

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 3, 2007

Roll Call: Wisler, Diekhoff, Ruff, Sandberg, Rollo, Volan, Sabbagh, Mayer
Absent: Sturbaum

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

David Sabbagh congratulated all who participated in the Hoosiers Outrun Cancer event and announced the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Crisis Pregnancy Center Walk and the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk noting that community residents can get exercise while raising money for good causes within the next week.

Steve Volan noted that the events of the last week saying that the 14th Annual Lotus Festival had record ticket sales. He congratulated the Parks and Recreation department on behalf of all council members on the occasion of their National Recreation and Parks Administration Gold Medal award for 2007. Volan noted the Chamber of Commerce parking task force met that day, and encouraged folks to contact this task force for information on this issue. He noted a recent need to take a bus back to the downtown from College Mall and noted that the pedestrian infrastructure near Third and College Mall Road was sorely lacking and needed upgrading as soon as possible. He lastly noted that the 'sharrows' in the downtown were working to encourage bikes and cars to share the traffic lanes

Andy Ruff used this time to set a record straight about the Living Wage Ordinance, saying that it had been grossly misrepresented and shamefully distorted in a recent political debate. He said he assumed it was a mistake and not a purposeful act to suggest that it applied only to the private sector and not the city. He said that it took over a year to craft this legislation so that it was acceptable to public, not-for profits and to the city, and that it applied to each. He urged those with questions to contact him or the council staff.

Susan Sandberg said she was pleased to be a part of the strategic planning process for the Bloomington Economic and Arts District as a co chair of a subcommittee. She noted that the process was a work in progress and asked those who are interested to contact Miah Michaelson, Assistant Director of Economic Development for the Arts.

Tim Mayor noted the annual Red Cross Book Sale was taking place that weekend and noted the thousands of books on hundreds of topics.

There was no report from the Mayor's office.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no reports from any council committees.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Larry Williams, landlord of property near 10th and North Monroe Street, said he had heard of traffic calming balloting going on and said he came to find out more about it, and was actually against the plan. He showed pictures of the area and said that folks just want to work on their cars in the street. He noted that traffic calming islands turn to ragweed because no one really takes care of them. He added that he wanted to speak about this at this meeting because he might not be able to attend the meeting when this item might be discussed.

PUBLIC INPUT

President Rollo appointed council members Sandberg, Mayer and Volan to the council interview committee for applicants to the newly formed Commission on Latino and Hispanic Affairs. He gave information to the public about applying to this commission on line or in person in the Council and Clerk's office.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

There was no legislation for final action at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. Clerk Moore read the legislation by title and synopsis.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 07-24 To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" – Re: to Amend Chapter 15.26 (Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program) to Approve Installation of Traffic Calming Devices in the Arden Drive Area.

Ordinance 07-24

There was no public comment at this section of the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington