City of Bloomington
Office of the City Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

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) SS:
COUNTY OF MONROE)

I, Nicole Bolden, being the duly elected, qualified and current Clerk of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, hereby do certify that I am the custodian of the records of the Bloomington City Council and the City of Bloomington, and that the attached copy of the minutes for the December 16, 2015 meeting of the Bloomington City Council is a full, true and complete copy of drafts of the minutes of that meeting and which is kept in this office in the normal course of business.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my signature as Clerk of the City of Bloomington on the date set forth below, 2016.

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Nicole Bolden
City Clerk
City of Bloomington, Indiana

Date: 15 June 2016

The attached copy of the minutes for the December 16, 2015 meeting of the Bloomington Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana as presented by the City Clerk was approved on the 15 day of June, 2016.

Andy Ruff
President, Bloomington Common Council
City of Bloomington, Indiana

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
December 16, 2015

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7:37 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA SUMMATION

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for Regular Sessions of February 29, 2012; April 4, 2012; October 31, 2012; November 14, 2012; December 5, 2012; December 19, 2012; March 20, 2013; May 1, 2013; May 15, 2013; September 18, 2013; December 18, 2013; April 9, 2014; December 2, 2015 and Special Sessions of November 26, 2012; May 22, 2013; September 11, 2013; December 9, 2015

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Marty Spechler said that the unusually warm weather was a sign of global warming. He said that the recent energy summit in Paris could open the door to deal with the causes of global warming. He said he hoped more people would be convinced by the scientific evidence.

Chris Sturbaum honored Spechler for his wit, wisdom, and sincerity in his service on the council.

Susan Sandberg also thanked Spechler for his service, and she said she knew he would continue to be an active citizen.

Tim Mayer thanked Spechler and Neher for their four years of service to the community. He added thanks to council and clerk staff for their help in 2015 with special attention to Clerk Regina Moore and Mark Kruzan for their remarkable years of work to keep Bloomington moving forward.

Andy Ruff echoed Mayer's thanks and added thanks to department heads. He said Spechler made the council a broader and more diverse body, he said that healthy disagreement made the council better. He shared a personal story about when he and Spechler golfed together.

Dave Rollo said that Spechler was dedicated to his constituents as demonstrated through his work on the sidewalk committee. Rollo said that Mayor Kruzan's sustainability initiatives, economic planning, and sound city budgets had allowed the city to make progress.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

Mick Renneisen, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan. He detailed the responses to a constituent survey that indicated support primarily for maintaining existing parks, maintaining existing facilities, and construction of new trails. He said the department would set priorities to maintain existing facilities, expand the trail system, and contribute to community health, and he detailed areas where expanded parks services could benefit the city.

Spechler asked about the Switchyard Park. Renneisen said that the design needed another month before it would be ready for further examination.

Rollo asked if Griffy Park was a large part of the city's park acreage. Renneisen said it was.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

- PUBLIC

President Rollo called for public comment, but there was none.

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 15-26 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Deputy Clerk Larabee read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 8-0-0.
It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 15-26 be adopted.

Patty Mulvihill, City Attorney, explained that this ordinance was a cleanup ordinance that was meant to bring the city code into compliance with the state and close some loopholes. She said the ordinance amended Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code (the Unified Development Ordinance) in four key ways.

There were no council questions or public comment on this ordinance.

Council Comments:
Mayer thanked Mulvihill and staff for their work.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 15-26 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Ordinance 15-26 To Amend Title 20 (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Bloomington Municipal Co - Re: Amending 20.05.020 ("CF-([Communication Facility-General]") and 20.09.320 ("Surety standards – Performance surety") to Reflect Changes in State Law; Revising the Definition of "Fraternity/Sorority House," and Correcting Minor Errors

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 15-27 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Deputy Clerk Larabee read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 8-0-0.
It was moved and seconded Ordinance 15-27 be adopted.

Ordinance 15-27 To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" - Re: Stop, Multi-Stop, Yield, and Signalized Intersections Turning Right on Red; School Speed Zones; Angled Parking, No Parking, Limited Parking, Loading, and Bus Zones; and, Accessible Parking for Persons with Disabilities

It was moved and seconded to adopt Amendment #1 to Ordinance 15-27.

Mayer explained that this amendment would alleviate concern regarding the No Turn on Red at the 3rd and Jordan intersection. It would eliminate that new law in order to maintain traffic patterns for cars and pedestrians.

Andrew Cibor, Transportation and Traffic Engineer, explained that the turn restriction would only apply when the traffic light was red. He said that the Traffic Commission and Indiana University had expressed concern about the intersection without a turn restriction.

Council Questions:
Sturbaum asked staff what their opinion on the amendment was. Cibor said that either option would be acceptable, but the Traffic Commission recommended adding the turn restriction. Tom Micuda, Planning and Transportation Director, said that the department would do an analysis of the intersection if the amendment passed and likely recommend a similar change to the intersection.

Sturbaum asked if the council should consider the amendment a delay. Micuda said that staff would do an analysis and come up with a solution.

Amendment #1
This amendment is sponsored by Councilmeber Mayer with the support of Councilmember Neher. It would remove the restricted turn on red light proposed for westbound traffic at the intersection of East 3rd Street and Indiana Avenue. This amendment is coming forward, in part, out of concern about the effect of this change on traffic to the east. It also is coming forward out of a desire for a more comprehensive look at the East 3rd Street design and traffic from Jordan to Dunn, including a review of recommendations made in Brock Ridgeway's 2006 3rd/Atwater Corridor Improvement Study, before changes in signalization are made at this intersection.

Ordinance 15-27 *(cont'd)*
Amendment #1 *(cont'd)*

Granger clarified that staff would perform this analysis. Micuda said they would.

Spechler asked if the amendment would eliminate turning on red. Micuda said that was incorrect, but staff would analyze the intersection and possibly recommend adding the turn restriction.

Ruff asked Spechler if he meant that he did not want drivers to be able to turn right on red. Spechler said that was what he meant.

Ruff asked staff how long an analysis would take. Cibor said it would take a few months at least.

Ruff asked Mayer if the amendment was intended to analysis of the corridor. Mayer said that the city had already looked at the corridor and made major improvements. He said that a broader study needed to be done in the broader corridor.

Ruff asked what the downside of adding the turn restriction was. Cibor said that staff had the full intent of looking at the corridor for potential enhancements.

Sandberg asked about a right turn on red restriction on 10th Street and Fee Lane in comparison to the Indiana and 3rd intersection. Micuda said that 10th/Fee had slightly higher foot traffic, but 3rd/Indiana had more regular traffic. He said that vehicle traffic was less on 10th Street than 3rd Street.

Mayer asked staff if the corridor would still be analyzed if the amendment failed. Cibor said that he would update the Traffic Commission on the corridor and encourage them to follow up on evaluation. Micuda added that he would not expect staff to do a formal study, but they would review the functionality of the corridor.

Sandberg asked if evening traffic would be slowed by turn restrictions. Cibor said that he would expect some traffic slow during special events.

Rollo asked who proposed the turn restriction. Cibor said that a citizen or university employee brought it to the traffic commission.

Rollo asked if a bike lane could alleviate traffic. Cibor said that he had not heard that suggestion.

There was no public comment on the amendment.

Council Comment:
Mayer thanked his colleagues for the discussion.

Ruff said that staff would still move forward with evaluating the corridor and that the change was easy to revert as necessary. He said that his daughter had been hit by a driver turning right on red near the hospital, and he supported the turn limitation for safety reasons.

Spechler said that he would oppose the amendment because of his concerns about pedestrian safety.

Sandberg said that she was concerned for pedestrian safety. She said that slower automobile traffic was fair if it provided safer travel.

Rollo said he would support the amendment. He said the westbound corridor was vital.

Amendment #1 to Ordinance 15-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 2 (Mayer, Rollo), Nays: 5 (Granger, Ruff, Sandberg, Sturbaum, Spechler) and thus FAILED.

There were no council questions or public comments on the ordinance as a whole. — Ordinance 15-27 *(cont'd)*

Council Comments:
Mayer thanked staff for their work.

Spechler said that the changes were sensible.

Ruff said that the discussion of the amendment indicated a need to evaluate the corridor.

Ordinance 15-27 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

This was the last meeting of the year and therefore there was no legislation for first reading. — LEGISLATION - FIRST READING

Rollo said that because of a misunderstanding of procedure, the next speaker would be allotted ten minutes of presentation. — PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Anderson spoke about the impact of dental mercury amalgam fillings on health and showed a video titled "Private SNAFU – Booby Traps."

It was moved and seconded that the Internal Work Session scheduled for Friday, December 18th, 2015 be cancelled. — COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator, reminded that council that they would begin their recess until the beginning of the next term.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. — ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE: ATTEST:

Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington