

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
July 1, 2015

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes for the Regular Session of June 17, 2015 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Darryl Neher reported that he recently had gotten to know the Prism organization. He said it was a group of young people who support the LGBTQA teen community who advocate for educational opportunities to ensure that teens have the opportunity to be who they are. He said they were fundraising for a small amount of money and encouraged citizens to help the group.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tim Mayer noted the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend and encouraged people to be safe.

Steve Volan noted that he had promised a report on his attendance at the International Town & Gown Association conference in Washington, DC. He announced this would be coming in August.

He also noted he was traveling to Greece during the vote on whether the country would stay in the European Union. He was looking forward to this exercise in democracy and looking at life there under these conditions.

Nancy Hiestand, Program Director in Housing and Neighborhood Development and staff to the Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, presented the Historic Preservation Awards for the Commission. John Saunders, Chair of the commission assisted her along with Lisa Abbott, Director of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Office. She said the awards were given partly to educate the public on how preservation was growing by bringing new people into the system.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

The following awards were given:

- Best New Thing to Bloomington Fading, Derek and Jenn Richey
- Friend of Preservation Award to Omega Properties, Mary Friedman
- Vision Award to the Redman Building, Dave Ferguson and Tom Seeber
- Vision Award for Single Family Residential building, Sam DeSollar
- Vision Award for Multi-Family Residential building, Justin Fox
- Neighborhood Preservation for outstanding contributions to neighborhood revitalization to Bethel AME Church Parsonage, Dennis Laffoon, Sandi Clothier, Danielle Bachant Bell, Chris Cockerham, Doug Bruce and Doug Wissing
- Neighborhood Preservation for outstanding contributions to neighborhood revitalization to 623 South Woodlawn, Elm Heights, Kevin Spicer
- Impossible Save to University Courts, Old Northeast Neighborhood Association: Sandi Cole, Marge Hudgins, Jeannine Butler, Jerry Stasny, Doug Horn, Bill Milroy, members of the neighborhood, and other groups
- Urban Infill to Matt Press accepted by Marc Cornett

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
- PUBLIC

Kay Bull spoke about problems with traffic and problem drivers. She said she didn't like to always be mad when she came to City Hall. She noted problems with speeders, drivers going through red lights, bright blue headlights on cars, excessively darkened windows in cars, using cell phones while driving, and how these were actually impairments to driving. She asked that we not wait until someone would be maimed or killed to step up enforcement of traffic laws. Bull also noted that the city should not worry so much about people sitting on street corners with cardboard signs but should worry about people who came out of local taverns who were not able to drive because of drinking.

Jeanette Heidewald spoke on behalf of Court Appointed Special Advocates and asked that people consider volunteering with the program. She said that 259 young people, mainly under the age of five, had been helped last year, and that same number was the caseload at this point in the year. She announced upcoming training sessions for volunteers.

David Schleibaum read his prescription for how to solve problems with homeless issues while helping women, children and veterans. He also advocated for making and enforcing a non-smoking policy for Seminary Square Park and People's Park. He noted that businesses that are open 24 hours per day don't mind people coming in to get warm, but could not support people sleeping in their business because they had no place to stay in cold weather.

It was moved and seconded that Margaret Fette be appointed to the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Zone as a resident of that zone. The appointment was approved by a voice vote.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

It was moved and seconded that Jackie Howard be appointed to the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Zone as a business owner within the zone. The appointment was approved by a voice vote.

It was moved and seconded that George Tardy be appointed to the Board of Housing Quality Appeals. The appointment was approved by a voice vote.

It was moved and seconded that Josefina Carcamo Vergara be appointed to the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs. The appointment was approved by a voice vote.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 15-13 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 15-13 be adopted.

#### LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 15-13 - To Amend Title 16 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Residential Rental Unit and Lodging Establishment Inspection Program" - Re: Authorizing Special Fees for Saturday Inspection of New Rent Units During the Summer Months

Lisa Abbott, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Department, introduced Assistant City Attorney Chris Wheeler who assisted her in writing changes to Title 16. She noted this change would allow newly constructed rental units to be inspected on Saturdays in summer months. In regards to Volan's question about new units been added each year she gave the following years and new units:

- 2010 - 167 units
- 2011 - 311 units
- 2012 - 350 units
- 2013 - 510 units
- 2014 - 500 units
- 2015 to date - 112 units.

Ordinance 15-13 (cont'd)

Volan asked if the units were brought online at a particular point in the year, and asked if the number was increasing or decreasing.

Abbott said almost all units came online in July, August and September and she said she expected fewer units to be ready this year.

Volan asked if this ordinance would take effect for this year, Abbott said it would.

There was no public comment on the item.

Granger said it was a good opportunity for the city, and appreciated HAND's efforts to work with the community that needed this service. She noted that we had a city that worked more than 9-5.

Volan said that he appreciated the data, and asked the council to consider that these were rental units, and that Bloomington had the highest percentage of units that were rentals in the state outside of West Lafayette. He said the rental proportion was as high as 67% of dwellings. He said more than 1000 rental units had been built in the past two years, and that didn't count the number of bedrooms per unit. He said this was a set of data to consider along with a rent index, and was solid proof that Bloomington was growing. He said the ordinance was necessary, and he was happy to support it.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 15-13 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

There was no legislation for introduction at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST  
READING

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator, noted there was no legislation coming forth and therefore no reason to hold the council meetings scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Sherman also asked the council president be given the authority to schedule the budget hearings in August if it was found that the format needed to vary from the previous year.

It was moved and seconded to cancel the meetings scheduled for July and to allow the president of the council to amend the schedule for budget hearings after consultation with council members.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK  
City of Bloomington