COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 3, 2015

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Rollo, Sandberg, Granger, Sturbaum, Neher, Ruff, Volan, Mayer
Absent: Spechler

AGENDA SUMMATION

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from March 4, 2015 be approved.
The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Volan noted he had just returned from a Washington DC conference entitled the International Town Gown Association. He promised a full report in the future.

Susan Sandberg announced that she and Chris Sturbaum were working on a Study Group on Affordable Housing and were having an open house on Saturday, June 6th from 9-noon in the Council Chambers. She invited the public to meet them and the others who had been studying this issue. She said the event would be the beginning of the outreach and opportunities for public input about affordable housing.

Darryl Neher announced that the Citizen's Academy program was ready for applications at this time. He noted this was an excellent opportunity for those who want to learn how the city works, and noted the web site and program facilitator for the program.

Dorothy Granger noted the "task of the month" for the Monroe County Energy Challenge was to wash clothes in cold water and air dry clothes. She noted flyers and offered them to audience members.

Tim Mayer noted that he and his wife, Sue, had celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on June 1st. Applause, applause.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

There were no reports at this meeting.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

- PUBLIC

Ann Kreilkamp, Green Acres Neighborhood Association and garden organizer for that neighborhood, spoke to the council about the Trans Pacific Partnership legislation moving through the Congress. She pointed out that the law allowed an especially distasteful ability for corporations to sue above the privy of the local, state and federal laws. She invited the council members to visit the website of the Alliance for Democracy, passed out sample legislation from the Alliance, and asked the council to consider joining other cities in calling for a fair trade zone, and not a free trade zone. She said this actually was pertinent to local government, and that the issue had a local affect all over the world.

Daniel McMullen spoke of standing for locality and the Trade Promotion Authority bill in the congress and Speaker Boehner's advocacy for it.

Kay Bull spoke of her experiences bicycling. She noted people not driving well, putting bikers and animals at peril. She called for more policing of drivers, especially those who talk on cell phones while driving.

Cheryl Underwood spoke of her experiences with rental property and her unsatisfactory interactions with the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department and the Board of Housing Quality Appeals. She also noted that Planning and Legal departments were problematic with her case. She asked for the city council members to hold these departments and

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employees accountable for their actions with regards to her property's status and requests for additional time for painting her rental house.

Melissa Myers continued Underwood's case regarding her issue. She questioned the recommendation of denial before her BHQA hearing regarding this issue. She added that Underwood was still in litigation regarding rezoning of several properties, and would like that rectified.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

It was moved and seconded that Nicolas Kappas be appointed to the Environmental Commission.
The appointment was approved by a voice vote.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 15-14 - To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Administration and Personnel" - Re: Amending BMC 2.18.050, Regarding the Rules and Bylaws for the Bloomington Redevelopment Commission, to Codify Certain Existing Internal Financial Controls

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 15-14 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 8-0-0.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 15-14 be adopted.

Jeff Underwood, City Controller, noted the extensive discussion during the committee hearing on the legislation. He followed up on a question regarding practices of other cities and towns, noting that Lisa Abbott, HAND Director, was president of the Redevelopment Association of Indiana. He noted that the city of Bloomington was actually on the forefront of this issue. He said that association worked with the legislature to consolidate and streamline the reporting regarding redevelopment issues.

Rollo noted the work session on this issue was held and an extensive discussion was held. There was no public comment on this issue.

Mayer thanked Underwood for his work and noted that it had been reported in the paper that he was already briefing the Commission.

Granger noted her appreciation for Underwood's work and thought the ordinance was a good policy for transparency in government.

Rollo said he appreciated the administration's attention to this issue, and thanked Underwood. He noted that financial controls had been in place for over a year, and appreciated the diligence and attention to TIF funding.

Ordinance 15-14 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Sturbaum was out of the room.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

There was no legislation to be introduced at this session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator, noted that there was an Internal Work Session scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2015. He relayed possible topics and asked how many council members would be present for the noon meeting.

On suggestion of Sherman, it was moved and seconded to cancel the Committee of the Whole scheduled for June 10, 2015. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

APPROVE:

Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington