



# City of Bloomington Common Council

## Legislative Packet

Regular Session

04 May 2011

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**To: Council Members**  
**From: Council Office**  
**Re: Weekly Packet Memo**  
**Date: April 29, 2011**

## **Packet Related Material**

**Memo**

**Agenda**

**Calendar**

**Notices and Agendas:**

*None*

**Legislation for Second Reading:**

*None*

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

- **App Ord 11-02** To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds for the Creation of a Graffiti Removal Pilot Program)  
- Memo to the Council from Susie Johnson, Director of Public Works  
*Contact: Susie Johnson at 349-4111 or [johnsons@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:johnsons@bloomington.in.gov)*

**Minutes from Regular Session:**

*None*

## **Memo**

**There are No Items Ready for Second Reading and One Item Ready for First Reading at the Regular Session on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

There are no items ready for second reading and one item ready for first reading at the Regular Session next Wednesday. That item is App Ord 11-02, which is included in this packet and summarized herein.

## **First Readings:**

### **App Ord 11-02 – Appropriating \$18,300 for a Graffiti Removal Pilot Project**

**App Ord 11-02** appropriates \$18,300 for a pilot project to remove graffiti on private property. According to the memo from Susie Johnson, Director of Public Works, this project is one of a series of related initiatives and will focus first on the downtown area. The appropriation is divided into \$13,400 that would pay for two seasonal employees to remove the graffiti and \$4,900 would pay for the tools and supplies necessary to do so.

Beverly Calender-Anderson spoke to me about the City's efforts to address graffiti on both public and private property. She has been involved with the subject for about three years and noted that the best deterrence is to remove the graffiti as soon after it is discovered as possible. City staff (i.e. Parks and Recreation staff, Downtown Specialist, and Traffic Division) already remove graffiti on public property as soon as they can. The removal of graffiti on private property, however, has proved a little more challenging. Over the last few years, the City has researched what other communities have done, met with a group from the Chamber of Commerce, added a graffiti hotline to the Police Department and also created a website to report and learn more about how to address graffiti.

Under this pilot project, the crew would pull down Police Department reports of graffiti each morning. They, then, would contact the owners of the "tagged" property, ask whether the owners want the graffiti removed, have them sign the necessary waivers if the owners do, and remove the graffiti. They would also contact property owners when they find unreported graffiti and attempt to clean those as well.

Johnson's memo concludes by reiterating that this is a pilot project where many of its "details will be determined as we move forward and learn from the experience."

**Happy Birthday Stephen Lucas (*Council Intern Extraordinaire*) – May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA  
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 04 MAY 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SHOWERS BUILDING, 401 N. MORTON ST.**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. AGENDA SUMMATION**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** None

**IV. REPORTS** (A maximum of twenty minutes is set aside for each part of this section.)

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

**V. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

*None*

**VII. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING**

1. Appropriation Ordinance 11-02 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriate (Appropriating Funds for the Creation of a Graffiti Removal Pilot Program)

**VIII. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT \*** (A maximum of twenty-five minutes is set aside for this section.);

**IX. COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

- Motion to Hold a Special Session on 11 May 2011

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

\* Members of the public may speak on matters of community concern not listed on the agenda at one of the two *Reports from the Public* opportunities. Citizens may speak at one of these periods, but not both. Speakers are allowed five minutes; this time allotment may be reduced by the presiding officer if numerous people wish to speak.



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

To: Council Members  
From: Council Office  
Re: Calendar for the Week of 02-07 May 2011

**Monday, 02 May 2011**

5:00 pm Utilities Service Board, Board Room, 600 E Miller Dr  
5:30 pm Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission Work Session, Hooker Room

**Tuesday, 03 May 2011**

*City Holiday: Primary Election Day – Offices Closed*



**Wednesday, 04 May 2011**

12:00 noon Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association, McCloskey  
2:00 noon Hearing Officer, Kelly  
3:30 pm Economic Development Commission, McCloskey  
5:30 pm Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs, McCloskey  
7:30 pm Common Council Regular Session, Council Chambers

**Thursday, 05 May 2011**

1:00 pm Bloomington Multicultural Expo Meeting, Hooker Room  
4:00 pm Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Council, McCloskey  
5:15 pm Solid Waste Management District Citizens Advisory Committee, Education Room, 3400 S Walnut St  
5:30 pm Commission on the Status of Women, McCloskey

**Friday, 06 May 2011**

9:00 am City of Bloomington Community Blood Drive, Council Chambers  
12:00 noon Common Council Internal Work Session, McCloskey  
12:00 noon Redevelopment Commission, Hooker Room

**Saturday, 07 May 2011**

8:00 am Bloomington Community Farmers' Market, Showers Common, 401 N. Morton

*Posted and Distributed: Friday, 29 April 2011*

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 11-02**

**TO SPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES NOT OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED**

**(Appropriating Funds for the Creation of a Graffiti Removal Pilot Program)**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works wishes to expend \$18,300 from the General Fund for the creation of a graffiti removal pilot program;

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

SECTION I. For the expenses of said municipal corporation, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart from the funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

|  | AMOUNT REQUESTED    |
|--|---------------------|
| General Fund – Public Works                |                     |
| Line 1120 – Salaries and Wages - Temporary | \$ <u>13,400.00</u> |
| Line 2420 – Other Supplies                 | <u>4,900.00</u>     |
| <br>                                       |                     |
| Total General Fund – Public Works          | <u>18,300.00</u>    |
| <br>                                       |                     |
| Grand Total General Fund                   | <u>18,300.00</u>    |
| <br>                                       |                     |
| Grand Total All Funds                      | \$ <u>18,300.00</u> |

SECTION II. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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SUSAN SANDBERG, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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MARK KRUZAN, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

**SYNOPSIS**

This ordinance appropriates \$18,300 from the General Fund for the creation of a graffiti removal pilot program.

To: Common Council  
From: Susie Johnson, Director Public Works  
RE: Appropriation Ordinance 11-02  
Date: April 15, 2011

Graffiti is a problem in our community and in order to combat this problem the City of Bloomington will be rolling out a series of initiatives. This specific appropriation ordinance, if approved, will fund the physical removal of graffiti.

We are requesting \$13,400, which will allow us to hire two seasonal employees who will physically remove graffiti and we are requesting \$4,900 in tools and supplies. The total request is for \$18,300.

The removal program will work as follows: Each morning the crew will pull down reports of graffiti that have been entered into Reqpro (an action request system) by the Bloomington Police Department. The crew will identify the owner(s) of the tagged property(s), contact them and ask if they would sign a hold harmless agreement that would allow us to remove or paint over the graffiti. Once all the documents are signed the crew will clean up graffiti.

In the course of their work, the crew will likely find graffiti that has not been reported. They will proactively contact the owner of the tagged property and clean up the graffiti as permitted. Our plan is to focus on the downtown and move out from that area as time allows.

This is a pilot program and many details will be determined as we move forward and learn from experience. One thing we know for sure is quick and consistent removal of graffiti has proven to work as a deterrent.