



City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet

Regular Session

followed by

Committee of the Whole Discussion

05 March 2008

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Packet Related Material

Memo

Agenda

Calendar

Notices and Agendas:

- **Notice of Rules Committee Meeting** on March 17, 2008 at Noon in the Council Library

Legislation for Final Action:

- **Ord 08-02** To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Administration and Personnel” - Re: Amending Section 2.12.100 Entitled “Bloomington Commission on Sustainability” to Change Residency Requirements and Clarify the Voting Status of the Ex Officio Member
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Please see the [20 February 2008 Council Legislative Packet](#) for the legislation, summary, and related materials

Legislation and Background Material for First Reading:

- **App Ord 08-01** To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Grant Funds from the General Fund for Animal Care & Control)
- Memo to Council from Susan Clark, Controller
Contact: Susan Clark at 349-3416 or clarks@bloomington.in.gov
- **Ord 08-03** To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Administration And Personnel” - Re: Amending Section 2.23.060 Entitled “Commission on the Status of Women – Establishment” to Increase Its Size from Seven to Nine Commissioners
- Memo to Council from Susan Sandberg, President
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Minutes from Regular Session:

- December 5, 2007

Memo

One Item Ready for Final Action and Two Items Ready for Introduction at the Regular Session on Wednesday, March 5th

There is one item ready for final action and two items ready for introduction at the Regular Session next Wednesday. The item ready for final action can be found in the [20 February 2008 Council Legislative Packet](#) and the two items ready for introduction are included and summarized herein.

First Readings

Item One - App Ord 08-01 – Appropriating Grant Funds from the General Fund for the Animal Care and Control Division

App Ord 08-01 appropriates an \$11,215 grant from Petsmart Charities to the Animal Care and Control Division to use for “purchasing supplies for the foster program (crates, cat condos, meds, leashes, bowls, etc.) and for purchasing a book to give to first time dog owners.”

Item Two – Ord 08-03 – Amending BMC 2.23.060 Entitled “Commission on the Status of Women – Establishment” to Increase Its Size from Seven to Nine Appointments

Ord 08-03 is sponsored by Councilmembers Sandberg and Piedmont and amends Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code by increasing the size of the Commission on the Status of Women from seven to nine commissioners. As Councilmember Sandberg mentions in her memo to the Council, the Commission has a full membership and could use more members to carry on its efforts which, according to its last few minutes, include: Women’s History Month, Women’s Health Report, Women’s Victimization and Domestic Violence Report, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Women’s Leadership and Development events, among other initiatives.

**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SHOWERS BUILDING, 401 NORTH MORTON**

REGULAR SESSION

I. ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA SUMMATION

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR: December 5, 2007 (Regular Session)

IV. REPORTS FROM:

- 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

1. Ordinance 08-02 To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Administration and Personnel” – Re: Amending Section 2.12.100 Entitled “Bloomington Commission on Sustainability” to Change Residency Requirements and Clarify the Voting Status of the Ex Officio Member

Committee Recommendation: Do Pass 5 – 0 – 4

VII. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

1. Appropriation Ordinance 08-01 To Specifically Appropriate From the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Grant Funds from the General Fund for Animal Care & Control)

2. Ordinance 08-03 To Amend the Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Administration and Personnel” – Re: Amending Section 2.23.060 Entitled “Commission on the Status of Women – Establishment” to Increase Its Size from Seven to Nine Commissioners

VIII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

IX. ADJOURNMENT

(and immediately reconvene for)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair: Andy Ruff

1. Appropriation Ordinance 08-01 To Specifically Appropriate From the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Grant Funds from the General Fund for Animal Care & Control)

Asked to Attend: Susan Clark, Controller

2. Ordinance 08-03 To Amend the Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Administration and Personnel” – Re: Amending Section 2.23.060 Entitled “Commission on the Status of Women – Establishment” to Increase Its Size from Seven to Nine Commissioners

Sponsors: Councilmembers Sandberg & Piedmont

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To: Council Members
From: Council Office
Re: Calendar for the Week of March 3-8, 2008

Monday, March 3, 2008

10:00 am Evergreen Village Phase Two Pre-Bid Conference, McCloskey
11:00 am *Griffy Lake Master Plan Update Public Meeting* – the public is invited to review and comment on the plan that will guide the management of Griffy Lake for the next 10 years, Council Chambers
5:00 pm *Griffy Lake Master Plan Update Public Meeting* (see above for description), Council Chambers
5:00 pm Redevelopment Commission, McCloskey
5:30 pm Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission Work Session, Hooker Room

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

5:00 pm Solid Waste Management District Citizen's Advisory Committee, McCloskey
5:00 pm Utilities Service Board, Board Room, 600 E. Miller Dr.
5:30 pm Board of Public Works, Council Chambers
7:30 pm Telecommunications Commission, Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

10:30 am Safe Routes to School Task Force, McCloskey
12:00 pm Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association, McCloskey
12:00 pm *Don't Borrow Trouble*, Kelly
4:15 pm Commission on the Status of Black Males, Hooker Room
5:00 pm Buskirk-Chumley Advisory Committee, McCloskey
7:30 pm Common Council Regular Session *immediately followed by a* Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers

Thursday, March 6, 2008

11:30 am Solid Waste Management District, Monroe County Courthouse, Judge Nat U. Hill, III Room
5:30 pm Commission on the Status of Women, McCloskey

Friday, March 7, 2008

1:30 pm Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, McCloskey

Saturday, March 8, 2008

8:00 am *Road I Course for Bicyclists* – Geared toward both current and prospective bike riders, this seminar will address strategies for how bicyclists can be predictable, courteous, assertive, visible and alert, McCloskey



City of Bloomington
Office of the Common Council

MEETING NOTICE

Common Council Rules Committee

Monday, 17 March 2008

Noon

Council Library

(City Hall, 401 N. Morton, Suite 110)

Because a quorum of the Common Council may be present, this meeting may constitute a meeting of the Council as well as of this Committee under Indiana Open Door Law. Therefore, this provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

Posted: Friday, February 29, 2008

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 08-01

**TO SPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
NOT OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED
(Appropriating Grant Funds from the General Fund for Animal Care & Control)**

WHEREAS, the Animal Care and Control Division has received and wishes to expend a \$11,215 grant to purchase supplies for the foster program and books to give to first time dog owners;

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 – Animal Care & Control	
Line 52420 – Other Supplies	\$ <u>11,215</u>
Total General Fund – Animal Care & Control	<u>11,215</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 _____, 2008.

SUSAN SANDBERG, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2008.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2008.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance appropriates \$11,215 from the General Fund – Animal Care & Control for a grant in order to purchase supplies for the foster program and books to give to first time dog owners.



MARK KRUZAN
MAYOR

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Memorandum

To: Council Members
From: Susan Clark, Controller
Date: February 26, 2008
Re: Appropriation Ordinance 08-01

General Fund – Animal Care & Control. The Animal Care & Control Division has received an \$11,215 grant from Petsmart Charities. Director Laurie Ringquist has requested authorization to use the grant funds for purchasing supplies for the foster program (crates, cat condos, meds, leashes, bowls, etc.) and for purchasing a book to give to first time dog owners.

Feel free to contact me by email at clarks@bloomington.in.gov or by phone at 349-3412 at any time.



ORDINANCE 08-03

**TO AMEND THE TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED
“ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL”**

**Re: Amending Section 2.23.060 Entitled “Commission on the Status of Women –
Establishment” to Increase Its Size from Seven to Nine Commissioners**

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2008, the Commission on the Status of Women voted to increase its size because of an increase in its activities;

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.23.060(2) entitled “Appointments” shall be amended by increasing the number of appointments so that the section shall read as follows:

(2) Appointments. The Bloomington commission on the status of women shall be composed of nine members. Five members shall be appointed by the mayor, and four members shall be appointed by the common council.

SECTION 2. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2008

SUSAN SANDBERG, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2008.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2008.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance is sponsored by Councilmembers Sandberg and Piedmont and amends Section 2.23.060 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “Commission on the Status of Women – Establishment” by increasing its size from seven to nine commissioners.



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

To: Council Members
From: Susan Sandberg, President
Re: Ord 08-03 – Increasing the Size of the Commission on the Status of Women
Date: February 27, 2008

Please allow this to serve as official notice of a vote of approval from the Commission on the Status of Women on February 7, 2008 to expand their membership from 7 to 9 Commissioners. With the most recent re-appointment of Dorothy Granger and new appointment of Lorraine Farrell, they are a complete Commission of 7 members as the current ordinance allows.

However, the Commission has made the case that their increasing activity requires two additional members to better carry out their mission. With the upcoming activities related to Women's History Month, the members of the Commission on the Status of Women would like for this change in the ordinance to take place in the month of March, if at all possible.

The increase would give the Mayor an additional appointment (5) and the City Council an additional appointment (4) to expand the Commission to nine (9) members.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance with the change in the ordinance. Both Councilmember Isabel Piedmont and I are happy to co-sponsor this ordinance in support of the quality and ongoing work done by the Commission on the Status of Women.

Best,
Susan Sandberg

~~strike~~ – proposed deletion
bold – proposed addition
▶ -- relevant section

**TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE
ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL”**

AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 08-03

Section 1 of Ord 08-03 amends Section 2.23.060 (2) of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “Appointments” by increasing the size of the Commission from seven to nine members.

Title 2

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Chapters:

- 2.02 Boards and Commissions
- 2.04 Common Council
- 2.08 Executive Branch
- 2.09 Board of Public Works
- 2.10 Department of Public Works—Establishment
- 2.11 Department of Public Works—Divisions
- 2.12 Boards, Commissions and Councils
- 2.13 Plan Commission
- 2.14 Planning Department
- 2.15 Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals
- 2.16 Historical Preservation Commission
- 2.17 Board of Public Safety
- 2.18 Bloomington Redevelopment Commission
- 2.19 Housing and Neighborhood Development
- 2.20 Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
- 2.21 Department of Law
- 2.22 Employee Services Department
- 2.23 Community and Family Resources Department
- 2.24 Utilities
- 2.25 Information and Technology Services Department
- 2.26 Controller’s Department
- 2.27 Ordinance Violations Bureau
- 2.28 Bloomington Living Wage Ordinance
- 2.29 (Reserved)
- 2.30 Statutory Boards and Commissions
- 2.31 (Reserved)
- 2.32 Police Collective Bargaining
- 2.33 (Reserved)
- 2.34 Firefighters Collective Bargaining
- 2.44 Airports
- 2.52 Property Sales
- 2.56 Miscellaneous Provisions
- 2.76 Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

2.23.060 Commission on the status of women—Establishment.

There is created within the community and family resources department a commission on the status of women. The purpose of this commission is to assure that women and men have equal opportunity to function fully and optimally as citizens of the city, as equal participants in the economy, in politics and government, in education, in social development, in the system of justice, and in all other facets of life.

(1) Aims and Goals. It shall be the aim and goal of the commission:

(a) To identify the needs of women in the city, available resources and services meeting the needs of women in the city, and gaps in existing services;

(b) To monitor and review federal, state and local policy for its impact on city women and to make recommendations regarding those policies to the community and family resources department for appropriate action to assure women's equity;

(c) To stimulate and encourage legislation for the development of social services of particular benefit to women in the city and the state;

(d) To issue publications, educational materials and results of research, legislative review and investigations in order to educate the entire community as to the aims and goals of this commission;

(e) To establish and maintain a close working relationship with, and to support the efforts of, the Bloomington human rights commission and the Bloomington league of women voters;

(f) To maintain close liaison with other women's commissions throughout the state; state women's advocacy groups; and other local, state or federal programs that relate to the needs, problems and opportunities of women;

(g) To maintain close liaison with federal efforts in programs affecting women to insure appropriate city participation in such programs and to consolidate those federal programs for maximum efficient uses of federal efforts at the local level;

(h) To enter into contracts and accept grants for the administration of research projects, as may contribute to the strengthening and refinement of a coordinated program, upon approval of such contracts by the mayor and, when appropriate, the common council;

(i) To assure a coordinated city-wide effort in achieving a comprehensive women's program to improve opportunities for women of the community.

► (2) Appointments. The Bloomington commission on the status of women shall be composed of ~~seven~~ **nine** members. ~~Four~~ **Five** members shall be appointed by the mayor, and ~~three~~ **four** members shall be appointed by the common council.

(3) Qualifications. The members of the Bloomington commission on the status of women shall be representative of the diverse educational, employment, economic, business and community service elements of the community. Preference for appointments shall be given to persons with experience working for women's issues, knowledge of legislative and policy making processes, and direct knowledge and experience working with women's needs and community resources.

In order that the concerns of the total community be adequately represented on the commission, commission membership may include both women and men.

(4) Procedure—Rules and Regulations. The commission may adopt substantive rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section and to make more specific the procedures deemed necessary for orderly and equitable compliance with this section.

New rules, regulations, and guidelines may be adopted by the commission after a public hearing by a majority vote of the commission.

The rules, regulations, and guidelines of the commission shall be available to the public at the office of the commission.

(5) Powers and Authority. The commission shall have the power and authority to carry out the aims and goals as defined in this chapter, including but not limited to the following:

(a) To advise the mayor, and where appropriate, the common council, on the hiring of personnel necessary to the implementation of this section; all such personnel shall be employees of the community and family resources department and shall be subject to supervision and direction by the director of community and family resources;

(b) To hold hearings and undertake any other activities which may be necessary, desirable, or proper to carry out the purposes of this section;

(c) To gather and distribute information and to issue such publications and educational information and the results of such investigations and research as in its judgment will further the purposes and intent of this section;

(d) To report in writing on its activities to the common council and the mayor quarterly;

(e) To apply for any federal, state, local or private grants, appropriations or gifts upon approval of the community and family resources department director in order to carry out the purposes of this section;

(f) To cooperate with, and secure the cooperation of, any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the state, federal and local government to facilitate properly the execution of the powers and duties of this commission;

(g) To enter into a working relationship with the city human rights commission to perpetuate the mutual objectives set forth in this section and the Bloomington human rights commission section;

(h) To propose other ordinances in order to carry out this section and to propose additions or amendments to this section as deemed necessary and appropriate to insure the effectiveness of this section; and

(i) To refer persons to the appropriate governmental unit or private organizations which can adequately deal with their problem.

(6) Education Program. The commission may prepare educational programs in order to support and emphasize the purpose and intent of this section among the various groups and individuals in the city and to further goodwill among such groups and individuals; to publicize and encourage participation in this and other boards and commissions.

(7) Intragovernmental Cooperation. All boards, councils, commissions and departments of the government of the city of Bloomington are directed to give full cooperation to the city of Bloomington commission on the status of women. (Ord. 97-05 § 8, 1997; Ord. 83-6 § 2 (part), 1983).

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
December 5, 2007

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Dave Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of October 17, 2007, November 7, 2007 and November 14, 2007 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brad Wisler thanked those who attended the 17th and Crescent development meeting the previous week, and said it was very productive. He commended the engineering department on their efforts to improve safety in the area, as well as Councilmember Sturbaum for his involvement in the matter. He also wished the Hoosier football team luck in their Insight Bowl game.

REPORTS:

Tim Mayer thanked the street department for their hard work in preparing for cold weather. He also told Councilmember Sabbagh, who had been sick, that he hoped he felt better soon.

Miah Michelson said she was happy to be present to honor Bloomington musician Menahem Pressler with a proclamation. She thanked Councilmember Sabbagh for suggesting Pressler receive acknowledgement from the mayor's office. Michelson said she was pleased to see members of the IU Jacobs School of Music in the audience to support Pressler.

COUNCILMEMBERS
MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

Michelson read the proclamation, noting Pressler's achievements. These included that he had recorded more than 80 albums, was a long time acclaimed music professor, and had performed in several international cities. He was praised for being an international citizen of the musical world, while calling Bloomington home. Michelson then announced that Mayor Kruzan and Council President Rollo had officially declared December 5, 2007, as Menahem Pressler Day in Bloomington.

Pressler said he appreciated receiving this award in front of his students and administrative friends, as it meant that he was sharing the award with them. He said he was happy to have called Bloomington home for more than 50 years.

Council member Sabbagh said Pressler was a terrific musician and teacher, and that he so enjoyed his performances. He said that he was sad to see that the Beaux Arts Trio was ending after 50 years. He and Rollo both thanked Pressler for his gifts of autographed CD's for the council members.

The Environmental Commission gave a presentation on a Green Building Initiative, in conjunction with the office of the mayor.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Environmental Commission Chair Heather Reynolds showed statistics from the U.S. Green Building Council, highlighting that the over 81 million buildings in the U.S. account for 37 percent of energy used in the country. She said that this figure could be improved through green building.

Green building was defined as an approach to building design, construction, operation, and potential disassembly seeking to reduce human impact on the environment while fostering healthy and comfortable communities.

Reynolds said that characteristics of green building included maximizing resource and energy efficiency, and emphasizing maximum sustainability among building materials and processes. She outlined the environmental, economical and social benefits of green building.

Tom McGlasson, member of the Environmental Commission, also spoke during the presentation. He exemplified the U.S. Green Building Council as moving the building industry towards sustainability with their LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) system. The system rates buildings based on their achievements within a wide range of sustainability goals.

He cited Chicago, Seattle, Atlanta, Austin, Portland and Ann Arbor as cities that had already made green building a priority, using LEED guidelines.

Environmental Commission member Jacqui Bauer noted Mayor Kruzan's 2006 signed commitment to the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, which specifically mentioned promoting sustainable building practices using systems such as LEED.

She also cited the City Council's previous commitment to cutting greenhouse gas emissions and increasing energy efficiency and atmospheric carbon reduction, through Resolution 06-05 and Resolution 06-07.

Bauer noted that in order to meet the mayor's specific goal of decreasing carbon emissions, the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability found that the city must cut emissions six percent annually for the next five years. She said the most effective way to do this would be through buildings and transportation.

While she was happy that the UDO had included incentives for businesses to build green, Bauer encouraged the city to take the issue further with a newly proposed ordinance from the Environmental Commission.

Environmental Commission member Michael Tosick concluded the report by saying that the Commission had developed a three-tier green building plan with the office of the mayor. He outlined a green building ordinance, as well as a website and pamphlets to better inform people about green building options.

Rollo said that the proposed ordinance they had been given to look at was just a draft and some details still needed to be worked out.

Council member Volan asked if the Environmental Commission was suggesting that the city aim for the lowest level of LEED certification, to which Tosick responded that they were not asking the city to aim for the lowest level.

Volan then inquired as to how the figure of carbon emissions was measured, and how it would be in the future. Tosick replied that LEED guidelines would help them to measure progress in the future. Heather Reynolds added that the city had already started to inventory its greenhouse gas emissions through the Commission on Sustainability, and that they would continue to monitor the correlating energy use and carbon emissions.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd)

Volan asked about incorporating local energy companies into the process to calculate the costs of energy for the city.

Reynolds replied that this step had been taken when initially inventorying greenhouse emissions. She then clarified for Volan that conversions were used to calculate energy use from carbon emissions data.

Council member Sturbaum asked if there was a new LEED rating that took urban concepts into account. Reynolds said that information could be found through the new website they had put together. Sturbaum asked if his question was relevant to the Environmental Commission's current report.

Tosick responded that the LEED system took into account several factors, including those brought up by Sturbaum. He said Sturbaum made an important point in saying that it wouldn't do the community any good if a green building was constructed in a area that was not easily accessible, but noted that the ordinance the commission was trying to promote only dealt with city owned buildings.

Council member Mayer asked if anyone on the Environmental Commission was in the process of becoming LEED certified. Tosick stated that he was interested in pursuing that, but hadn't yet. He added that he knew others in the community that had started studying for LEED certification. Mayer commented that this type of expertise would be beneficial. Reynolds added that she knew of residential LEED experts that had been training in town.

Council member Sandberg, reading from the pamphlet the council members were given by the commission, asked if anyone knew why test scores had gone up in schools located in green buildings.

Reynolds credited such things as natural lighting and better air quality in green schools as helping students thrive.

Council member Wisler asked if more detail could be given as a follow-up to Volan's questions.

Bob Bent, member of the Commission on Sustainability, further explained the correlation between carbon and energy use. He was not involved in the finding of and wasn't able to explain certain specific numbers used on a graph, however, and credited an intern for putting that information together.

Wisler expressed concern that if the city's population continued to increase, even while some buildings were constructed using the LEED system, it wouldn't have the impact desired in the next few years by the Commission on Sustainability.

Bent agreed that if population went up, more would need to be done to counteract the carbon emissions. However he added that even if the total goal could not be achieved, it would lower emissions, and that would be better than doing nothing.

Wisler asked if anyone knew the exact number of LEED certified people within the community currently, and Reynolds replied that she did not.

Volan then inquired where the data for the carbon emissions and population came from, as he was apprehensive that maybe it didn't take into account the city's college students.

Bent and Reynolds said they used 2004 Census data for the report and that it was as accurate of a source that they knew of, and added there was more information about their methodology on the new website.

Volan made suggestions about other kinds of data to gather, such as how many gallons of gas were being bought in Bloomington over a period of time.

Bent said he'd like to see the measurement of carbon emissions calculated per person, instead of per the city.

Tosick encouraged the council members who had more questions to come to a meeting next month where issues could be discussed in further detail. He added that if only a few city buildings being constructed in the next few years implemented the LEED system it would not make a huge impact, but offered that if the system caught on then hopefully non-city buildings would follow the city's lead a difference in energy use would be apparent.

Bauer added that there would be a meeting at City Hall on December 17th to generate more input and encouraged council members to participate.

Rollo thanked the Environmental Commission for their report, saying that it was the first of its kind and was a tremendous effort, but would need some refinement in the future. He said the council looked forward to reviewing the ordinance proposal when they reconvened in the new year.

There was no public comment at this time.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions at this meeting.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 07-16 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, stating that there was a committee Do-Pass recommendation of 7-0-1. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 07-16 be adopted.

Dave Rollo, sponsor of this resolution presented the rationale for establishing the Task Force. He said that oil represented the primary energy source for society and read from a resolution the council passed in 2006, stating that the city must prepare for the inevitability of an oil peak. He indicated that most experts think the peak will happen within the next 20 years.

He said that America was extremely vulnerable due to the amount of oil that currently had to be imported into the country. Rollo explained many statistics, and stated that over 90 percent of America's 200 million vehicles rely on petroleum every day.

He said that the goal of the proposed Peak Oil Task Force was to assess vulnerabilities, build resilience into the system, and come up with strategies to reduce petroleum and natural gas dependence and increase alternative energy generation, as well as risk management planning.

Council member Wisler asked Rollo how many millions of barrels of oil were used per day. Rollo replied that 86 million barrels were consumed world wide.

Wisler then asked for clarification that currently the world was not consuming more oil than it had, but it would in the near future. Rollo noted that many countries, especially in Africa, could simply no longer afford oil prices and were having to go without. At the same time, he said, countries

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Resolution 07-16 ESTABLISHING A BLOOMINGTON PEAK OIL TASK FORCE

such as China and India have had continuously expanding economies and are driving the demand for oil up.

Wisler asked how one could differentiate demand from production and consumption levels. Rollo said that demand would soon exceed supply, at which point prices would probably go up considerably and there would be a large degree of volatility.

Wisler wondered if the trend of hybrid cars and green building had counteracted the demand of oil in any noted capacity.

He said it had been measured that in about the last year, America had dropped its oil consumption by about a half million barrels per day.

Councilmember Sturbaum asked Rollo, in regards to the Peak Oil Task Force, what the plan was for getting public feedback.

Rollo said that a public forum, in addition to private task force meetings, was a good way to get comments, concerns and ideas from the community.

Sturbaum asked if the county would be involved in the task force, or just the city.

Rollo said it was important that the county be included.

Sturbaum wanted to clarify the vision of the Peak Oil Task Force.

Rollo said anticipating higher fuel costs was to be a main concern for the task force over the next year.

Sturbaum wondered if there would be something such as an annual report from the task force to mark any progress they had made.

Rollo said it would be up to the council to decide if they needed further information from the task force at that time.

Sturbaum said he felt a need for an annual report or update.

Ruff asked Rollo to what extent he felt the progress of the task force would be dependent on a broader awareness of peak oil.

Rollo responded that the council acted on behalf of the needs of its constituents, and said the awareness of peak oil was widening, likening it to global warming.

Ruff noted that it was a different time when oil peaked in the late 1970s, and that currently a new solution, using alternatives to oil instead of simply importing it from other countries, would be needed.

Rollo said that some scientists believed when the price of gas eventually skyrockets because of the shortage of oil, people would be increasingly interested in extracting the harder to get oil. He said the problem with that is it would be extremely expensive, and we would be ending the cheap oil age. He then explained a few fuel alternatives and the benefits of using them in the long run, as well as the dangers of not using them soon enough. He noted that the amount of energy that would be used to extract the hard to get oil would be a greater amount than the amount of energy exhumed from the process.

Ruff asked Rollo at what point would the price of oil become so high that it would destroy the American economy.

Rollo noted that when the gas crisis in the 1970s hit, it put the U.S. in a recession for nearly a decade. He said that one problem currently was that some countries may hold out on exporting oil, because they know it would make them a lot more money if they waited until supplies were lower to sell it. Also, he noted the increase in the use of oil in countries that export it, due to their economically thriving economies.

He said that, in response to Ruff's question, he could not give a specific date that the American economy would begin to be severely damaged by high oil prices, but believed it was important to begin planning for it so the impact might be lessened.

Ruff said he had heard that a republican in Congress was the main advocate for change regarding peak oil, and asked if Rollo knew of any legislation that Congress had in the works.

Rollo said he knew of a bi-partisan resolution before Congress on the matter. He said that peak oil was beginning to get very serious attention, and projected that it would be an issue the media takes up quite soon.

Volan wondered as gas prices climbed higher, if there would be less carbon emissions put out due to people using alternative methods of transportation.

Rollo said it depended on what types of alternatives were being used. He said that if coal was used as a replacement in some way, it would actually make the global warming issue worsen. He said ideally, conserving as much as possible, getting away from non renewable resources and looking towards renewable ones for energy use would address the problem of global warming as well as peak oil.

Volan addressed public transportation, asking Rollo how long the city could afford the costs of fuel as oil prizes rose.

Rollo responded that the city had already expanded its bus service, which he noted was important, and he added he was not sure what action would be taken if the city could no longer afford to maintain the transportation system.

Volan asked Rollo if he thought the city should aim for a certain percentage of increased miles traveled by buses within a period of time.

Rollo said that the number of bus passengers had grown tremendously, adding that he'd like to see the amount of riders and routes expand further. He said the council as a whole would have to decide what priority level to put the transportation system on. He suggested bus systems and railways as the best mass transportation options. He advocated conservation in any way possible.

Public Comment:

Steve Forrest said he was a concerned citizen, and felt there were many reasons to reduce consumption of petroleum products. He said that making transportation more efficient locally was one way to deal with the peak oil issue.

Council comments:

Wisler stated that dependence on oil should be reduced for many reasons, consumption should be decreased and renewable energy should be used. He said he hoped the task force would be geared more towards finding solutions to peak oil instead of just bringing awareness to the issue. He said he felt that they should examine the efficiency of items

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involved with transportation in Bloomington specifically. He made the point that supply and demand were important factors. For example, it would not be efficient to run mass transportation more frequently if no one was actually riding it. He said he hoped the task force would seriously consider railways as a transportation option. He added that the problem in this case was a lot more obvious than the solution. He offered that a person's political affiliation shouldn't mandate if they were chosen for the task force. He said that understanding the need to decrease oil dependence was more important than the reasoning behind thinking it. He noted that math skills and knowledge of the economy should be deciding factors as to who gets a position on the task force. Wisler said he would like to see the task force make real progress and not come back in a year and tell the council information that it already had. He said he would vote for the resolution with the hopes to gain a solution to the peak oil problem in Bloomington.

Ruff thanked Rollo for bringing the issue of peak oil to the council and for putting a lot of effort into gathering data on the matter. He said that bringing awareness of peak oil and the consequences that come with it was an important part of this initiative. He noted that bringing awareness was crucial in helping Bloomington become a leading community in the effort to find renewable energy sources. He said he would support the resolution.

Sturbaum said that activating this task force was good government. It sent the message that 'business as usual' wasn't good enough. He said it would be a step in the right direction.

Rollo thanked the council for listening to his lengthy presentation. He said he agreed with Wisler that the task force should come up with valuable information.

Volan said it was important to begin asking energy questions. He encouraged citizens to attend task force meetings.

Resolution 07-16 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

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. It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 07-06 be adopted.

Controller Susan Clark spoke about the legislation. She explained why each additional appropriation was needed. She assured the council that her office was not increasing the overall 2007 budget.

Appropriation Ordinance 07-06 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Appropriation Ordinance 07-06 TO SPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND, CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT – RATE FUND, FLEET MAINTENANCE FUND, MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND, RISK MANAGEMENT FUND, REDEVELOPMENT LEASE RENTAL BONDS OF 1991 FUND, AND PARKING FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL BONDS OF 1992 FUND EXPENDITURES NOT OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED (Appropriating Various Transfers of Funds within the General Fund for Animal Care & Control, Clerk's Office, and Fire; Appropriating Transfers of Funds within the Fleet Maintenance Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund; Appropriating Funds from the General Fund for Clerk, Police and Information Technology Services; Appropriating Funds from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, the Cumulative Capital Improvement – Rate Fund, the Risk Management Fund, the Redevelopment Lease Rental Bonds of 1991, and the Parking Facilities Lease Rental Bonds of 1992 Fund)

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

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 07-28 TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "WASTEWATER" - Re: Addition of Chapter 10.21 entitled "Construction Site and Post Construction Stormwater Control"

Ordinance 07-28

Ordinance 07-29

Ordinance 07-30

ORDINANCE 07-29 TO VACATE PUBLIC PARCELS Re: Three Alley Rights-of-Way Segments in the 300 Block of South Walnut and South College Including Segments Running: 1) North/South from Third Street South about 257 Feet; 2) East/West from College Avenue East about 145 Feet and Intersecting with the First Segment; and, 3) North/South in Line with the First Segment South about 69 Feet (Downtown Redevelopment Partners, LLC, Petitioner)

ORDINANCE 07-30 TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS" -Re: Administration of the City's Cemeteries

There was no public input at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington

