

RESOLUTION 79-31

To Redefine the Relationship Between the
Common Council and the Utilities Service Board

WHEREAS, Section 2.78.010 of the Bloomington Municipal Code provides for the coordination of the operations of the Utilities Department with all governmental activities of the City of Bloomington and requires the Utilities Service Board to set policy for the Utilities Department in a manner consistent with general City policies; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.78.020 of the Code requires the Common Council to specify by resolution the areas over which it will exercise its approval power over the Utilities Service Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 76-18 and 77-26 have in the past specified such areas, but have recently been found to be inadequate in specifying this relationship, so that a new mechanism is needed to clearly define such areas;

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

SECTION I. All grant applications, land purchase agreements and easements, proposed studies and contracts, construction and service contracts, and proposals to engage outside attorneys and consulting firms that either involve an amount of money in excess of \$10,000 or could directly or indirectly affect the operations of the City of Bloomington but do not involve either routinely consumed materials or the strictly internal affairs of the Utilities Department shall be submitted to the Common Council in the form of an appropriation request. Such requests shall be submitted to the Council sufficiently in advance of the date set for consideration of the request by the Utilities Service Board so that Councilmembers may appear at the meeting to discuss the request. If the request is approved by the Board, it shall be submitted to the Council in the form of an approved appropriation request. On request of three Councilmembers within two weeks of submission of the approved appropriation request to the Council, the appropriation request shall be brought up in the form of a resolution at the next Council meeting at which it can be made an agenda item and it shall not become effective until it is approved by the Council. If no action is taken by the Council within two weeks of the date of submission, the appropriation request shall be considered approved by the Council.

SECTION II. Long-range capital improvements shall be approved by the Council through the mechanisms of the budget, appropriation ordinances, the annual report, requests for rate changes, and bond ordinances.

SECTION III. Major extensions of service into new areas shall be coordinated with the City Engineer and the Planning Department, and proposals that directly or indirectly affect the planning goals or objectives of the City shall be promptly submitted to the City Plan Commission for its consideration and recommendation before the Board takes any final action.


SECTION IV. In case of emergency, as declared by the Utilities Service Board under IC 5-16-1-1, the procedures for review by the Council set in this resolution shall not be required, but the Council shall be promptly notified of such emergencies.

SECTION V. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

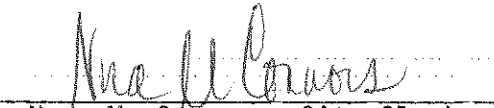
PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 1st day of November, 1979.


Tomilea Allison, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 7th day of November, 1979.


Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:


Nora M. Connors, City Clerk

SYNOPSIS

The Council is required to specify by resolution those areas over which it will exercise its approval power over the Utilities Service Board, but problems with the arrangement in Resolution 77-26 have arisen. Under this resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Allison, only those areas of Utilities affairs that are in excess of \$10,000 or could affect the civil city, but that do not involve routinely consumed materials or the strictly internal affairs of the department, will be submitted to the Council for its approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT SHEET

Legislative #: Appropriation Ordinance - Ordinance - Resolution 79-31

Title: To Redefine Relationship Between USB & Common Council

Committee: Joint Mtg. Public Facilities Community Development

Submitted by: Council president allison

Meeting Date: 10/10/79

Committee Recommendation:

BLUME
TOWER
ALLISON

VOTE OF AYES: 3, NAYS: 3, FOR TABLING RECOMMENDATION.

UNTIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Signatures of Councilmembers:

BLUME ALSO PRESENT

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