

REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 1962

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, August 21, 1962, at the hour of seven-thirty (7:30 P.M.) in regular session with Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap presiding.

Members present: Sikes, Peace, Graves, Faucett,
Hickman, and Shertzer

Members absent: Chitwood

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Graves.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that the minutes of the regular meeting on August 7, 1962 be approved as submitted to each individual Councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance Number 25, 1962 pertaining to the annexation (voluntary) of adjacent territory, for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance Number 25, 1962.

Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap announced that the Traffic Committee report regarding parking on South Walnut Street from First to Hillside would be postponed until the next regular council meeting on September 4, 1962.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Ordinance Number 24, 1962, pertaining to annexation of adjacent territory be advanced to second reading and read by title only by the Clerk-Treasurer. Upon a roll call vote; motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk Treasurer read, by title only, Ordinance Number 24, 1962.

The following letter from the Mayor was read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

The future growth of the Bloomington community depends upon the annexation program proposed in Ordinance No. 24 now being considered by the City Council. The economic and cultural welfare of the entire Bloomington area, including the suburban areas, is dependent upon the continued progressive growth of our city.

The urban areas that have grown up just outside of the City limits could not be what they are today were it not for the facilities available through the city itself. The welfare of the entire community must either go forward or go backward together. It is for the welfare of the suburban areas as well as those already inside the city limits that this ordinance is being considered.

Many residents in the areas covered by the annexation ordinance have been requesting admission to the incorporated area of the City of Bloomington. The annexation boundaries were laid out after long study and much discussion with many residents within these areas taking into consideration the city's present ability in providing water and sewer. Some areas which would have been included were excluded because these facilities could not be provided at this time.

This community is entitled to a larger distribution of the state taxes such as gasoline taxes, excise taxes, alcoholic beverage taxes that are returned to the cities on a population basis. Such larger return of these state taxes would ease the tax burden upon the local community.

The annexation program now under consideration will add 6,000 to 8,000 people to our population and will elevate the City of Bloomington to the rating of a second class city which will entitle the entire urban area to greater tax benefits as well as many other benefits.

To receive these benefits, a special census is necessary. Following the passing of the annexation ordinance, our program calls for a special census of the area inside the new boundaries to be taken.

Since this census must be completed and certified to the state by the Federal Bureau of Census before December 31 in order to receive the first quarter state tax distribution in 1963, any great delay in this program could prove costly to the entire area under consideration in bringing about the extension and expansion of city facilities.

Today Bloomington is on the threshold of great progressive growth that will make us one of the outstanding cities in the State of Indiana. This cannot come about with our present limited boundaries. The urban residents outside the city limits need the city. The present city residents need the suburban residents.

By all joining together the Bloomington area can go forward with the economic and cultural growth that has already designated Bloomington as the leading city of southern Indiana.

We cannot deny that certain selfish interests have taken a stand that has caused confusion and misunderstanding in certain suburban areas. On the other hand, there are many public spirited citizens that are interested in obtaining facts and information and for this reason I recommend that final action on this ordinance be temporarily postponed. I would like to have more time to bring to the residents of the suburban areas a better understanding of the benefits that they will receive under this annexation program.

We wish all residents to have a clear understanding of all phases of this progressive program. Knowing that it would be impossible for all residents to come to a single meeting, I am already scheduling meetings in the suburban areas to discuss this entire program and to answer questions.

I hereby urge all interested residents in the areas involved to schedule local meetings of residents for their area in the Council Chamber during the next two weeks so that the Mayor and Councilmen may meet with you. Meetings should be cleared through the Mayor's office to eliminate an overlap of scheduling in areas. In this way we can answer your questions and explain the benefits, values, and procedures necessary to provide a prosperous community of homes and industry for our families and future generations.

/s/ Mary Alice Dunlap, Mayor

The Clerk-Treasurer read the following petitions from citizens:

Eastern Heights Addition No. 1	-	35 signatures
Eastern Heights Addition No. 2	-	30 signatures
Eastern Heights Addition No. 3	-	8 signatures
Grandview Hills Addition	-	36 signatures
Matlock Heights Addition	-	85 signatures
By Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap and the		
Matlock Heights Addition	-	136 Signatures

Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap declared Ordinance Number 24, 1962 open for discussion and asked to hear from those in opposition to this Ordinance. The following citizens then came before the council:

Clint Boothe, President of Valhalla Memory Gardens
 Paul Chitwood, East Tenth Street Road
 Harlan Anderson, 552 Green Road, Country Club Addition
 Roy Landsford, Matlock Heights
 Jason Welman, 4537 Deckard Street, Eastern Heights
 J. C. Alexander, 102 North Union
 Murray Grodner, Ridgemed Hills Addition
 Paul Kennedy, Smithville Road South
 John Kennedy, East Tenth Street
 Irvin Rumpel, Martha Street
 Santa Parker, South Rogers Street
 Daisy Garton, 2920 East Tenth Street
 Melvin Goen, 2410 North Dunn Road

Bill Shick, 4242 East Tenth Street, represented Eastern Heights and Grandview Hill Additions and requested that the Council allow a two week delay on the vote on Ordinance Number 24, 1962.

Bill Baldwin, 708 South Woodlawn, representing the Chamber of Commerce emphasized the Chamber's desire for public meetings to be held between the City Administration and residents of the proposed annexation areas, before passage of the annexation ordinance.

Mayor Dunlap asked if any were present who desired to speak in favor of annexation. No one requested the floor.

Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Ordinance Number 24, 1962 be tabled, upon a roll call vote; motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer read the following letter from Mr. Irvin Thrasher:

Aug. 3, 1962

Dear Mr. Richardson,

I want you to know that I appreciate the fine improvement you made with the black topping of Longwood Drive. The black topping of the ditch is a good improvement, and could prevent a serious accident.

I am sure everyone on this street appreciate the fine job you and your men did.

Sincerely,

/s/ Irvin Thrasher

Councilman Peace presented the following report from the Buildings and Property Committee of the Council:

Aug. 21, 1962

Report to Council
From Buildings and Property Committee.

Acting on a petition presented by Attorney James Kent on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church to vacate an alley between Sixth and Seventh Sts, running one-half block west from Lincoln St; the Committee met with Rev. Joseph Walker and Mrs. Dorothy Johnson.

With the assistance of Police Chief Huntington and Captain Fox a satisfactory plan worked out and accepted whereby a certain type commercial traffic control barricade would be used during periods when school children were crossing alley. The use of this device will allow alley to remain open for public use at all other times.

The committee feels this action will protect the children and will not seriously inconvenience the general public.

The church group promised to withdraw petition and no further action is needed.

/s/ James R. Faucett

/s/ David Chitwood

/s/ Norbert Peace, Chairman

Councilman Peace read the following report from the Bloomington Traffic Commission:

BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

To: The Mayor and the Common Council of Bloomington, Indiana

At the August 14, 1962 meeting of the Bloomington Traffic Commission, below listed traffic and related recommendations were adopted and are herewith submitted to the Mayor and the Common Council for consideration and action:

1. Recommends a Resolution be sent the State Highway Department to immediately sign East Seventeenth street from Dunn street to the By-pass 30MPH.
2. Recommends a RESolution be sent the State Highway Department to establish no-parking on the west side of Walnut street from First street to Hillside.

3. Recommends the intersection at Second street and Fess be made a 4-way stop with an advance warning placed at the crest of the hill on Fess. A continuing study of the intersection will be made and if sign unwarranted will be removed.
4. Recommends that at the intersection of Hunter and Swain, either a Yield or Stop sign be erected on Hunter, leaving Swain the preferential street.
5. Recommends that in school zone areas the words "while children are present" be added to existing signs.
6. Recommends that the Common Council of the City of Bloomington change the title of the Bloomington Traffic Commission to Bloomington Citizens Traffic and Safety Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Timothy Rose, chairman
Bloomington Traffic Commission

He then presented the following report from the Public Safety Committee of the City Council:

Aug. 21, 1962

Report to Council
From Public Safety Committee.

This report is submitted by your chairman and contains (attached) recommendations adopted by the Bloomington Traffic Commission at the Aug. 14 meeting.

This committee has had no opportunity to survey or study these problems but your chairman believes that certain ones are of urgent nature and requests your consideration at this meeting, of the following.

#1. Recommends that State Highway be asked to immediately establish and sign a 30mph zone on East Seventeenth Street from Dunn St. to the By-pass.

#5. Recommends that in school zone areas the words, "while children are present", be added to existing signs.

#6. Recomends that the Common Council change the title of the Bloomington Traffic Commission to ' Bloomington Citizens Traffic and Safety Committee."

(Exp: The National Safety Council in rating our city's traffic safety accomplishments in past years has attached no significance to the fact that this committee or commission is a voluntary body of citizens working without pay and because of the name Bloomington Traffic Commission is classified as an official PAID group. A change of name should improve our standing both state and nationally.)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Norbert Peace, Chairman.

Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes that items number one and number five of the Bloomington Traffic Commission report be adopted as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that items number two, three, four and six of the Traffic Commission report be referred to the Public Safety Committee of the Council for further study. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves reported that the City Utilities Committee had studied the request for a street light at 700 West Dixie. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that a street light be installed at the extreme West end of the 700 block of West Dixie as soon as possible and that the work be under the supervision of the City Engineer. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace reported that the following traffic signals have been approved by the State and will be installed in the very near future:

- 17th and Walnut
- Tenth and College
- Tenth and Jordan

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the claims submitted for payment for August 22, 1962 be allowed as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary Alice Rinkler

 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

F. D. Allis

 Clerk-Treasurer