COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 14, 2015

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm with Council President Darryl Neher presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Rollo, Ruff, Sandberg, Volan, Granger, Sturbaum, Neher, Spechler, Mayer
Absent: None

AGENDA SUMMATION

Council President Neher gave the Agenda Summation

SUSPENSION OF RULES

It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules to allow for a special statement by Councilmember Tim Mayer on the passing of former Councilmember Anthony Pizzo.
The motion passed by a voice vote.

Mayer said Tony Pizzo joined the council in May of 1993 after John Fernandez left the council. During the Caucus, Tony was absent because he was serving on a medical mission over seas, but he had many community leaders come to speak on his behalf. Tony won the vote hands down. Tony taught Mayer to say few words with great meaning rather than give a long speech. He said Tony would go against the majority on the council many times and he would say that he needed to act in the best interests of the community. Mayer mentioned the first smoking ban ordinance in Indiana that Tony had created to protect the community from the dangers of smoking even though he knew that it would be a contentious piece of legislation. Mayer said the discussion was rancorous, but Tony persevered and got the legislation passed. Tony argued so effectively that Mayer was convinced to vote against his own amendment to give restaurants a one year transition period before the ordinance took effect. Mayer said that Tony was self effacing, sincere, and very direct. He lived a full and productive life.

Neher called for a minute of silence in honor of Tony Pizzo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved at this meeting.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Marty Spechler spoke on Governor Pence's State of the State address. He said that the Governor spoke against the majority opinion in Monroe County by refusing to address Medicaid expansion in Indiana. Spechler said that Pence's Healthy Indiana Plan would require people with no money to pay for their medical services. This would drive people to go to the Emergency Room at great cost rather than address health problems earlier. He said that Pence was reluctant to expand Medicaid because it would pull money from private and charter schools. He said that this was part of Pence's plan to run for President.

Steve Volan said that he did not have the chance to serve with Anthony Pizzo, but he remembered watching the smoking ban ordinance unfold while he was running for office. He remembered other people who had passed away in 2014: Mary Ellen Paris who had dreams of opening a café and book store, Glenn Carter who spoke before the council about the Occupy Movement, and Michael Hodges who was a local musician with songs that had been played on NPR.

Dave Rollo said he was saddened by the loss of Glenn Carter as well. He said Glenn's word always had quite an effect on him. Rollo said that he met Tony Pizzo when he was a child. He said that Pizzo was kind and patient. He recalled the resolution from the council opposed to the Iraq War. He was very nervous that evening, and Tony was there to calm him down. He said that Tony was a force for good.

Council Comments *(cont'd*

Andy Ruff thanked Volan for his thoughtful comments. He said that Pizzo was an example for the community on how to lead a meaningful life and be part of the solution. He said that Pizzo was a role model in how to balance family, friends, community, and his profession. He said that Pizzo was the elder statesman of the old guard of civically minded physicians. Ruff said that the current hospital would benefit from having these people helping to make decisions.

Chris Sturbaum commended the members who had spoken about Tony. He said the moment of silence was appropriate because of Tony's quiet approach to meetings. He said Glenn Carter would be on everyone's mind when a detox center would be established in Bloomington. He mentioned Nore Winter who helped guide the design for Bloomington's development. He said that Winter would be in the council chambers the next day to comment on how Bloomington had matched the plan laid out ten years prior.

Susan Sandberg appreciated Ruff's comment on the state of healthcare. She mentioned her father's recent experience with physicians and struggle with the system she called 'Wealthcare'. She said that her family's journey had been difficult but eye opening. She said that she did not have the privilege of serving with Pizzo but said she had worked with him on citizen committees. She praised his humanitarianism, intelligence, and compassion. She also gave her condolences to his wife, Patty.

Neher said Pizzo appeared on Neher's radio show during the smoking ban ordinance. He said that Pizzo did not react rashly to callers that were angry but short on facts. He said that Pizzo said there was no need for anger when you are on the side of principle and fact.

Mayer recognized community members who had passed: Jill Clay who was a special education teacher, Bill Sibbitt who was a personal friend of Mayer, Glenn Carter, and Charlie Thompson who served as the Treasurer of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

Alexa Lopez introduced herself as the Communications Director of the City of Bloomington.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

President Neher called for public comment.

- PUBLIC

Daniel McMullen spoke about government and democracy, parking meters, and TIF funding.

Jon Laurence invited the council and public to the Council of Neighborhood Association (CONA) party at the Fountain Square Ballroom on January 26th. He said the event last year brought most of the council and about 150 community members.

There were no appointments to Boards or Commissions at this meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

It was moved and seconded that the following slate of officers be elected:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Dave Rollo
Vice President: Andy Ruff
Parliamentarian: Susan Sandberg

The slate was approved by a voice vote

Election of Officers *(cont'd)*

The council took new seats as assigned by the new president. Council President Rollo presided for the remainder of the meeting and presented outgoing President Neher with a gavel to commemorate his term as president.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following council members were appointed to the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee:
Granger, Mayer, Neher, Sandberg & Spechler

The following council members were appointed to the Council Sidewalk Committee:
Granger, Rollo, Spechler & Volan

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Sandberg moved and it was seconded that the following appointments to various council positions be approved.

Citizens Advisory Committee (Community Development Block Grants)	
-Social Services	Susan Sandberg
-Physical Improvements	Tim Mayer
Commission for Bloomington Downtown	Chris Sturbaum
Economic Development Commission (City)	Darryl Neher
Economic Development Commission (County)	Marty Spechler
Environmental Resource Advisory Committee	Dave Rollo
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Andy Ruff
Plan Commission	Chris Sturbaum
Solid Waste Management District	Steve Volan
Urban Enterprise Association Board	Chris Sturbaum
Utilities Services Board	Tim Mayer
Bloomington Economic Development Corporation	Dorothy Granger
Bloomington Commission on Sustainability	Dave Rollo

The nominations were approved by a voice vote.

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Rollo elected to keep the same Boards and Commissions Interview Committee Assignments as the previous year. These assignments are attached to and made part of these minutes.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

This being the organizational session for the year, there was no legislation for second reading or final consideration.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING
Ordinance 15-01

Ordinance 15-01 To Designate an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA) – Re: Property Located at 338 S. Walnut Street and Identified by the Monroe County Parcel ID Number 015-47812-00 (Big O Properties, LLC, Petitioner)

MOTION TO TABLE

It was moved and seconded to table Ordinance 15-01.
The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment for this portion of the meeting.

Cancellation of the Committee of the Whole following this meeting.

It was moved and seconded to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting following this meeting.
The motion was approved by a voice vote.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator, noted that there was an Internal Work Session scheduled for January 23, 2015, at noon in the council library. Four council members indicated that they planned to attend.

It was moved and seconded to reschedule the regular session of January 21, 2015 to January 28, 2015 immediately before the Committee meeting scheduled for that date.

Volan asked what the benefit would be to hold a meeting on the 21st. COUNCIL SCHEDULE *(cont'd*

Sherman said that there would not be a benefit.

Sturbaum asked what they would do on the 28th.

Sherman said there may be legislation for introduction.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington

Attachment: Board and Commission Interview Team Members for 2015