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Common Council

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Special Session

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## Packet Related Material

### Memo Agenda Calendar

### Notices and Agendas:

*None*

### Annual Schedule (for action at the Regular Session on November 8, 2006):

#### Draft Annual Schedule

- Memo from Daniel Sherman, Council Administrator/Attorney

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### Legislation for Final Action:

App Ord 06-07 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund, Fleet Maintenance Fund, Risk Management Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, and Sanitation Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Various Transfers of Funds within the General Fund for Animal Care & Control, Clerk's Office, Fire, Planning, and Police; Appropriating Transfers of Funds within the Parks & Recreation General Fund, within the Sanitation Fund, and within the Risk Management Fund; Appropriating Funds from the General Fund for Animal Care & Control, Police and Housing & Neighborhood Development; Appropriating Funds from the Risk Management Fund and from the Fleet Maintenance Fund)

*(See the 1 November 2006 Council Legislative Packet for the legislation, summary and background material.)*

Contact: Susan Clark at 349-3416 or [clarks@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:clarks@bloomington.in.gov)

### Material Regarding Tax Abatement for the Village Green Affordable Housing Project with a 12-Lot Subdivision at 2300 Rockport Road and Susie Street

*(See the 1 November 2006 Council Legislative Packet for the legislation, summary and background material.)*

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Res 06-13 To Designate an Economic Revitalization Area, Approve a Statement of Benefits, Authorize a Period of Tax Abatement, and Indicate Intent to Waive Certain Statutory Requirements - Re: 2300 Rockport Road and 2101, 2105, 2109,

2112, 2113, 2116, 2117, 2120, 2121, 2124, and 2125 Susie Street (City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, Petitioner)  
**Ord 06-23** To Designate an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA) -  
Re: 2300 Rockport Road and 2101, 2105, 2109, 2112, 2113, 2116, 2117, 2120, 2121, 2124, and 2125 Susie Street (City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, Petitioner)

**Other Legislation for Final Action on November 8th**

**Res 06-15** Calling for Immediate Action to End the Genocide in Darfur

- Memo from Councilmember Rollo

Contact: Councilmember Rollo at 349-3409 or rollod@bloomington.in.gov  
Stacy Jane Rhoads at 349-3565 or rhoadss@bloomington.in.gov

**Legislation and Background Material for First Reading:**

None

**Minutes from Regular Session:**

None

**Memo**

**Four Items and Two Schedules Ready for Final Action at the  
Special Session on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>**

A resolution on Darfur, which can be found in this packet, joins three items which can be found in the 1 November 2006 Council Legislative Packet, all of which are ready for final action next Wednesday. Along with those items, you will be asked to vote on a schedule for consideration of the Unified Development Ordinance (forthcoming) and the Annual Council Schedule for 2007 (found in this packet).

**Motion on Schedule for Consideration of the Unified Development Ordinance**

The Plan Commission is taking bit longer to finish the UDO then expected, but should forward it to the Council the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. I have been formulating a schedule in concert with the Council President and *intend to distribute it in time for you to act on it next Wednesday.*

This schedule will propose a series of meetings in order to educate the Council on the UDO followed by a series of meetings where you would consider amendments to the UDO. It will also set deadlines for you to submit amendments to the Council Office.

At this time, I expect it will set aside at least seven evenings for this purpose stretching from November 15<sup>th</sup> through the second week in December (*including the*

*Monday of Thanksgiving week*). Please note that this will amount to about half of the time spent by the Plan Commission on it since September

### **Preview of Annual Schedule for 2007 – Action Requested on November 8<sup>th</sup>**

This packet contains a draft Council Schedule for 2007 and a memo explaining it. Please review the material and offer your comments and be ready to a vote on it this coming Wednesday.

Here are some of the meetings or deadlines that do not follow the usual first-four-Wednesdays-a-month schedule:

- Organizational and Committee of the Whole Meeting on **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** (*Please note that statute no longer requires the Council to meet on the first Monday of the new year and the local code allows you to change that date by a majority vote.*);
- **Fifth Wednesdays in January, May, August, and October** (*which affect deadlines for filing legislation*);
- By holding a Regular Session immediately followed by a Committee of the Whole on **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** the Council will avoid holding a Committee of the Whole meeting during **Spring Break**;
- **“Budget Advance” on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the McCloskey Room, Departmental Budget Hearings in four evenings during the fourth week of July (23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>); and a Special Session for Final Action on the Budget on September 12<sup>th</sup>** (*The May and July schedule follow what we’ve done for the past two years. The September schedule follows a decade-long practice.*
  - *Please note, however, that September 12<sup>th</sup> falls on Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), and that the Controller would need to know in mid-August if we wanted to change that date.) Please refer to the memo for a link to a list of religious holidays on the Indiana University website in order see whether our schedule should account for any of them, as well.*
- The fourth **Wednesday in November** will be used for a Regular Session and Committee of the Whole meeting because the Council does not meet on the night before Thanksgiving.

## **Res 06-15 – Calling for Immediate Action to End the Genocide in Darfur**

Res 06-15 – *Calling for Immediate Action to End the Genocide in Darfur* is co-sponsored by Councilmembers Rollo and Sturbaum. Local advocacy groups IU STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) and Save Darfur Bloomington have urged the City to follow the lead of other cities and universities around the country and pass a resolution calling for immediate action. The resolution documents the genocide committed by the Sudanese government against its own black African population and declares the practice abhorrent to the moral and political values of the City, its residents, the U.S. and democratic and free societies everywhere. The resolution calls for: 1) the United States President and Congress to take immediate action to apply pressure on the government of Sudan to end the genocide in the Darfur region; 2) urges the State of Indiana to divest its funds from companies doing business with the Sudanese government where such businesses support or passively enable the Darfur genocide; 3) supports Indiana State Senator John Broden's legislative initiative to promote targeted divestment from Sudan; and 4) directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the U.S. President, Indiana's Congressional Delegation, other members of the United States Congress in positions of leadership in the House and Senate and their committees with jurisdiction over foreign policy and commerce, the Governor of Indiana and members of Bloomington's delegation to the Indiana legislature, and other leaders of the State legislature as deemed appropriate.

### A brief history

The violence in the Darfur region of western Sudan began in 2003 when members of Darfur's ethnic African tribes took up arms against the Arab-dominated government in Khartoum (the Sudanese capital), accusing it of decades of neglect and discrimination. To quell the uprising, the Sudanese government has unleashed brutal militiamen known as *Janjaweed*, who have bombed and destroyed villages and hospitals, killed and gang-raped civilians, stolen livestock and impeded access of humanitarian aid.

At least 400,000 people have died in the conflict and over 2.5 million have been displaced.<sup>1</sup> On November 3, 2006, a Reuters news release reports that the *Janjaweed* stormed the Darfur area of Jabel Moun, killing 63 civilians, including 27 children under the age of 12.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Some estimates place the death toll even higher. See *African Union Forces Ineffective, Complain Refugees in Darfur*, The Washington Post, (October 16, 2006). <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/10/15/AR2006101500655.html>. Most NGOs cite the 400,000 figure.

<sup>2</sup> *Militias Kill 63, Many of them Children, in Darfur*, New York Times, (November 3, 2006).

On October 13, 2006, President Bush signed into law *The Darfur Peace and Accountability Act* (DPAA) (H.R. 3127/S. 1462). The Act restates the U.S. government's position that the Darfur conflict constitutes genocide and prohibits US citizens from engaging in oil-related transactions with Sudan (US companies have been prohibited from doing any business with Sudan since 1997), freezing the assets of complicit parties and denying them entry to the US. The Act also calls for expansion of the African Union mission in Sudan and give the force a stronger mandate in order to protect civilians and the humanitarian mission and to deter violence in the region. The Act further directs the government to assist the International Criminal Court to bring justice to those guilty of war crimes in Sudan. Bush also issued an Executive Order, which takes effect upon the enactment of the DPAA. The Order specifically forbids transactions relating to Sudan's petroleum and petrochemical industries.

In May 2006, the United States and the African Union negotiated the Darfur Peace Agreement on the understanding that the government of Sudan would allow the United Nations to deploy a robust 22,000-person U.N. force. However, Sudan's president, Omar al-Bashir has continued to reject a U.N. peacekeeping force, claiming that the UN force amounted to colonialism.<sup>3</sup> Susan Rice, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Program at the Brookings Institution and Former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs points out that the Sudanese government does not want a UN presence so it can continue to carry out the killings with relative impunity. "That is the strongest indication that the government is really not willing to keep its word under peace agreements, that negotiations have limited utility in the immediate and pressing task of stopping the killing of innocent civilians."<sup>4</sup>

On October 22, 2006, the Sudanese government expelled U.N. Envoy, Jan Pronk, the senior U.N. official in the country. Pronk had been heavily criticized by the Sudanese government after he stated on his weblog that the Sudanese army had suffered two major losses and declining morale in the clashes in North Darfur. On

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<sup>3</sup> *Sudan Says U.N. Darfur Force Would Create Second Iraq*, Reuters, November 3, 2006  
[http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2006-11-03T074510Z\\_01\\_PEK293358\\_RTRUKOC\\_0\\_US-SUDAN-CHINA-DARFUR.xml&WTmodLoc=IntNewsHome\\_C2\\_worldNews-3](http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2006-11-03T074510Z_01_PEK293358_RTRUKOC_0_US-SUDAN-CHINA-DARFUR.xml&WTmodLoc=IntNewsHome_C2_worldNews-3)

<sup>4</sup> *Will the International Community Act in Darfur?* National Public Radio (NPR), *Talk of the Nation*, October 23, 2006 Notably, the UN Resolution authorizing the peacekeeping force was a Chapter VII Security Council Resolution, which means that it has the weight of international law and that consent is not required.

November 1, the U.S. announced that it will be formulating an international plan which it hopes the Sudanese government will find more palpable.<sup>5</sup>

### Targeted divestment

One approach to working to end the genocide in Darfur is through targeted divestment. In a targeted divestment scheme, only those companies who support or passively enable the genocide by providing revenue or arms to the Sudanese government and who are minimally beneficial to the country's civilians are targeted. This approach helps maximize impact on the Sudanese government, while minimizing harms to innocent Sudanese citizens and US investment returns.

States such as Illinois, California, Maine, Oregon and New Jersey have all completely divested from Sudanese-related companies and other States have started the campaign divestment. The cities of Newton, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island have passed resolutions asking their states to divest as well.

While divestment strategies have been used in the past to influence certain entities, such as South Africa and tobacco companies, it has not, in recent memory, been advocated in a Council resolution. For that reason the following paragraphs briefly explain what targeted investment means and why it would be effective here. The arguments were set forth in two publications prepared by the Sudan Divestment Task Force<sup>6</sup>: [A Report on Options and Resources for Sudan Investment](#) (*Report*) and [Arguments for the Efficacy of Targeted Divestment in Sudan](#) (*Efficacy of Targeted Divestment*).

The aim of divestment here is to stop the genocide being committed by the Khartoum regime by threatening its power and vested economic interests. Targeted divestment attempts to minimize the adverse consequences of this economic weapon on Sudan's most vulnerable populations by narrowing the focus to the companies which:

- “provide money or arms to the government,
- impart minimal benefit to the country's underprivileged, and
- have expressed no significant corporate governance policy regarding the Darfur situation.” (*Report* - Page 4)

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<sup>5</sup> *U.S. works on international plan for Darfur*, Reuters, November 1, 2006.  
<http://today.reuters.com/News/CrisisArticle.aspx?storyId=N01464930>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.sudandivestment.org/home.asp>

Contrary to the critics of targeted divestment, it is not “short term ‘feel good’ action that will hurt the people it is trying to help and should be set aside for political and diplomatic solutions.” (*Efficacy of Targeted Divestment* - Page 3). The economy in Sudan has prospered with the pumping of oil in the late 1990’s and a majority of the oil revenues have gone to the military. Sudan has been able to thwart international political and diplomatic efforts to end the genocide and has, along the way, entered into agreements with Russia, China, India, Malaysia, and others which further impede those efforts. Sudan, however, is susceptible to economic pressure because the military, which helps carry out the genocide, relies heavily on foreign investment (to pay off government debt) and is critical of the government’s approach towards the disaffected populations. Past divestment efforts have helped end Sudan’s recent 20-year civil war.

Among other actions, this resolution urges the State of Indiana to divest its funds from companies doing business with the Sudanese government where such companies support or passively enable the Darfur genocide. It also endorses Senator John Broden’s call for the State to divest from institutions doing business in Sudan. Broden introduced a bill in January 2006 that died in committee and plans to introduce a similar measure in January 2007. The 2006 bill, SB 212, prohibits the investment of funds held by a public officer of the State, the Public Employees’ Retirement Fund, or the Teachers’ Retirement Fund with an institution that (1) has loans to; (2) is engaged in business with or in; or (3) has invested in another company engaged in business with or in Sudan or its instrumentalities. The bill also requires the sale within three years of any investment that violate the prohibition.

The International Crisis Group noted that international diplomatic efforts had failed to persuade Sudan to disarm the *Janjaweed* militia and that a new approach was necessary to prevent more bloodshed. In a report issued on October 12, 2006, the Group calls for stepped-up sanctions, including enhanced divestment drives.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> *Getting the UN into Darfur*, Crisis Group Africa Briefing N°43, 12 October 2006.



*\* Happy Birthday Chris Gaal!!*

**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR  
COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION  
7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SHOWERS BUILDING, 401 NORTH MORTON**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. AGENDA SUMMATION**

**III. REPORTS FROM:**

- 1. Councilmembers**
- 2. The Mayor and City Offices**
- 3. Council Committees**
- 4. Public**

**IV. LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS**

1. Appropriation Ordinance 06-07 To Specially Appropriate From the General Fund, Fleet Maintenance Fund, Risk Management Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, and Sanitation Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Various Transfers of Funds within the General Fund for Animal Care & Control, Clerk's Office, Fire, Planning, and Police; Appropriating Transfers of Funds within the Parks & Recreation General Fund, within the Sanitation Fund, and within the Risk Management Fund; Appropriating Funds from the General Fund for Animal Care & Control, Police and Housing & Neighborhood Development; Appropriating Funds from the Risk Management Fund and from the Fleet Maintenance Fund)

Committee Recommendation:           None

2. Resolution 06-13 To Designate an Economic Revitalization Area, Approve a Statement of Benefits, Authorize a Period of Tax Abatement, and Declare an Intent to Waive Certain Statutory Requirements - Re: 2300 Rockport Road and 2101, 2105, 2109, 2112, 2113, 2116, 2117, 2120, 2121, 2124, and 2125 Susie Street (City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, Petitioner)

Committee Recommendation:           None

3. Ordinance 06-23 To Designate an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA) - Re: 2300 Rockport Road and 2101, 2105, 2109, 2112, 2113, 2116, 2117, 2120, 2121, 2124, and 2125 Susie Street (City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, Petitioner)

Committee Recommendation:           None

4. Resolution 06-15 Calling for the Immediate Action to End the Genocide in Darfur

Committee Recommendation:           None

**V. MOTIONS ON COUNCIL SCHEDULES**

1. Motion to Adopt a Schedule for the Consideration of the Unified Development Ordinance (Ordinance 06-24)

2. Motion to Adopt the 2007 Annual Schedule for the Common Council

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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To: Council Members  
From: Council Office  
Re: Calendar for the Week of November 5-11, 2006  
Date: November 3, 2006

**Sunday, November 5, 2006**

*Happy Birthday to Councilmember Chris Gaal!*

**Monday, November 6, 2006**

12:00 pm Council Sidewalk Committee, McCloskey  
4:30 pm Plat Committee, Hooker Room  
5:00 pm Redevelopment Commission, McCloskey  
5:30 pm Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission-Work Session, Hooker Room  
5:30 pm Black History Month Steering Committee, Kelly  
5:00 pm Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Public Hearing, Council Chambers

**Tuesday, November 7, 2006**



*City Holiday: Election Day– City Offices Closed*

**Wednesday, November 8, 2006**

2:00 pm Hearing Officer, Kelly  
4:00 pm Bloomington Housing Quality Appeals, McCloskey  
5:30 pm Commission on the Status of Women, McCloskey  
7:30 pm Common Council Special Session, Council Chambers

**Thursday, November 9, 2006**

12:00 pm Housing Network, McCloskey  
3:30 pm Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, McCloskey  
4:15 pm Commission on the Status of Black Males, Kelly

**Friday, November 10, 2006**

*City Holiday: Veteran's Day– City Offices Closed.*

**Saturday, November 11, 2006**

8:30 am Farmers' Market, Showers Common



**City of Bloomington  
Office of the Common Council**

**To: Council Members**  
**From: Council Office**  
**Re: Approving the Annual Schedule for Year 2007 on November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Date: October 27, 2006**

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Memo with Highlights of Meeting and Scheduling Issues  
Proposed Annual Schedule for 2007

**Memo**

The Council should set its schedule for next year by mid-November so that our calendar can be finished before our Intern, Bridget Gross, leaves for winter vacation. The Council typically meets on the first four Wednesdays of the month, with Regular Sessions being held on the first and third Wednesday and Committees of the Whole being held on the second and fourth Wednesday.

**Explanation of the Schedule Sheet.** The Annual Schedule presents these meetings in legislative cycles which appear as 21 rows with 5 columns. The rows indicate the 21 legislative cycles next year. Legislative cycles begin with a Regular Session, are followed by a Committee of the Whole, and end with another Regular Session. The 5 columns indicate:

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	<u>Column 4</u>	<u>Column 5</u>
Deadline for Filing Ordinances	Deadline for Filing Resolutions	Regular Session When Ordinances are Introduced	Committee of the Whole When Ordinances and Newly Introduced Resolutions are Discussed	Regular Session When Ordinances and Resolutions are Ready for Final Action

**Deadlines.** The deadline for legislation generally falls 10 days before the meeting when legislation is scheduled to be introduced (whether at a Regular Session or a Committee of the Whole) and provides time for staff to review the legislation and prepare the weekly legislative packet for distribution on Friday. The deadline is typically on the Monday of the week before that meeting (or, in other words, the Monday of the week the Council packet for that meeting goes out). However, the deadline is moved back a day when there is a City holiday and is moved back as much as a week when there are 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in the month. This latter change allows staff to take time-off other than during the August Recess. Please note that the Municipal Code requires legislation and background material be filed at least two weeks before the item is to be introduced at the Council.

**Explanation of the Footnotes.** The footnotes in the Annual Schedule indicate those occasions when the Council does not meet on a Wednesday or does not follow the usual four-Wednesdays-a-month routine.

**Religious Holidays.** Please note that this calendar schedules final action on the budget at a Special Session that falls on the first night of Rosh Hashanah (September 12<sup>th</sup>) and your decision to change that date should be made in time for the Controller to advertise the budget adoption schedule (mid-August). There may be other religious holidays you want to observe and for that reason a copy of the IU "Five-Year Religious Holidays Calendar" is available in the Council Office or can be found on the web at [http://www.indiana.edu/~deanfac/rel\\_hol\\_cal.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~deanfac/rel_hol_cal.html).

Please review it and be prepared to vote on the schedule on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Proposed Annual Schedule - Highlights and Issues**

#### January

Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Organizational Meeting and Committee of the Whole. *Please note that while statute no longer requires the Council to hold an Organizational Meeting on the first Monday of the new year (unless it was a legal holiday, in which case the meeting was to be held on Tuesday), our local code still does. However, under local code you may reschedule that meeting by a majority vote of the Council (e.g. by approving a different date in the annual schedule).*  
*Question: Do you want to meet on the first Wednesday of the year?*

Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> No Committee of the Whole Meeting (See above)

Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> No Meeting – Fifth Wednesday

#### March

*Note on Schedule:* Spring Break occurs during the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. This schedule avoids meeting during Spring Break by holding a Committee of the Whole immediately after the first Regular Session.

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> No Committee of the Whole (Spring Break)

#### May

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> “Budget Advance” in the McCloskey Room at 5:30 p.m. *Please note that the schedule for budget meetings should be confirmed by the Mayor’s Office before voted upon.*

Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> No Meeting – Fifth Wednesday

July

*This month is unusual for two reasons: first, July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on the first Wednesday and second, the Council will hold departmental budget hearings over four evenings during the last week of the month. This would mean that the second and third Wednesdays this month will include a Regular Session immediately followed by a Committee of the Whole*

Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

The Council will meet for a Regular Session immediately followed by a Committee of the Whole on the second Wednesday in July (because the first Wednesday falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Regular Session Immediately Followed by a Committee of the Whole

Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

*(Through)*

Start of Departmental Budget Hearings which will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

End of Departmental Budget Hearings

August

Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

August Recess begins after Regular Session

September

Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

August Recess ends with Regular Session immediately followed by Committee of the Whole to discuss 2008 Budget

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Council will hold Special Session to take action on 2007 budget immediately followed by Committee of the Whole. *Please note that this evening falls on the Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year). We set this meeting early in the month, but have until the end of September to adopt the budget. Please also note that if you subsequently wanted to change that date you would need to inform the Controller in time for her to advertise the schedule for adoption of the budget (mid-August).*

October

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

No Meeting – Fifth Wednesday

November

Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – No Meeting - Night Before Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – To be used for a Regular Session immediately followed by a Committee of the Whole during the second legislative cycle in November.

December

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Last meeting of the year

**COMMON COUNCIL  
MEETING SCHEDULE AND LEGISLATION DEADLINES FOR THE YEAR 2007  
(Subject to Revision by Common Council)**

<u>DEADLINE FOR ORDINANCES; E-MAILED TO CCL BY NOON</u>	<u>DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS; E-MAILED TO CCL BY NOON</u>	<u>REGULAR SESSION 1st READING FOR ORDS.</u>	<u>COMMITTEE DISCUSSION</u>	<u>REGULAR SESSION FINAL ACTION</u>
Mon. Dec. 18 (2006)	Mon. Dec. 18 (2006)	<sup>1</sup> Jan. 3	<sup>1</sup> Jan. 3	Jan. 17
Mon. Jan. 8	Fri. Jan. 12	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	<sup>2</sup> Feb. 7
Wed. Jan. 24	Mon. Feb. 5	<sup>2</sup> Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21
Mon. Feb. 12	Mon. Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 7
Mon. Feb. 26	Mon. Feb. 26	Mar. 7	<sup>3</sup> Mar. 7	Mar. 21
Mon. Mar. 12	Mon. Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4
Mon. Mar. 26	Fri. March 30	Apr. 4	Apr. 11	Apr. 18
Mon. Apr. 9	Mon. Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 25	May 2
Mon. Apr. 23	Mon. April 30	May 2	May 9	<sup>4</sup> May 16
Fri. May 4	Mon. May 14	<sup>4</sup> May 16	May 23	<sup>2</sup> June 6
Wed. May 23	Mon. Jun. 4	<sup>2</sup> June 6	June 13	June 20
Mon. June 11	Mon. June 18	June 20	June 27	<sup>5</sup> July 11
Wed. June 27	Wed. June 27	<sup>5</sup> July 11	<sup>5</sup> July 11	<sup>6</sup> July 18
Mon. July 9	Mon. July 9	<sup>6</sup> July 18	<sup>6</sup> July 18	<sup>7</sup> Aug. 1
AUGUST RECESS				
Wed. Aug. 22	Wed. Aug. 22	<sup>8</sup> Sep. 5	<sup>8</sup> Sep. 12	Sep. 19
Mon. Sep. 10	Mon. Sep. 17	Sep. 19	Sep. 26	Oct. 3
Mon. Sep. 24	Mon. Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
Mon. Oct. 8	Mon. Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	<sup>2</sup> Nov. 7
Wed. Oct. 24	Fri. Nov. 2	<sup>2</sup> Nov. 7	Nov. 14	<sup>9</sup> Nov. 28
Tue. Nov. 13	Tue. Nov. 13	<sup>9</sup> Nov. 28	<sup>9</sup> Nov. 28	Dec. 5
Mon. Nov. 26	Mon. Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	<sup>7</sup> Dec. 19

YEAR END RECESS

First Legislative Cycle for 2007:

Mon. Dec. 17 (2007)	Mon. Dec. 17 (2007)	<sup>1</sup> Wed. Jan. 2 (2008)	<sup>1</sup> Wed. Jan. 2 (2008)	Wed. Jan. 16 (2008)
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Deadlines for Legislation: The deadline for submitting legislation and all accompanying materials, including a summary memo, is noon on the date listed. For information on the manner for submitting these materials, please inquire with the Council Office.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Council meets on the first four Wednesdays of the month in the Council Chambers in Room 115 of the Showers Center, 401 North Morton, at 7:30 p.m. The following footnotes list and explain the exceptions to that schedule:

1. There will be an annual Organizational Meeting on this date when the Council elects officers and gives legislation first reading. The meeting is generally held on the first Monday in January, except when it is a legal holiday, in which case the meeting is held on the first Tuesday. (BMC 2.04.050[d]). However, by the adoption of this schedule, the Council has set this meeting for the first Wednesday in January. This meeting will be immediately followed by a Committee of the Whole.
2. There will be two weeks between the Committee of the Whole and the Regular Session due to the occurrence of a fifth Wednesday in these months.
3. The Council will not meet during Spring Break and will hold a special Committee of the Whole after the Regular Session on the first Wednesday of March.
4. There will be a Council Budget Advance in the McCloskey Room of City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and departmental budget hearings in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
5. The Common Council will not meet on the first Wednesday of July since it falls on a holiday (BMC 2.04.050 (b)), but will hold a Regular Session and Committee of the Whole on the second Wednesday in July.
6. Due to the Departmental Budget Hearings being held during the fourth week of July, the second Regular Session and Committee of the Whole will be held on the third Wednesday of July.
7. Since the Council will have a brief recess after first meeting in August and the second Regular Session in December, no legislation will be introduced for first reading at these meetings. (BMC 2.04.060 (e) & (g))
8. The Council will consider the City Budget for 2008 along with routine legislation during the first legislative cycle in September. The public hearing on the City Budget will be held during the Committee of the Whole that will occur immediately after the Regular Session on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and final adoption is scheduled for a Special Session on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
9. There will not be a Committee of the Whole meeting on the third Wednesday of November, which is the night before the Thanksgiving Holiday (BMC 2.04.050(f)). For that reason, there will be a Regular Session immediately followed by a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

## RESOLUTION 06-15

### CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO END THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

- WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has engaged in a policy of genocide against its own black African population in Darfur through use of its military and through sponsorship of attacks by armed Arab militias known as the *Janjaweed*; and
- WHEREAS, the *Janjaweed* and military of the Sudanese government are responsible for bombing villages and hospitals, gang-raping civilians, summarily executing throngs of black Darfurians, using forced starvation as a weapon of war, and impeding access of humanitarian aid to the 50% of Darfurians that are now reliant on assistance; and
- WHEREAS, the Sudanese government is responsible for the death of 400,000 Darfurians and displacement of 2.5 million more; and
- WHEREAS, in September 2004, U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, declared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that the Sudanese government and the Sudanese government-sponsored *Janjaweed* have committed genocide; and
- WHEREAS, a unanimous United States House of Representatives, a unanimous United States Senate and the President of the United States have declared that the Sudanese regime of dictator Omar al-Bashir is committing genocide; and
- WHEREAS, international companies, by conducting business operations in Sudan, bring direct foreign investment dollars to Khartoum and provide both moral and political cover to the Sudanese regime; and
- WHEREAS, Khartoum has funneled the vast majority of direct foreign investment into military expenditures used to perpetuate the genocide while neglecting needed development projects in the Darfur region; and
- WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has a history of remedying egregious behavior in response to economic pressure; and
- WHEREAS, the policy and practice of genocide is abhorrent to the moral and political values of the City of Bloomington, its residents, the people of the United States, and, indeed, democratic and free societies everywhere;

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

SECTION I. The Council urges the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate action to apply pressure to the government of Sudan to end the genocide in the Darfur region.

SECTION II. The Council urges the State of Indiana to divest its funds -- including the Public Employee's Retirement Fund, the Teachers' Retirement Fund and Police and Fire department pensions -- from companies doing business with the Sudanese government where such companies support or passively enable the Darfur genocide.

SECTION III. The Council supports Indiana State Senator John Broden's legislative initiative to promote targeted divestment from Sudan in an effort to put economic pressure on companies doing business with the Sudanese government.

SECTION IV. The Council directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, members of the Indiana Congressional Delegation, other members of the United States Congress in positions of leadership in the House and Senate and their committees with jurisdiction over foreign policy and commerce, the Governor of Indiana and members of Bloomington's delegation to the Indiana legislature, and other leaders of the State legislature as deemed appropriate.

SECTION V. This resolution be posted on the City of Bloomington web site.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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CHRIS STURBAUM, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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MARK KRUZAN, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution is co-sponsored by Councilmembers Rollo and Sturbaum and calls upon the United States government to apply pressure to the government of Sudan to end the genocide in Darfur and calls upon the State of Indiana to divest funds -- including the Public Employee's Retirement Fund, the Teachers' Retirement Fund and Police and Fire pensions -- from companies doing business with the Sudanese government where such companies support or passively enable the Darfur genocide. The resolution supports Senator John Broden's efforts for targeted divestment of Indiana funds from Sudan and directs the City Clerk to send a copy of the resolution to the U.S. President, the Governor of the State of Indiana, the Congressional delegation and other State and federal legislators.



**City of Bloomington  
Office of the Common Council**

To: Fellow Councilmembers  
From: Dave Rollo, Council President & Councilmember, District I  
Re: Resolution 06-15 – *Calling for Immediate Action to End the Genocide in Darfur*  
Date: November 3, 2006

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As you may recall, the Council was asked recently to act, by way of resolution, on the situation in Darfur. Hundreds of thousands have died in this tragedy, as ethnic cleansing has grown to genocidal proportions. The Sudanese government has coordinated with the *Janjaweed* (Arab militias) to terrorize, and murder entire villages, including women, children and the elderly. This has been validated by scores of independent observers. Despite some attention paid to the tragedy by the media and some governments, action has been half hearted and the situation has only grown worse. The survivors live in vast camps, and remain at extreme risk from disease and hunger.

Emily Roberts and her colleagues with STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur), and Rabbi Mira Wasserman of Congregation Beth Shalom and Chris Hanks (of Save Darfur Bloomington), have been working locally to raise consciousness of the genocide in Sudan, as part of a national and worldwide effort to bring international action to bear on this continuing atrocity. Councilmember Sturbaum and I have agreed to co-sponsor Resolution 06-15 – *Calling for Immediate Action to End the Genocide in Darfur*

This resolution calls for the federal government to bring immediate action to bear on Sudan, to cease aiding and participating in this wholesale violence. It also directs our State and federal representatives to take economic action, by way of divestment from companies that do non-essential business with Sudan.

I respectfully request your support of this resolution.

For more information:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darfur\\_conflict](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darfur_conflict)

<http://www.savedarfur.org/content>

<http://www.standnow.org/>