

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 21, 2015
(100+ attendees)

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The following minutes were approved by a voice vote:
Regular Sessions of May 6, 2015 and December 3, 2014
Special Sessions of November 19, 2014 and December 10, 2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marty Spechler spoke about the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and noted that the details of the agreement were kept secret. He said that the US would see a modest impact from the agreement but the other twelve countries, excluding China, would see a 1% GDP increase by 2025. He said exporters, farmers, and service providers would see a benefit from the agreement. He urged citizens to think carefully on where they stand after the release of details. He said he was likely to be supportive and expected it to pass in congress.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Volan acknowledged that this was a sober and serious night, but he wanted to wish everyone a happy "Back to the Future Day." He added that there was a chance that the Cubs could win the World Series. He said he had not seen the Chamber as full as it was since the council debated an issue regarding Monroe Hospital. He thanked attendees for coming to address the council.

Susan Sandberg acknowledged members of the audience from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense. She said that the organization, in partnership with the IU Civic Leaders Center, would host a showing of *Living for 32*, a film about the shooting at Virginia Tech, on November 11, 2015 at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre. She said Colin Goddard would be in attendance to speak against gun violence and share his experience as a survivor of the shooting. She encouraged people to speak with representatives from Moms Demand Action about the work they were focusing on locally.

Andy Ruff announced that a public demonstration would be held Saturday at noon against Islamophobia and violence. He said Muslims in the US were significantly more likely to be victims of violence, and the goal of the event was to make sure Muslim members of the community felt welcomed. The demonstration would begin at Sample Gates, followed by public remarks at the courthouse, and would finish with a dine-in at Sofra Café hosted by the Pakistani Student Association.

There were no reports from the administration at this meeting.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
- PUBLIC

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

President Rollo called for public comment.

Chaim Julian said that the TPP document had been kept 'top secret.' He called on the President to make the document public so that citizens could share their input with members of congress.

Rachel Guglielmo, representing Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, invited the council and public to the upcoming screening of *Living for*

32. She shared statistics indicating there was a high amount of gun violence in the country. She encouraged people to get personally involved if they wanted to see change and end gun violence.

Public Comment (cont'd)

It was moved and seconded that Gabe Colman be appointed to the Bloomington Arts Commission. The appointment was approved by a voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 15-21 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, saying that there was no committee recommendation on this item.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 15-21 be adopted.

Resolution 15-21 - In Support of
Planned Parenthood of Indiana and
Kentucky

MOTIONS: It was moved and seconded that the following be adopted as rules for debate on Resolution 15-21:

- First, that the sponsors and their designees be given 20 minutes to make their presentation.
- Second, that Councilmembers may ask questions after the presentation.
- Third, that members of the public make comments on the resolution as presented. Those who wish to speak must:
 - line up at the two podiums;
 - sign in on a sheet at the podium, state their name, and state whether they reside within the City limits; and
 - speak once for no more than three minutes.
- Fourth, that members of the public should refrain from applause or other outburst during the course of the presentation and public comment.
- Fifth, that members of the public should refrain from displaying signs or other visual aids in such a manner as to block the view of others.
- Sixth, that the Council encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers refrain from language which would incite an immediate breach of the peace, refrain from undue repetition, extended discussion of irrelevancies, obscenity, and personal attacks against private individuals unrelated to the operation of the City.
- Seventh, that Councilmembers make concluding comments and entertain an appropriate motion regarding this legislation.

These rules are intended to foster a fair, respectful, and productive meeting. Any person who violates these rules will be declared out of order by the Chair. A person who persists in violating these rules may be removed from the meeting.

ACTION: The motion to Structure Debate received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0

Mayer and Granger read the resolution in its entirety.

SPONSOR'S PRESENTATION

Patti Stauffer, Vice President for Policy of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky (PPINK), thanked the council for bringing forth the resolution. She gave a history of Planned Parenthood in Bloomington and shared details of the role the organization had played in public health.

She continued by thanking the Bloomington community for standing with the organization through the recent attacks and for remaining supportive for the next fifty years.

Dawn Johnsen, Indiana University Walter W. Foskett Professor of Constitutional Law and lifelong women's reproductive healthcare advocate, made the following statement:

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SPONSOR'S PRESENTATION
(cont'd)

Members of the Bloomington City Council, I am here principally to say thank you. Thank you to the sponsors of this resolution -- Dorothy Granger, Susan Sandberg, Tim Mayer -- for standing up for the women, men and children of Bloomington by standing up for Planned Parenthood. Your resolution thoroughly and eloquently describes the vital health care Planned Parenthood provides our community. I strongly endorse the resolution and urge every council member to support it.

Your resolution reflects the will of the people you represent. And it is the right thing to do. The vast majority of the people here in Bloomington, and in Indiana, and throughout the United States, support Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is more popular than Congress, the President, the Supreme Court, or any presidential candidate. One in five women use Planned Parenthood's services directly, and countless more benefit, beginning with their family members and extending to all of society.

But we are here today because a powerful political minority is seeking to destroy Planned Parenthood, to intimidate reproductive health providers, and to shame and humiliate women for daring to make their own health care decisions, for daring to plan parenthood in ways right and best for them, for their education and futures, and for their families.

Just in the last week Texas, not content with its attack on providers of abortion services, became the sixth state seeking to defund Planned Parenthood. Sadly, our own state was the first, just as Gov. Pence while in Congress began and led the national effort to defund Planned Parenthood.

Congress last month created a new committee for the apparent purpose of destroying Planned Parenthood. We already have witnessed members of Congress seek to bully and intimidate Planned Parenthood's president Cecile Richards in hours of hearings and with demands for thousands upon thousands of documents.

I personally know Cecile to be a remarkably capable and caring woman who has devoted her life to public service. It has been my privilege to work with her and with numerous other courageous reproductive health care providers and advocates who deserve our thanks and our respect -- but who instead often are demonized.

So what the devil is going on here?

This is politics at its worst, reminiscent of the McCarthy hearings of the 1950s, now with a different target: women, particularly low-income women and those working with them.

This battle of course is about health care: we know that defunding Planned Parenthood leads to increases in cancer and HIV and other STD's.

This battle is also about economic and health equality. The City Council's help to fund long-acting reversible contraceptives like IUDs is right on target. In the recent Hobby Lobby decision, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg noted that a woman earning minimum wage would need to spend one month's wages to get an IUD.

And this battle is about women's equality. In the 1992 Planned Parenthood v. Casey decision, the Supreme Court wrote: "the ability of women to participate equally in the economic and social life of the Nation has been facilitated by their ability to control their reproductive lives." No question, the assault on Planned Parenthood is part of a broader war on women, and the threat is real and profound.

It also is about abortion. We all know federal law prohibits public funds to be used for abortion. A law by the way that I strongly believe should be changed. Not content with that, opponents of Planned Parenthood make clear their ultimate goal is to overrule Roe v. Wade and criminalize abortion for all women, from the moment of conception.

You had only to watch the recent Republican presidential debates, with the candidates falling all over each other with what they would do, in addition to withdrawing funding to destroy Planned Parenthood. One candidate defamed Planned Parenthood with a description of a nonexistent video and another threatened: "Planned Parenthood had better hope that Hillary Clinton wins this election. Because I guarantee you, [otherwise] January 2017, the Department of Justice, and IRS, and everybody else that we can send from the federal government, will be going into Planned Parenthood."

This assault on Planned Parenthood is about abortion in another important sense that should create consensus: it is about reducing the need for abortion. Our goal as a nation should be for safe, legal, accessible abortions that are far less necessary. If anything positive has come out of the latest assault on Planned Parenthood, it is to dispel myths about Planned Parenthood's work.

I want to say as clearly as I can: I support Roe v. Wade and the right of women to make their own decisions about when and whether to have children, including the right to decide whether to continue or terminate a pregnancy. I applaud Planned Parenthood for providing safe abortion services.

But whatever your position on the right to choose abortion, supporting Planned Parenthood should be a no-brainer. We now all know, as this resolution says, only a small fraction of Planned Parenthood's work involves performing abortions. Over ninety percent of its work goes to providing preventive services. No organization or individual has done more to reduce the need for abortion than Planned Parenthood, over its 99-year history. There can be no doubt: Reducing funding for Planned Parenthood would increase the number of abortions.

Thank you for your time, and for your support for Planned Parenthood and our community.

Susan Sandberg read a letter from Charlotte Zietlow, former councilmember and community leader:

In 1957, a Lutheran doctor told me that since I was a Lutheran and had wide hips, I should have lots of children. He refused to prescribe a diaphragm for me--at that time way before the Pill, the most reliable form of birth control. I was about to get married,

and my fiancé and I were going to attend graduate school.

Though we were deeply in love and intended eventually to have children, we were not ready financially, psychologically, personally to have and raise children. We wanted to prepare ourselves to be the best possible parents when we were ready. We wanted to plan our parenthood, responsibly and seriously.

But getting reproductive health care at that time was difficult—my parents lived in St. Louis, and there was one Planned Parenthood Clinic, to which my mother directed me. They prescribed what we needed, educating both of us in contraception. The University of Michigan, where we were enrolled, did not provide any reproductive health care, nor did Ann Arbor, nor did most towns and cities in the country. We had to get supplies and regular exams either in St. Louis or Buffalo. We were motivated, but it was difficult. For most women and men the relatively few Planned Parenthood clinics were the only option—well-managed, carefully monitored, and affordable.

In this country and this world, I believe every person should have the right to make critical decisions for themselves, and there are few more critical than deciding to have a child. It affects not only the entire life of a child, but also that of its father and mother. Planned Parenthood has enabled and empowered millions of Americans to have children when their parents are prepared to take care of them, love them, nurture them, help them carve their own futures. In our situation, we had two wonderful children five and seven years after we were married, and we were prepared.

My husband, Paul, and I have never forgotten how this was possible. If it hadn't been for Planned Parenthood our lives and those of whatever children we might have had would surely have been very different. We were always grateful for the thoughtful, respectful, excellent medical care Planned Parenthood offered us, and the support they gave to our decision to plan.

In our city and country and world we are faced by enormous challenges: disease, war, poverty, despair, environmental degradation, and escalating economic inequality. As we attempt to deal with these daunting questions, the reliable, accessible, affordable health care Planned Parenthood offers locally, in the state, and in the country is doing its very important part in enabling and supporting men and women to plan their lives and to apply their talents and hard work to bearing, raising, nurturing their children and addressing the problems of their—and our—world.

Spechler asked Stauffer three questions:

1. Would Planned Parenthood prioritize abortion as the first option for a pregnancy?
2. Did Planned Parenthood sell parts of aborted fetuses?
3. Did Planned Parenthood meet medical standards of cleanliness and sterilization in their facility?

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

Stauffer said that Planned Parenthood offered unbiased, non-judgmental healthcare and emphasized the importance of all-options counseling. She added that two Planned Parenthood affiliates participated in tissue donation but did not engage in illegal, inappropriate, or unethical sale of Products of Conception (POC). She explained that PPINK did not engage in donation or sale of tissue. To answer the final question, Stauffer assured the council that the organization took great pride in the professional medical environment that they fostered and noted that the organization came under great scrutiny as a full participant in the medical community.

Ruff asked Stauffer to speak to a claim that there was no lack of local organizations to provide medical services to low income women. He said a letter to the council stating opposition to the resolution noted that there were numerous practices that accepted Medicaid in the area.

Stauffer pointed to the most recent IU Physicians Workforce Report that indicated there was a significant shortage of primary healthcare services and reproductive healthcare services in not only Southern Indiana, but the entire State. She said she did not know how many practices routinely processed Medicaid claims.

Stauffer stated that rural communities in the area suffered the most from this shortage. She remarked that she went to primary sources, rather than secondary sources, for data.

Ruff asked for the sponsors of the resolution to respond to the claim as well.

Sandberg shared her recent experience with her father's medical care, someone who had insurance and resources, and the difficulty she had

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scheduling doctors' appointments, even in emergency situations. She stated that she was concerned that anyone would allege that there were no difficulties in obtaining medical services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment:

Dr. Judy Klein, resident, spoke in support of PPINK based on her experience as a physician who worked for Planned Parenthood for the first 16 years of her career. She praised the critical health care services provided by Planned Parenthood, including safe and legal abortions, stating that half of all pregnancies in the US were unplanned.

Beth Gazley, resident, spoke favorably of Planned Parenthood for having an excellent national reputation for transparency and accountability. She asserted that the right to control one's own reproductive experience was a civil liberty that must be defended, and that only 1 in 5 people opposed the legalization of abortion.

Audrey Todd, resident, expressed her appreciation for the accessible, affordable and confidential birth control and reproductive health services provided by Planned Parenthood, especially for teenagers and college students.

Jim Billingsley, non-resident, proposed a counter-resolution based on his perception of the "darkness of death" that Planned Parenthood brought to the community. Referring to PPINK as "Planned Infanticide of Indiana and Kentucky", he accused Planned Parenthood of covering up sexual child abuse, aiding and abetting sex-trafficking crimes, committing Medicaid fraud, and illegally selling fetal body parts.

Emily Heller, resident, spoke of her own personal experience with PPINK as a college freshman, stating that she felt safe, comfortable and well-informed. She appreciated their confidentiality policy.

Carole Canfield, resident, brought attention to a graphic image that she purported to be remains from an abortion. She also requested that councilmembers Chris Sturbaum and Dorothy Granger recuse themselves from voting, alleging conflicts of interest.

Daniel McMullen, resident, spoke against the operation of Planned Parenthood, especially abortion services. He accused PPINK of malfunction, malpractice and murder, and of having low-grade facilities and operations.

Carl Weinberg, resident, stated his belief that abortion was a woman's right, but recognized that a lot of opposition existed. He cited a book published in 1943 by Dr. John R Rice entitled "Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands" which asserted that opposition to abortion was more about keeping women in their proper place than it was about the sacredness of life. Mr. Weinberg saluted today's rebellious young women for continuing to fight for their rights.

Sierra Johnson, resident, shared her personal story and said she was grateful to be born to a 17 year old mother who was encouraged by many people to abort the pregnancy but didn't.

Carson Rayhill, non-resident, spoke against the resolution as a representative of LHS Right to Life of Loogootee, IN. He held up a map which denoted a multitude of locations of health care centers across southern Indiana and asserted that these medical service providers could administer all the health care that Planned Parenthood did with the exception of abortion. He called abortion a moral issue and accused Planned Parenthood of lying and selling fetal body parts.

Arsha Hasan, resident and Canadian citizen studying Law at IU, spoke in support of the accessible, supportive reproductive health services provided by PPINK.

Eric Rasmussen, resident, encouraged council members to view videos that allege Planned Parenthood sells baby body parts. He disputed the validity of the statement in the Resolution that said "fully 93% of the care that Planned Parenthood provides in Indiana is preventive in nature."

Dr. Dave Hart, resident, spoke against the Resolution, equating PPINK's provision of preventive health care services to Jeffrey Dahmer delivering Toys for Tots at Christmas. He asserted that life began at conception and that abortion was murder of a full human being.

David Canfield, resident, challenged an email from Councilmember Spechler which stated that the City funds affordable health care for young women not abortion services, that Resolution 15-21 would pass unanimously and that a great majority of Bloomington supported Planned Parenthood. He said that the council's opinion about abortion was a position of credulity not science.

Savannah Brenneke, resident, spoke in favor of PPINK based on her own personal experiences, including being provided with a range of nonjudgmental choices when she returned to IU from South Korea pregnant.

Miriam Woods, resident, supported Planned Parenthood because of their support of her during an unplanned pregnancy resulting from an abusive relationship. Thanks to the respectful, unbiased, uncensored, scientifically-valid information she received at PPINK, Mariam felt empowered to make the choice that was truly best for her.

Wanda Savala, resident and Community Engagement Coordinator for Planned Parenthood, expressed appreciation for the many ways that the resources provided by PPINK had improved her quality of life. She encouraged councilmembers to support the resolution.

Lorraine Merriman Farrell, resident, spoke in support of Planned Parenthood and all the services they offered. She praised the 3 founders of the first U.S. birth control clinic (Margaret Sanger, Fania Mindell, and Ethel Byrne) in 1916, which eventually became the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. She believed that access to safe and legal abortion services was critically important.

Melinda Seader, "two-mile fringe" resident, shared her own story about accessing Planned Parenthood's services when other medical care providers could not see her on a timely basis. She had utilized and valued Planned Parenthood's choice-centered resources at many important points in her reproductive life.

Katie Cullum, resident, spoke on behalf of the Maurer School of Law's chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice to voice strong support for this resolution. They believed that Planned Parenthood was critical in the fight to ensure that all people had the right to access the healthcare resources they needed to thrive and to decide whether, when, and how to parent children with dignity. Many members of the LSRJ had utilized PPINK services and have appreciated being treated with kindness, dignity and respect.

Scott Tibbs, resident, spoke against the resolution. He insisted that the City's financial support of Planned Parenthood equated to a political

endorsement for their services, and that councilmember Granger should recuse herself because of her volunteer service as a clinic escort. He alleged that PPINK was in violation of State Health laws and that they sold fetal body parts illegally.

Cathi Crabtree, resident, expressed being tired of the repetitious rhetoric against Planned Parenthood which she said was an ongoing smear campaign and a persistent attack on poor women. She also spoke in support of safe and legal abortion and expressed concern that a group of local physicians publicly opposed the resolution.

Reverend Forrest Gilmore, resident, spoke in support of the resolution, citing his own personal experience with an unintended pregnancy. He respected the decision of his partner to terminate the pregnancy, in spite of his own personal pain, and reported that she was treated by Planned Parenthood staff with great kindness and loving care. He stated that the right to choose was the only appropriate response to this issue.

Morgan Buntin, resident, spoke highly of the quality and affordability of the services provided by PPINK. She encouraged the council to vote yes on the resolution.

Joshua Congrove, resident, spoke in opposition to this resolution and offered a counter-resolution in which Planned Parenthood was accused of child killing, bloody barbarism, lying, violence against mothers and children, corruption, trading in blood and body parts, an abomination to social and reproductive justice, and an extermination center that operated against human and divine laws.

Dr. Adam Spaetti, Owen County resident, spoke about his personal experience with Chancellor Herman B Wells who once fought against conservative evangelical Christians but later hired evangelical Christians – including him - to be his caretakers in his final years. Dr. Spaetti identified himself as one of the local physicians who signed the letter in opposition to the resolution.

Ariana, a teenager, spoke in support of her sister's passion for the pro-life movement. She said that American lives had been marginalized by Planned Parenthood and that every life should matter.

Brian Bailey, resident and law school graduate, referenced the Bill of Rights as the fundamental law of the land. He asserted that Planned Parenthood slaughtered 718 innocent lives in the city last year and that councilmembers should reform, repent, and go back to first principles. He believed it was the council's legal and moral obligation to vote no on the resolution.

Aubrey Seader, "two-mile fringe" resident, also referenced the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. She spoke in support of the women who carry babies and their right to have reproductive choices, stating that women who choose abortion should be able to make that choice safely.

Ed Dolan, non-resident, opposed the resolution. Speaking personally, he asserted that "celebration of life" was the only appropriate response upon learning that a child was conceived. He appreciated the good health services offered by PPINK but didn't forgive them for the killing of human beating hearts. He encouraged a no vote on the resolution.

Sarah Ryterband, resident, thanked the council for their past support of PPINK. Dr. Ryterband recalled the horror of watching a woman bleed out and die due to a botched illegal abortion before the *Roe v. Wade*

Supreme Court decision. She also shared that she was date raped before entering medical school and greatly appreciated having the opportunity to choose a safe and legal abortion, allowing her to exercise her freedom from tyranny and to complete medical school.

Nevada Walker, resident, shared her personal story of being raped and impregnated at age 14. She turned to Planned Parenthood where she felt safe, comfortable and reassured in spite of her tremendous fear.

Although the pregnancy ended in miscarriage, she appreciated that PP helped to care for her physically, mentally and emotionally. As an adult, she gladly continued to use PPINK for her reproductive health care.

Isabel Piedmont-Smith, resident, posed a question to men who opposed a woman's right to choose: had they only had sex for the purpose of procreation? If not, they should be grateful for Planned Parenthood and the contraceptives they provide. Secondly, she requested that others not force their moral beliefs on her, a person with the right to decide what happened to her body. Thirdly, she pointed out that councilmember Granger did not have to recuse herself because she had volunteered for the Planned Parenthood organization and not been compensated in any way. She also stated that it was the NRA that was responsible for mass murder in this country, not Planned Parenthood.

Lacy McBride, resident, cited personal experience to refute the slogan "Adoption the Loving Option". She shared that the adoption system was tragic, not loving, and that she grew up in the system feeling abandoned, alone, never good enough, and even suicidal. She supported the resolution and the valuable services of Planned Parenthood.

Greg Haas, non-resident, thanked the council for supporting PPINK in years past. He also expressed appreciation that PP in Cincinnati helped to cover the vasectomy procedure he received four decades ago. He believed that Planned Parenthood deserved public support for ensuring access to affordable basic health care.

Brandon Cortez (aka Franciscan Brother Gabriel), non-resident, emphasized that pregnancy was not an illness, but that it was perfectly natural. He said he could not support an institution that caused women to suffer from post-abortion trauma for the rest of their lives, and he asked the council not to contribute to the bloodshed.

Glorianne Leck, resident, posited that it was the role of government to protect people. She recalled her college days when birth control was not readily available and illegal abortions resulted in horrible aftermaths. Back-room and back-alley abortions injured women for life, physically and emotionally. She expressed concern and suspicion about private entities, including churches, telling the rest of the public what they should do with their bodies and with their moral decisions. She called upon the council to protect the community by supporting the resolution.

Sura Gail Tala, non-resident, referenced a TV program from 1970 that discussed pros and cons of abortion, citing examples of women dying from self-administered abortions before they were legal, and asserted that more women today would also die if access to safe and legal abortion was denied. She appreciated the wonderful care she received from Planned Parenthood in Bloomington during her first pregnancy decades ago, and she supported the resolution.

Council comments:

COUNCIL COMMENT

Spechler stated that he would support the resolution. He said he was convinced that Planned Parenthood provided more benefit than harm to

the community. He also said he was pro-life, but the law did not recognize abortion as murder.

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Council Comment (cont'd)

Sturbaum thanked the attendees for being willing to share their opinions civilly. He said he wanted to live in a better world without hardship, but he knew that he did not. He hoped we could work together to do the best we could with the world we had been given.

Neher said that *Roe v. Wade* occurred when he was very young, and he did not personally know what the world was like before that decision. He said there was a national effort to restrict women's access to healthcare, and he wanted the community to demonstrate its opposition to these attacks. He said that investing in affordable healthcare and opening access to women's reproductive healthcare could reduce the number of abortions by 90%.

Ruff thanked the crowd for participating in the democratic process and being respectful. He said he did not agree that there was no lack of medical services for low income women. He said that no legislation could be passed if it required complete consensus of the public. He said that the entire range of views must be heard and considered.

Mayer said that the frequent need for special advocates for children in the community showed that there was a problem. He thanked everyone who spoke, especially the young people who shared their stories. He reiterated that the resolution stated the 9th Congressional District included 10 counties that were ranked in the bottom half for health care in the state, with 4 counties having teen pregnancy rates among the top 25% of the state. He said that \$272 million was spent in 2010 on teen childbearing issues. He said Planned Parenthood taught teens how to be responsible and take care of their bodies.

Volan, in response to a previous comment, explained that conflicts of interest for a legislative body only came up when there was a direct financial interest held by a member of that body. He also said that no members of the council had made their decision prior to hearing the presentation or public comment. He said that critics of Planned Parenthood denied that the organization provided the services that were spoken of that evening, that they did not quote primary sources, and that they used quotes without context. He said he found the critiques presumptuous at best and judgmental at worst. He said it was difficult to accept the accusation that people would make the decision to seek an abortion cavalierly. He shared a few quotes about protecting women and protecting choice. He said he would support the resolution.

Granger said she was proud to co-sponsor the resolution. She said that she had an obligation to defend an organization that was internationally recognized for its work. She said that the resolution was not about the issue of abortion, but she believed a woman had the right to make decisions regarding her body. She said that reproductive freedom was part of the constitution. She thanked the attendees for their honesty and said that she stood with Planned Parenthood because Planned Parenthood stood with her, her family, her friends, and her community.

Sandberg thanked staff for all of their research into the facts for the resolution. She thanked representatives from Planned Parenthood for answering questions eloquently. She said an elected official's duty was to uphold the constitutions of Indiana and the United States. She hoped that both sides could agree that there was a common interest in reducing abortions in the country and community. She said Planned Parenthood served this end by providing options, care, and advice. She said the council was committed to supporting nonprofits that provided food,

shelter, and healthcare. She said that Indiana had a long way to go before the state was ranked at the top of healthcare ratings. She said the council could do nothing less than put the resolution forward, and she encouraged her colleagues to support the resolution.

Rollo said he tried to suspend judgment on controversial issues because he hoped his point of view would be challenged. He said he appreciated the resolution as a stand against the attack on women's healthcare. He thanked the members of the public that were able to describe the issue prior to *Roe v. Wade*. He said in order to eliminate abortion, we needed Planned Parenthood.

The motion to adopt Resolution 15-21 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0

MOTION TO ADOPT

Ordinance 15-23 - To Amend the Approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) District Ordinance and Preliminary Plan - Re: 751 E. Tamarack Trail (Jill's House, LLC, Petitioner)

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 15-23

Daniel McMullen expressed his disappointment with the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator, noted the internal work session scheduled for Friday, October 23 at noon.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington