

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7:30 pm with Council President Susan Sandberg presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 13, 2011

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Sandberg gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

It was moved and seconded that the minutes for the Special Session of June 22, 2011 be approved. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Sturbaum said he was happy to be alive in Bloomington, Indiana.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Isabel Piedmont-Smith noted that it had been over a month since Lauren Spierer was reported missing from the downtown area. She said she wanted to add her concern to those of others, and urged anyone who knew what happened to step forward. She added her wishes and prayers to those of others for Lauren to be found.

Steve Volan showed the business plan of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District and said it would be discussed at their board meeting on July 14, 2011 at 4 pm. He said it was the fourth attempt to create a viable plan for a Materials Recovery Facilities, and added that it was the best plan. He noted the plan was different than the District's practice of baling of all trash more than a decade before. He said this plan was to bale only recyclables with the exception of glass.

Mike Satterfield noted the weather was extraordinarily hot and asked citizens to keep an eye on their pets and make sure they had plenty of fresh water.

Tim Mayer said 'Happy Summer' to all, especially Council member Sturbaum.

Dave Rollo reported that the Joint City of Bloomington-Monroe County Deer Task Force had conducted a community outreach meeting and that there would be several more where the public could inform the task force of their interaction with deer, and where the task force could share the information that they've gathered. He encouraged citizens to attend.

Rollo announced that the prestigious Journal of Science had published an article entitled *Peak Oil Production May Already Be Here*. He said it was past time to prepare for higher prices and shortages, and added that he would be bringing this to attention during the budget hearings. He said he would address this issue further in future council comments.

Susan Sandberg announced that the City of Bloomington Budget Hearings would begin the following week. She said that this was an important week in prioritizing city expenditures.

There were no reports from the mayor or other offices at this meeting.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Sandberg read the rules for public speaking at this meeting. She asked how many citizens would like to speak and noted that each would have four minutes at this time as 20 minutes were allowed at this time in the meeting for public comments.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bob Carnes of West 6th Street said that West Third Street was well behind schedule for the completion of the road's renovation. He said

that there needed to be a contract clause that penalizes contractors if work is not completed on time, or one that gives a bonus for completing the work ahead of time.

Bruce Anderson announced his lawsuit against the City of Bloomington in regards to Colonial Crest apartment issues and other matters. He read an environmental report on an apartment there. After being told his time had ended for public comment, he did not yield the podium; he was ruled out of order and was escorted from the council chambers at the request of President Sandberg.

Daniel Williams discussed the 911 texting issue and permutations of abuse of the communication. He questioned the need for this texting service, and said that the police should be consulted about the issue.

Daniel McMullen talked about the effects of drugs and drug trade on the city and young people.

Gabe Rivera spoke about ending the drug war during this meeting. He said that drugs were a problem around the world.

Chaim Julian spoke of a woman in Michigan jailed for growing vegetables in her front yard. He noted that Bloomington is not that kind of city.

It was moved and seconded that Brenda Chapin be appointed to the Community and Family Resources Commission. The appointment was approved by a voice vote.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

There was no legislation for final action at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

Ordinance 11-07 To Amend Title 15 of The Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" - Re: Various Changes, Including But Not Limited to, Creating a Schedule for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Signals (BMC 15.12.030 – Schedule D[2]), Lowering Speed Limits on Neighborhood Streets from 30 mph to 25 mph (BMC 15.24.020 – Schedule I), and Clarifying the Notice Period Before Cars May be Towed (BMC 15.48.010)

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING
Ordinance 11-07

Ordinance 11-08 To Vacate a Public Parcel - Re: An East/West Alley Right-of-Way and a Segment of North/South Alley Right-of-Way on the North Side of the 1900 Block of East Third Street Between Rose Avenue and Union Street (The Trustees of Indiana University, Petitioner)

Ordinance 11-08

Sandberg asked Dan Sherman, Council Attorney/Administrator to review the upcoming council schedule. No action was needed.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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


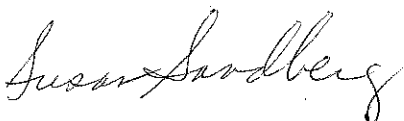
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington