In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:35 pm with Council President Andy Ruff presiding over a Special Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
June 22, 2016

Roll Call: Granger, Sturbaum, Mayer, Sandberg, Ruff, Volan, Piedmont-Smith, Chopra
Absent: Rollo

ROLL CALL
[7:35pm]

Council President Ruff gave the Agenda Summation and explained that the agenda had been reordered to accommodate the large number of people who were interested in speaking on Ordinance 16-12 in the Committee of the Whole set to follow.

AGENDA SUMMATION
[7:35pm]

Linda Williamson, Director, Economic and Sustainable Development, presented the Annual Tax Abatement Report (slides attached).

REPORTS
- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

Steve Volan asked how much of the Cook-Pharmica retail improvement would be left behind if they no longer occupied the building. Williamson responded that a lot of it would be left behind due to the renovations, but noted that they were also pretty specialized for pharmaceutical production and filling.

Volan asked for clarification on the value of the building, and Williamson responded that the $112 million represented the investment in the building.

Volan expressed some consternation that the company invested $112 million in a building that was assessed at $44 million. Williamson noted that it was a unique situation, and that the company often went above and beyond when they renovated in the community.

Volan said that it would be nice to have those numbers explained in more detail in future reports.

Isabel Piedmont-Smith asked if the foundry was a mixed use development, to which Williamson responded in the affirmative.

Piedmont-Smith next asked what the main investment in personal property was. Williamson explained that it was primarily IT equipment.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the jobs retained were with Cornerstone, which Williamson confirmed.

Piedmont-Smith followed up by clarifying how retained employment was calculated. Williamson said that the test was a "but for" test, as in "but for the abatement would the investment be made".

Piedmont-Smith asked if investment in personal property had to rise to level of being installed. Williamson said that it was generally portable.

Piedmont-Smith next asked if the jobs for constructing the building were included in the new job count. Williamson said that they were not, only permanent jobs were counted.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Tax Abatement Report. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Vote to accept report [7:54pm]

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 16-13 – To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" to Amend a Historic District to Reflect Re-Addressing of a Designated Property – Re: 305 East Vermilya Avenue [7:55pm]

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 16-13 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis; there was not a committee recommendation.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 16-13 be adopted.

Bethany Emenhiser, HAND staff member, presented the legislation to the council.

Allison Chopra, Steve Volan, and Dorothy Granger asked questions regarding the change in address and street name. Patty Mulvihill, City Attorney, clarified that the issue the council was voting on was to amend the code to reflect the address change that was going to happen no matter what; not to make the address change themselves.

Tim Mayer added that having an address changed on the house that you live in was an unpleasant process.

Volan commented that he still found the street name changes confusing, but that he appreciated the clarification.

Vote on Ordinance 16-13 [8:08pm]

The motion to adopt Ordinance 16-13 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

Resolution 16-10 – To Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana in Regards to 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) [8:09pm]

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 16-10 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Clerk Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis; there was not a committee recommendation.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 16-10 be adopted.

Mike Diekhoff, Police Chief, presented the legislation to the council.

Chopra commented that she was glad to hear the city was purchasing AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) because they worked quickly if used in the first two minutes.

Chris Sturbaum assumed that everyone was trained on the devices as a matter of routine. Diekhoff said yes.

Mayer thanked Diekhoff for extending the services of the officers with the new equipment.

Vote on Resolution 16-10 [8:12pm]

The motion to adopt Resolution 16-10 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 16-18 – Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("Pilot") Agreement with EV Bloomington Limited Partnership for Evergreen Village at Bloomington [8:13pm]

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 16-18 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

There were no changes to the council schedule. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE: ATTEST:

Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington