

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, July 3, 2012 at 7:30 pm with Council President Tim Mayer presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 3, 2012

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Mayer gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes for approval at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Rollo commented on the unusually dry weather and the high temperatures. He said the Guardian newspaper had recently published an article that linked weather events with climate change in which the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado was cited. He said extremes in temperatures and weather affected farmers most, but greater awareness might negate the effect nay-sayers on climate change.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Chris Sturbaum said that health care for all was not a radical idea but one of compassion. He said the Supreme Court decision on this issue was welcome as a step in the right direction. He said he was proud to be part of the thinking in a country that wants to have health care for everyone.

Tim Mayer said that the City Utility department was pumping water out of Lake Monroe at a rate of 24-25 million gallons a day, the maximum capacity. He said it was early in the season to have this demand, and asked people to think about this as a machine running at full speed for a long time, and warned that it would not last forever. He asked folks to let their lawns go brown and conserve water.

Julie Ramey, community relations manager for the Parks and Recreation Department, reminded the council about the online voting contest "Bark for Your Park" that would award a grand prize of \$100,000 for a dog park. She said that the city had a plan and land for a dog park and urged citizens to vote online every day to help get the award from PetSafe. Susan Sandberg asked if folks could vote twice a day, and Ramey said they could, both on Facebook and the PetSafe website.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Kalina Gilbert talked about BloomingTeens, a not-for-profit musical theater group for Bloomington teens 12-17 and adult volunteers, with a mission of providing youth with a positive learning experience while enriching the community. She said that making the community aware of teen issues was also a goal of the project. She invited citizens to their Harmonic Hoopla performances at Rhino's and the Monroe County Public Library.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no appointments made at this meeting.

BOARD AND COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 12-08 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 7-0. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 12-08 be adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING

Adam Wason, Assistant Director of the Department of Economic and Sustainable Development, asked for approval in transferring ownership of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Bonds. They were

Resolution 12-08 Resolution of the
City of Bloomington, Indiana,
Consenting to a New Borrower in
Connection with the "Economic
Development Recovery Zone Facility

issued for a project on South Rogers Street, and the sale of the property would necessitate the transfer of bonds from one entity to another. He said that the legal department had not found any issues regarding this transfer. He said the use of the property would remain the same.

Bonds, Series 2010 (1302 South Rogers, LLC Project), of the City and Approving Certain Amending Financing Documents in Connection Therewith

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

Resolution 12-08 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 12-15 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 6-0-1. She announced that the public comment portion of this deliberation would serve as the legally advertised public hearing on the Ordinance. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 12-15 be adopted.

Ordinance 12-15 To Reauthorize Cumulative Capital Development Fund

The Public Comment portion of this deliberation served as the legally advertised public hearing.

Mike Trexler, City Controller, said that the ordinance would begin the process of reestablishing the rate for the Fund and outlined the process of public hearing, advertisement and reporting on the fund reauthorization. He said that the request for this new rate needed to be filed with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) by August 1st of this year. He said the DLGF would set the rate annually if the city did not request a certain rate, and thus this request. He said the current rate was 2.7 cents; the city proposal was for 5 cents, which would mean \$23 for a \$100,000 valuation, and would generate about \$750,000 additional money for the Fund. He outlined the specific allowed uses for the fund according to state statute.

Neher asked if this could be characterized as enabling legislation. Trexler said it was. Neher asked if the city was compelled to raise the rate if the ordinance passed. Trexler said it would set the cap on the rate, and that the council could then choose any rate up to that amount during the budget approval process. Neher asked Trexler to discuss the relationship between this fund and the general fund. Trexler said that this was one of five capital funds that the city used for bricks and mortar, sidewalks, streets. He said the general fund could be used for those purposes, but budgeting for operating costs has edged out any capital expenses from the general fund.

There was no public comment during this 'legally advertised public hearing' portion of deliberation.

Neher said that he had passed on his committee vote but was ready to support this ordinance because he was troubled about increasing the rate without it being tied to any specific project. He said since it was enabling legislation, he was supportive of the ability to have the discussion.

Sturbaum said the city had great needs in bike path and sidewalk work, and would like to see some of the fund used for those projects.

Sandberg said that the allowed uses for the fund are deserving of the attention of the council and said it was responsible to set the cap at this level to have the tool to use for projects the city needs.

Mayer thanked Trexler for his work in getting this ordinance developed and brought forward. He said that the city needs to develop revenues that will cover construction projects that the city needs. He said that today's needs with transportation have changed from those of twenty years ago.

Ordinance 12-15 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.

Ordinance 12-16 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" to Establish a Historic District - Re: Elm Heights Historic District (Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, Petitioner)

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING
Ordinance 12-16

Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator noted that the weekly packet contained the schedule for the budget week, and noted the chairs were posted for the meetings that would begin at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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

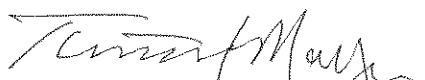
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Timothy Mayer, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington