Passed 9-0
Rollo, Spechler
absent.

RESOLUTION 13-07

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL –
Re: To Affirm All Active, Dissolve All Inactive, and Establish One New Standing Committees

WHEREAS, the Council Rules Committee was convened last year by 2012 Council President Timothy Mayer and continued into 2013 by current Council President Darryl Neher;

WHEREAS, among other matters, the Rules Committee reviewed the operation of Council committees, and has made recommendations to the full Council to conform local legislation with current practice and to improve current practice; and

WHEREAS, BMC 2.04.210 (Standing Committees – Establishment) provides, in part, that "the council may by resolution establish standing committees and define the duties and responsibilities of each committee. If such committees are established, the presiding officer shall appoint at least three council members to each committee, observing the preference of each member as closely as possible, and shall appoint a chairperson for each committee"; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2013, the Council adopted Resolution 13-04, which was brought forward by the Rules Committee and proposed the consolidation of twenty-four, three-member Council board and commission interviewing and nominating committees into three such, three-member standing committees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the three aforementioned Standing Committees, the Rules Committee affirmed that there is one other active Standing Committee – the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program Committee, which was enabled by Resolution 02-16 (as modified by subsequent annual allocation resolutions) to make recommendations to the full Council regarding allocation of certain local social services funds and is composed of five members from the Council assigned by the President of the Council and with as many as two members added by the Committee from other City entities; and

WHEREAS, the Council Sidewalk Committee is composed of four Council members and has met annually for almost 20 years to recommend the allocation of a portion of Alternative Transportation Fund monies for sidewalk and traffic-calming projects; and

WHEREAS, along with the aforementioned Standing Committees, the Rules Committee concluded that the Council Sidewalk Committee deserves the status of Standing Committee and has been composed of four members of the Council who were appointed by the President of the Council; and

WHEREAS, given the existence of inactive standing committees established by the Council over the years, the names and number of which are unknown, the Rules Committee recommends that all Standing Committees not specifically mentioned herein shall be dissolved until such time as the Council decides to establish them by the adoption of a resolution;

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

SECTION 1. The Common Council hereby affirms the existence of the following active Standing Committees:

(a) Council Board and Commission Interviewing and Nominating Committees "A," "B," and "C" established with the adoption of Resolution 13-04; and
(b) The Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program Committee established by Resolution 02-16 (as modified by subsequent annual allocation resolutions).

SECTION 2. The Common Council hereby establishes the Council Sidewalk Committee as a Standing Committee of the Council. This Committee shall be composed of four members of the Council and shall make recommendations to the full Council on the use of Alternative Transportation Fund monies specifically budgeted for Council recommended sidewalk and traffic-calming projects.

SECTION 3. The Common Council hereby dissolves any Standing Committees of the Council not specifically authorized herein until such time as the Council decides to establish such committees by resolution.

SECTION 4. 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.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 6th day of MARCH, 2013.

DARRYL NEHER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Regina Moore
REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 7th day of MARCH, 2013.

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 7th day of MARCH, 2013.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution brings forward recommendations from the 2012-2013 Council Rules Committee to conform legislation with current committee practices by affirming four active, establishing one new, and dissolving all inactive Council Standing Committees. In particular, the resolution affirms Council Board and Commission Interviewing and Nominating Committees "A," "B," and "C" along with the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program Committee as Council Standing Committees. It also establishes the Council Sidewalk Committee as a new Standing Committee and dissolves all other Standing Committees which, as a matter of practice, have not been convened in over fifteen years.

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