

AGENDA
COMMON COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 23, 1983, 12:00 P.M.
SPECIAL SESSION

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA SUMMATION
- III. MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEMBERS
- IV. MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR
- V. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
- V. INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING/VOTE
 - 1. Resolution 83-39 A Resolution Approving Incorporation of Monroe County Jail, Law Enforcement and Governmental Space Building Corporation and Approving Lease.
Committee Recommendation: Passed Without Recommendation.
 - 2. Resolution 83-40 To Approve the Monroe County and City of Bloomington Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement for the Justice Building.
Committee Recommendation: Passed Without Recommendation.
- VI. INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING - NONE
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at a meeting held on November 23, 1983, at 12:00 P.M. with Council President Dilcher presiding over a Special Session of the Common Council.

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Councilmembers present: Porter, Towell, Service, Dilcher, Murphy, Olcott, Gross, Hogan.
Absent: Morrison (Business)

ROLL CALL

Council President Dilcher gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Service welcomed her parents to the meeting; they are visiting Bloomington from California.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Dilcher asked that persons wishing to speak limit their remarks to five minutes each.

David Heise said that the rate of violent crimes in Monroe County is far less than the national average and indicated that the crime rate will probably decline over the next 20 years, yet we are participating in an expansion that could incarcerate up to 248 persons. The tax burden is excessive and still there is no money for better police training and better affirmative action programs. He suggested better policing before a huge new jail.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNI-
CATIONS

Hal Pepinsky, a forensic studies expert, cited numerous examples of incarceration having little to do with crime prevention. He urged the Council to vote against this proposal and insist on modifying the plan.

Mike Andrews said that he was disappointed in the process and that this building represents a deterioration of civil liberties, management and responsibility. He urged the Council to be conscious of the cost, the social cost, when dollars cannot be found for employment and social services. Andrews said that the city does not need a centralized police-military complex.

Jim Simmons was also concerned about the democratic process with public hearings at odd times and locations allowing for insufficient input. The Council and the County officials might consider the reaction on election day. (1984)

Pete Tescione, a member of the Citizens Party said that the project was expensive and ill-conceived. He urged the Council not to 'rubber stamp' the project.

Albert Godfrey "Garr" spoke about injustice and how the Bible exhorts us to be prudent and just.

Micah Roseberry objected to the real lack of public hearings and that the County lobbied so strongly for this project. She opposed the expansion of the jail and the 20' walls around the recreation area. She said that it appears that the community does not want a visible facility.

Jim Cartwell suggested a critical and complete analysis of the project.

Mark Haggarty said that the plan was a means of coercing people, to run them through the jail process. This is the type of action that is taken in times of social unrest and by a government that is not responsive. He said that this facility is designed to be a threat to the politically active, it is a military budget, and a threat to taxpayers and the politically disenfranchised.

Steven Heise, a Perry Twp. resident, said that the dollars can be used far more wisely. Every household in Monroe County will pay \$1,657 dollars for this facility.

Towell agreed that far too many people are incarcerated but that the jail is the responsibility of the County. The increase in the number of cells occurred because the bid came in for almost the same price as for the original number of cells. The last facility had a 50 year life span and we have certainly outlived its size. Towell said that he did not believe that the cells would be filled just because they are there. Part of the problem is a prosecutor that does not use discretion in the numbers and types of cases he files. The causes of incarceration are elsewhere not in the size of the jail. The ability to do something positive is a long process and in 25 years nothing has been done. Towell said that he did not agree with all the

points being discussed but to back off now would cost the taxpayers far more in the long run.

Service addressed the number of cells as well and about the operating expenses involved. The County is unable to fund many programs now, especially the Court House itself; but the City opting out now is not going to solve the problem or answer the questions.

Porter said that no public project ever gets 100% approval or support. He felt that most comments had little bearing on the outcome.

Murphy said that the majority of arrests are made by the Bloomington Police Department and crime is not endemic to any particular region. He said that he was one councilmember that has changed his mind since the hearings last winter and early spring. He stated that he would vote no on the lease and interlocal agreement.

Hogan said that he did not think the criminal justice building project would stop if the council voted against it this evening. He said that he supported the concept in principal and it has taken far too long to solve the problem. The Courthouse is the center of our community and we should take advantage of the opportunity to improve the downtown. We have heard from the County Democrats that there are no dollars; Charlotte Zietlow has said that we do not have the dollars for better government. Few residents have had the opportunity to vote on this issue and I question if this is the most effective use of 37 million dollars. Hogan said that he would vote no on the proposal.

Olcott said that in 1963 that was going to be the year of a new justice building. "That jail was a disaster 30 years ago". This is an opportunity to show City-County cooperation; our judges are excellent; our prosecutor is good; and 50 years from now this facility will also be too small.

Gross reminded the Council that the entire project started because the County was forced to build a new jail and from that grew an opportunity. While the new building will be a burden to taxpayers, Gross said that the monies it takes to keep our present facility going is enormous.

Dilcher reminded Hogan that Republican tax restrictions have caused many of the problems that the city and county are now facing. It is a good plan for the moment.

Service sympathized with persons feeling frustrated regarding the public hearings, but it was not a situation where everyone met in a back room and made the decisions. It has been a long process and in Indiana we do not have the opportunity for a public referendum on issues such as this. Public input does make a difference; councilmember Murphy changed his mind about the project; public dialogue does work.

Olcott moved and Murphy seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 83-39 by title only.
Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION 83-39
LEASE APPROVAL

Olcott moved and Murphy seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 83-39. Dilcher gave the synopsis.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:6 ,
Nays: 2 (Murphy, Hogan).

Olcott moved and Murphy seconded a motion to introduce Resolution 83-40 by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION 83-40
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Olcott moved and Murphy seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 83-40. Dilcher gave the synopsis.

Discussion of this resolution was considered at the same time as Resolution 83-39.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Murphy).

There was no legislation introduced for first reading.

NO FIRST READINGS

There were no minutes for approval.


NO MINUTES FOR APPROVAL


The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:


Katherine Dilcher, President
Bloomington Common Council


Patricia Williams
Clerk

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