

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, May 04, 2011 at 7:30 pm with Council President Susan Sandberg presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 4, 2011

Roll Call: Mayer, Piedmont-Smith, Rollo, Ruff, Sandberg, Satterfield, Sturbaum, Volan, Wisler
Absent: None

ROLL CALL

Council President Sandberg gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes for approval at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Sandberg read the following statement:

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

On this first City Council meeting following the May 3rd primary, I'd like to congratulate council candidates who won their respective races and who will be appearing on the ballot for the general election in the fall. A few of our current council colleagues will be retiring at the end of this term, but most of us will have the opportunity of moving on to November when we face other challengers. We also offer congratulations to our colleague and City Clerk, Regina Moore, and the Honorable Mayor, Mark Krusan for their primary wins yesterday.

It is not an easy decision to run for public office as it impacts personal and professional lives, and so I offer thanks to every candidate who demonstrates their commitment to public service. It takes a fair amount of courage and confidence to throw one's hat into the ring. Once in office, it takes a certain thickening of the skin to be able to stand up to the pressures and stand for the core values that make Bloomington unique in the state of Indiana as a prosperous, generous and inclusive community. We appreciate everyone who campaigned in this issues-oriented primary election, including John Hamilton who was most energetic in his bid for the Office of Mayor and most gracious in his concession.

The process of winning and losing elections will invariably leave resentments, wounded feelings, great sadness in defeat, great joy in the winning – and that's the nature of the contested primary.

In the wake of these feelings, our most important task ahead is to face them, to come together to heal the wounds, to re-connect our common interests, and to make sure that the City of Bloomington is well-served in its most honorable traditions. Our task in the coming months and years is to make sure that government in Bloomington remains fair and transparent, and that the needs of our residents are well met.

As elected officials, we shoulder our responsibilities to serve the public with humility and due diligence. To that end, I urge all candidates moving forward to focus their debates on the issues and with respect to good governance and responsive constituent services.

Thanks to all of the dedicated and active citizens who came out to the polls to participate in this primary election, and again, my best wishes to all city candidates and incumbent colleagues who will be moving forward in their fall campaigns. As Council president, I conclude my remarks with a call for unity, civility and great respect for differing opinions in the coming term. Let's all work together to keep Bloomington a shining star in the State of Indiana.

Mike Satterfield said that Sandberg's words were well-spoken.

Tim Mayer congratulated all the high school and college graduates in the community, and wished them well.

Councilmember Comments (cont'd)

Brad Wisler noted that on May 14th the TedX Bloomington event would be held at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. He said this would be a series of interesting speakers on a wide range of topics organized by the local community. He said the theme was "The Wisdom of Play" and noted that Councilmember Volan would be giving one of the talks. He gave the website and urged folks to get a ticket.

Chris Sturbaum thanked Bill and Mary Beth Hansen and said he was glad the primary election was over and that the council could get back to work.

Bet Savich, Director of the City of Bloomington's Volunteer Network, reported on the Be More Awards that were held on April 5th. She said the awards celebrated community volunteerism. She noted that the Community Foundation, one of the sponsors, provided \$5000 that was awarded to the agencies of the winning volunteers. She said that 86 groups and individuals were nominated and listed the winners as:

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

- Be More Awards

- Bloomington Symphony Orchestra -- Be More Collaborative Award (Group or Family)
- Pi Kappa Phi, IU Bloomington Chapter -- Be More Involved Award (College Student)
- Bobbi Boos -- Be More Sustainable Award (Animal/Environmental)
- Jo Gilbertson -- Be More Phenomenal Award (Board Service)
- Jim Hettmer -- Be More Creative Award (Arts and Culture)
- Lauren Means -- Be More Energized (Youth)
- VITAL Program Volunteers -- Be More Knowledgeable Award (Education and Literacy)
- Jim Beeson -- Be More Bloomington Award (General)
- City of Bloomington Black History Month Steering Committee -- Be More Bloomington (General)
- Henry Upper -- Be More Dedicated (Lifetime)

She added that photos, a slide show and taped clips are on the city's website and that the entire video could be obtained from CATS.

Lynn Schwartzberg, Chair of the Bloomington Arts Commission, reported on the first round of grants awarded in 2011. She said that 19 grants were submitted and the following 11 received funding:

- Bloomington Arts Commission Grant Awardees

- Windfall Dancers -- grant for voucher program for Middle Way House residents
- Tibetan Mongolian Cultural Center -- the multidimensional. Exhibit Bloomington Katmandu from the Rice fields to the Cornfields
- TedX Bloomington -- 15 scholarship tickets to event
- Lotus Education and Arts Foundation -- Lotus Village Outreach Project for 2011
- Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center -- interactive art installations on both campuses with transportation
- Shows of the Monroe County Public Library -- biennial series The Power of Words that showcases the authors and speakers.
- Cardinal Stage Company -- outreach/research initiative for untold stories of Bloomington WWII Veterans.
- Boys and Girls Club -- summer project for Arts
- Bloomington Early Music Festival -- annual music festival with the IU's Themester of *Making War, Making Peace*
- Bloomington Chamber Singers -- Free open annual Handel's Messiah sing
- Buskirk Chumley Management -- Breaking Away, a Bloomington Celebration

Piedmont-Smith asked the total amount of the awards. Schwartzberg said that \$7,500 was granted in April, and that the same amount would be awarded in October.

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Daniel McMullin spoke about I-69 and the loss of individuals' property and other problems involved in the creation of that highway.

PUBLIC INPUT

Doug Wissing, a Prospect Hill resident, talked about the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program, calling it a misnomer. He said the proposals in

the program deal only with one street, and not the neighborhood in terms of traffic safety. He said the program as is could negatively impact a neighborhood. He called for an inclusive neighborhood traffic calming program that would address entire area needs by an engaged citizen process. He said the Conservation District models of McDoel and Prospect Hill neighborhoods already use a neighborhood-wide collaborative program. He said that process of true community input and consensus building would be fair, legal and neighborly. He added that the current program has flaws which could be manipulated by special interests to the detriment of the entire neighborhood and city. He said that the current NTSP balloting process disenfranchises neighbors who are threatened with negative impact as only the neighbors who stand to benefit from the NTSP project are permitted to vote. He added that if not tightly monitored, the NTSP proposals could be used to divert traffic – creating other problems. He said this was a violation of the both the Program and Indiana Code. He said the NTSP process could create risks in emergency vehicle response time, and it needed to be honestly addressed.

Wissing said that a true and inclusive program could address the entire neighborhood's needs, not just one street. He said that Prospect Hill was a good place to implement such a model program and urged the council to consider this.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS
LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

There was no legislation for second reading or final action at this meeting.

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.

Appropriation Ordinance 11-02 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds for the Creation of Graffiti Removal Pilot Program)

Appropriation Ordinance 11-02

Amy Purdue, a 30-year resident of Bloomington, said she had issues with the graffiti situation. She said she didn't know what the solution was because of private and public places that allow art pieces. She wanted to know if the pilot program was a no-tolerance program and how it would work with private properties.

PUBLIC INPUT

Sandberg invited Purdue to attend the committee meeting on this item.

David Nosko, Managing Director of the Community Justice and Mediation Center, briefly described the Center's services, and noted that the newspaper story comments brought him to the meeting as two graffiti offenders were referred to their program. He said that a graffiti artist had met with the Chamber of Commerce, business owners to explain the issue from his perspective. Nosko offered two packets of information to the council members on this issue and said that they had been part of discussion and mediation on this issue and would like to help.

It was moved and seconded to have a special session immediately before the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole on May 11, 2011. It was explained that this was to hear legislation so that it could possibly be passed and implemented before a state mandated deadline.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

The motion was adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

The agenda for the internal work session scheduled for May 6th was discussed and Council Attorney/Administrator Sherman said that it could be cancelled if there would not be sufficient attendance.

Council Schedule (cont'd)

Sandberg asked the council members to indicate their attendance at the work session and four members said they would attend. No further action was needed on that issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington