Passed: 5-4 (Banach, Young, Sabbagh, Sherman)

RESOLUTION 98-15

EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PURCHASING LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WESTSIDE FIRE STATION
Re: 103 South Johnson Avenue

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-10.5-5 provides that, for certain purchases of land by a municipality, the common council of the municipality must approve a resolution stating that the city is interested in purchasing specified land; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-10.5-5 also provides that the municipality must obtain two appraisals for the value of the land and Indiana Code 36-1-10.5-6 provides that a municipality may not acquire the property for a price greater than the average of the two appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the western portion of the City of Bloomington is growing rapidly, and it is prudent and desirable to locate a fire station further to the west than the existing westernmost fire station on Rogers Street; and

WHEREAS, a committee consisting of representatives from the Fire Department, City Controller's office, Legal Department, Public Works Department, Mayor's office and Common Council reviewed available sites and identified a parcel of approximately ten acres located at 103 South Johnson Avenue as the most suitable site for the new station; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase this property for the location of a new west side fire station;

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

The Common Council hereby expresses interest in purchasing the tract of land described as Maple Grove Baby Farms, Lots 96 and 97, located at 103 S. Johnson Avenue, to be used for construction of a new fire station. However, the City shall not use its power of eminent domain to acquire the approximate three acres that include the existing house and barn.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 1st day of July, 1998.

TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 2 day of July, 1998.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution expresses interest in the acquisition of a parcel of land of approximately ten acres on Johnson Avenue for the construction of a new westside fire station. *Note: Amendment #2 was adopted which precluded the use of eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring the 3 acres containing the house and barn.*

Signed copies to:
Public Works
Legal Dept
Fire Dept
Controller - 3