RESOLUTION 80-1

To Establish the Committee System for the 1980 Common Council

WHEREAS, Bloomington Municipal Code 2.04.210 provides that the Common Council may by resolution establish standing committees to facilitate the transaction of Council business; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that certain special committees established by the previous Council should be reinstituted, while the Council Review Committee established under the city "sunset" law should be formally established as a special committee; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that establishing certain committees will allow for deeper consideration of issues before the Council as well as increased citizen participation in the legislative process;

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

SECTION I. The Common Council establishes three standing committees which shall consist of at least three Council members each, to be appointed by the Council president, who shall in addition appoint a chairperson for each committee. Legislation and questions before the Council may be referred to these committees for investigation and report, and the committees may investigate other areas within their jurisdiction. The committees and the duties and responsibilities of each shall be as follows:

(a) The Planning and Economic Development Committee shall be charged with investigating and reporting on all matters concerning planning and zoning, economic progress, city growth, historic preservation, and the downtown area, including the affairs of the Plan Department and Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Area X Plan Commission, the Redevelopment Department and Commission, the Economic Development Commission, and the Historic Preservation Committee.

(b) The Public Safety and Utilities Committee shall be charged with investigating and reporting on all matters concerning utilities, traffic and parking, public safety, and housing, including the affairs of the Utilities Department and Utilities Service Board, Police and Fire Departments and the Board of Public Safety, Housing Authority, and the Department of Public Works, composed of the Board of Works, Engineering Department, Sanitation Department, Transit Department, Street Department, Fleet Maintenance Department, Rosehill Cemetery, Animal Shelter, Telecommunications Council, Traffic Commission, Animal Control Commission, and the Housing Quality Appeals Board.

(c) The Social, Administrative, and Environmental Policy Committee shall be charged with investigating and reporting on all matters concerning social services, parks and recreation, city administration and finance, and environmental issues, including the affairs of the Human Resources Department and Commission, Human Rights Department and Commission, Women's Commission, Parks and Recreation Department and Board, Council Office, Mayor's Office, Legal Department, Personnel Department, Controller's Office, and Environmental Commission.

SECTION II. The Common Council establishes three special committees to investigate specific areas and to issue reports and recommendations to the Council, at which point they shall cease to function. The committees and the duties and responsibilities of each shall be as follows:

(a) The Operation City Beautiful committee shall be charged with investigating and reporting on methods to improve the appearance of the city and to increase public awareness of the importance of beautification.

(b) The Downtown Committee shall be charged with overseeing and developing goals and objectives for the continued vitality of the downtown area.

(c) The Council Review Committee shall be charged with the duties of reviewing and evaluating boards and commissions under the provisions of Ordinance 79-88, the City "Sunset" Law.

SECTION III. In addition to the standing and special committees established by this resolution, the Council shall meet as necessary in the committee of the whole to consider matters referred to the Council by the special and standing committees and to discuss legislation submitted to the Council prior to its being considered at a regularly convened meeting. The chairpersons of the three standing committees shall alternate serving as chairperson of the committee of the whole.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 7th day of January, 1980.

Tomilea Allison
Tomilea Allison, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Nora M. Connors
Nora M. Connors, City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 8th day of January, 1980.

Francis X. McCloskey
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution establishes the committee system for the new Common Council, specifying the duties and responsibilities of the various standing and special committees and the function of the committee of the whole.