public comment period earlier on the agenda. And the second one directs the clerk to mail legislation to one rather than post it at two locations outside of the Municipal Building.

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