In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7:30 pm with Council President Darryl Neher presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 28, 2013

Roll Call: Mayer, Rollo, Ruff, Sandberg, Volan, Granger, Sturbaum, Neher, Spechler

ROLL CALL

Council President Neher gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of Regular Sessions April 3, 2013, April 17, 2013, and July 17, 2013 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Sturbaum gave a report on the University Courts historic district that was platted on land owned by Moses Dunn in the early 1900s. He gave some historic perspective on the area, the architectural styles, and noted the neighborhood's designation on the National and State Register of Historic Places. He said 410 N Park, 402 N Park, 803 E 8th St, 809 E 8th St, 815 E 8th St, and 825 E 8th St were owned by Indiana University and had been recently swapped with the fraternity on 3rd Street so that IU could expand their law school and the fraternity could build a new structure in place of the properties noted instead of North Jordan Avenue where new 'houses' had been built for the past 60 years. He said that the properties would normally be reviewed if they were up for development, but because the properties were owned by IU there was no permission or review needed to tear down these buildings and build something else. He said that IU's interest trumped the City's interest in this case, but there was a real question as to whether it was legal, right or fair for IU to demolish these houses that the fraternity would not be allowed to demolish and then give the land to the fraternity for their house. He said the Historic Commission considered this issue as part of their mission to protect historic property in the City of Bloomington. He said they drafted a letter to the president and trustees, Foundation board of directors, and president of capital planning facilities to express the Commission's opinion that the years of negotiating this deal should have been done in the open. He encouraged people to speak against this land swap.

Dorothy Granger said she participated in the Hoosier to Hoosier Community Sale the past weekend and called it a great opportunity for the community to resell usable items and divert 45 tons of items from going into the landfill. She said this effort raised $32,000 for the local Habitat for Humanity program and other sustainability programs.

Tim Mayer congratulated the volunteers for the Second Annual Jazz Fest that took place the previous Saturday on Grant between Kirkwood and 6th Streets. He said jazz was played from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. He said it was a highlight of musical groups and an undertaking of huge proportions for an all-volunteer effort.

Steve Volan noted that the Hoosier to Hoosier sale had grown enormously. He said that he had attended the Makevention where people could display things they had made and encouraged others to do so too. He said there were people building electronics, apparel and costumes among other things.
Volan added his dismay at the University Courts situation. He noted the Collins Living Learning Center that was an IU residence but had been integrated into the neighborhood and fit with the character of the brick lined streets. He said the university had overlooked -- in redoing things on the campus by taking away a part of the City. He called attention to the fact that IU had adopted their first campus master plan in 2010. He

said the 160 page document had "Bloomington" mentioned a dozen times but no mention of the City's Growth Policies Plan, and noted that IU didn't engage the City in their desire for new building.

Marty Spechler said he had approached a high official of IU about a compromise in this area, but the person had more important things to consider. Spechler said that closed door sessions and decisions that concerned the public and even the University public were not new, and were unfortunate.
Spechler noted that the day of this meeting was the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *"I have a Dream" speech.* Spechler said the most important part of the speech was that King urged that people be considered irrespective of the color of their skin. He said that for people Specher's age it represented a change in psychology and emotional reaction. He said this was an important objective that the younger generation had made, but we still needed to take the opportunity to consider interactions with people who appear different.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

Ron Smith from the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth gave a report from the Commission. He introduced members of the commission to the council and noted the mission being *"to promote connections within our community which empower, enhance and nurture children and youth."* He gave highlights of the commission's activities since they first met in August of 2012 regarding developing mission, conducting a survey, sponsoring a conference, and providing support for projects and collaboration on the issue. The council was also provided with brochures developed from this newest of the boards and commissions.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

- PUBLIC

Gabe Rivera spoke about ending the drug war in this county and country.

Daniel McMullen spoke about the budget hearings held the previous week and the lack of public comment regarding the budget. He said it wasn't the City's job to regulate and finance business. He said the City needed to reduce the number of department heads and give the power to businesses, not in the hand of politicians.

Chaim Julian spoke about parking meters. He said it was a golden opportunity for Bloomington Transit to begin a marketing campaign to promote using the bus. He said this was time to add additional routes and increase the frequency of the current routes for more convenient ridership. He said this would mitigate the impact of the parking meters.

Glen Carter expressed despair at the contempt being shown to the chronically homeless who recently lost a relatively safe place to sleep. He said that aggressive panhandlers were scamming and were pretending to be homeless. He said that most of the chronically homeless were severely mentally ill and addicted. AMA and other medical groups consider addictions to be a mental illness. He said that these people risk seizure by abruptly stopping their use of drugs and alcohol, making it unsafe for them without detox help. He pointed out what he called a double standard in town where groups of people being disruptive, violent, urinating in public and stumbling out of student bars juxtaposed with the less privileged people who might be doing the same thing. He said it was also a misconception that most of the homeless were from outside of Monroe County, saying that census data cannot prove that. He said that the city and county are creating and perpetuating a problem by sweeping the homeless around with a giant broom.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions at this meeting

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There was no legislation for second reading at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 13-11 To Amend Title 4 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Business Licenses and Regulations" - Re: Chapter 4.04 (Business Licenses Generally *deleted)*; Chapter 4.18 (Pawnbrokers - *revised*); Chapter 4.20 (Secondhand Dealers - *revised*); Chapter 4.22 (Dealers in Valuable Metals - *added*); Chapter 4.24 (Taxicabs - *revised*); Chapter 4.28 (Jitneys - *deleted*); and, Chapter 4.30 (Horse-Drawn Vehicles for Hire - *deleted*)

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 13-11

There were no comments made at this segment of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was moved and seconded to cancel the Committee of The Whole meeting scheduled for September 11, 2013, and reschedule the Regular Session meeting scheduled for September 3, 2013 for a meeting on September 11th to effectively take extra time to consider Ordinance 13-11. This motion completely eliminated the need for the council to meet on September 3, 2013.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

The motion was approved by a roll call of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

Darryl Neher, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington