

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 7:30 pm with Council President Isabel Piedmont-Smith presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 30, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Piedmont-Smith gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of the Special Session of June 23, 2010 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no reports from council members at this meeting.

REPORTS:  
COUNCILMEMBERS

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

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no council committee reports at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

President Piedmont-Smith called for public comment noting rules for participation in the civil forum.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mike Hanna commented on the letter to the Arizona Governor signed by eight council members which he erroneously believed was a Common Council resolution by vote. He said he agreed with what Arizona was doing, saying that their law was a good one. He said 'illegals' were creating havoc in Arizona and Indiana. He asked for some personal comment by any council member and offered his email address.

Merle Hedrick said he agreed with the Arizona action regarding immigration, alluding to states' rights, and added the law had nothing to do with racial profiling. He read an open letter printed in the Washington Times from actor Jon Voight to President Obama while interjecting his own religious comments.

Marc Haggerty reported that the effect of traffic calming devices in his neighborhood was remarkable. He said 90% of the traffic had been eliminated and that kids in the neighborhood were now safe. He said that neighbors related to each other in a better manner, too. He also asked that political parties find a way that third party's views could be heard in public debate. He said electoral reform would allow the country to have a better democracy.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION  
APPOINTMENTS

There was no legislation for final action at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND  
READING

There was no legislation for first reading at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST  
READING

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for July 7, 2010 be cancelled and that instead, the council hold a special session to hear a report by the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District (MCSWD) about a proposed Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

MOTION TO CHANGE MEETING  
ON JULY 7, 2010

Rollo asked if the discussion would be based on the report prepared by Strategic Development Group (SDG).

Volan said that SDG was commissioned to prepare a comprehensive report on the feasibility of the MRF with a specific site noted. He said

he felt that this was the best way to bring the discussion to the council without an obligation to cast a vote.

Motion to change 7-7-10 meeting  
(cont'd)

Sandberg asked where the report could be found. Volan said there were actually two reports. He said the June report related to the specific location of the old Otis plant, and that the April report was a general assessment of the District with an emphasis on the feasibility of a MRF and the District's operation. He said the June report and slides were distributed electronically.

Satterfield asked what impact Volan thought this report would have on the budget hearings as the project had a long way to go before it would become an item for which the city would include in the budget. Volan said that the first decision to be made by the city was interest in using the MRF for its recyclables. He said it should be considered as part of the discussion of the Sanitation Department budget. Satterfield asked when the report would be given if not at this special session. Volan said that the reports took over an hour to discuss at the District's board meetings, and that the council would need about the same amount of time, and that he was open for other suggestions as to how the reports would be presented.

Rollo asked if there would be any action taken at the end of the report. The answer from Volan was no. Rollo then asked if a quorum would be required at this meeting. Council Attorney/Administrator Dan Sherman stated that a quorum was needed in order for the council to meet. Rollo said he would like to also explore an organic sorting system and asked if this could be part of the discussion. Volan said there had not been a discussion at the District level and that it had not been formally studied, and that there would not be documentation of the process at the meeting. Volan added that the consultants and MCSWD Director would be able to address Rollo's questions during the presentation.

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

Mike Hanna said the emphasis on using native trees in city landscaping was commendable. He wondered, however, how the ginkgo tree could then be used in some areas, and asked that they be replaced by native trees.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Isabel Piedmont-Smith PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK  
City of Bloomington