

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:30 pm with Council President Susan Sandberg presiding over a Special Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
February 9, 2011

Roll Call: Mayer, Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Ruff, Sandberg, Satterfield, Sturbaum, Volan, Wisler

ROLL CALL

Council President Sandberg gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

Mike Satterfield said it was another election year, and noted that he would not be participating in that election. He noted that the topic of education was getting more involvement from the community, business, and even government. He added that as a society, we had taken too long to get serious about educational issues, and added that decisions that the MCCSC had to make were staggering and outlined some concepts. He used a parable to illustrate the message to people who want to participate in civic leadership and governmental service to consider that if a grass fire starts, you could be there to help put it out. He said it was a rewarding experience, would recommend it, and asked that the community continue in its growth on all levels.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Tim Mayer thanked the city Street, Utilities and Sanitation departments for their work in the recent ice storm. He said they performed above and beyond the call of duty in keeping the city functional, even if it meant being away from their families. He thanked the Police and Fire departments, also, noting that it was dangerous to be out when the roads were slippery.

Steve Volan noted that everyone should be civically engaged. He said that we all must be guardians of public speech, and said it was a complex idea that not everyone understood all the time. He noted the passing of David Grubb, who often used the podium to say something of use to the community. Volan said he didn't often agree with him, calling his tone that of a malcontent, but that he was glad that Grubb availed himself of the opportunity to speak. He said that he had this right, so did all watching the meeting and that all had an obligation to listen to each other.

David Hummons, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Black Males gave an overview of the mission of the Commission, their work in the past year, and their plans for work in the next year. He said that the commission was focusing the next year on education and employment, and noted areas where they could do small projects, but ones where they think they can make an impact. He described working with social service agencies in making materials more Afro-centric. He highlighted a conversation project with youth at a local black barber shop that included adult men, and noted the conversation was lively and the experience outstanding. He also reviewed plans for a program focusing on education and mentoring of 10-12 males over the period of a year. Hummons concluded by noting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inspiring statement of 'everyone can be great because everyone can serve.'

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no council committee reports at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

George Brooks said the twentieth century was characterized by some 19 recessions, minor to major. He said our current recession was decades in the making, and that the key ingredient was 'free' -- free to work, free to choose where to work, free market. He said that while customers are courted, the shareholders of large corporations were courted; this was not done for hourly wage workers, even those who were experienced.

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He said that if they were disgruntled, they were quoted the 'free' choice model – that they were free to choose to work somewhere else. He said we needed to value our workers more.

Buff Brown noted an upcoming talk in the council chambers on March 1 at 1 pm. He said that Mia Birk from Portland, OR, would be speaking on *Creating a Bike Friendly City: Lessons from Portland*. Her talk would include her experiences in achieving a Platinum Status for Portland, and she would also be signing copies of her book: *Joy Ride: Pedaling Toward A Healthy Planet*.

James McNamara, Executive Director of Pets Alive, said that Mayor Kruzan had proclaimed February as Spay/Neuter Bloomington Month, and told of the upcoming activities including a NeuterPALooza where male cats could be neutered for \$2.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions at this meeting.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 11-02 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 7-0-0.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 11-02 be adopted.

Resolution 11-02 To Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Monroe County, the Town of Ellettsville and the City of Bloomington for Animal Shelter Operation for the Year 2011

Laurie Ringquist, Director of Animal Care and Control, said this resolution referred to a standard agreement process that had been used among these bodies for many years. She said that the amounts calculated for the agreement were based on the percentage of animals coming from outside the city limits and then presented to county government. She said they, then, worked with the town of Ellettsville to negotiate an amount that they would contribute. She asked for approval of this agreement.

There was no public comment on this resolution. Parliamentarian Mayer explained to the visitors in the council chambers that this resolution was discussed two weeks before and therefore most questions and issues had been addressed at that time.

Piedmont-Smith thanked the Animal Control for their diligent work, and noted that it was difficult work for animal lovers. She said that she was glad that the county and Ellettsville were contributing their part.

Resolution 11-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. Clerk Moore read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Ordinance 11-01 To Amend Ordinance 10-09 Which Fixed the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2011 - Re: Reflecting Collective Bargaining Agreement Affecting Positions in the Police Department

Ordinance 11-01

It was moved and seconded that the Proposed Schedule of Staff/Council Internal Work Sessions for the Rest of 2011 be adopted.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

- Proposed Schedule of Staff/Council Internal Work Sessions for the Rest of 2011

Council Attorney/Administrator Dan Sherman was asked to explain the proposed council schedule that was being amended to add dates for the internal work sessions for the rest of 2011. He said the work sessions would be at the start of the remaining 2011 legislative cycles and would be held at noon on particular Fridays. He asked for approval.

The motion was approved by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Volan).

Council Schedule (cont'd)

There were no public statements in this portion of the meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington