

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

COMMON COUNCIL
Special SESSION
December 8, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Piedmont-Smith gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 10-05 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Do Pass Recommendation of 8-0-1. It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 10-05 be adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING

City Controller Mike Trexler noted that the ordinance approved \$120,000 in transfers between budget categories for various departments, approved the expenditure of \$362,000 that would be reimbursed from the State of Indiana, and would lastly approve \$128,000 in expenditures from reserve funds that were dedicated to the appropriate expenditure.

Appropriation Ordinance 10-05 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund, Parking Enforcement Fund, Sanitation Fund, Telecom Fund, Fire Pension Fund, Risk Management Fund, and Bond Funds Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Various Transfers of Funds within the General Fund, Parking Enforcement Fund, Sanitation Fund, and Telecom Fund for Animal Care & Control, Engineering, Police, Housing & Neighborhood Development, Community & Family Resources, City Council, Parking Enforcement, Sanitation, Street, Information & Technology Services; Appropriating Additional Funds from the Fire Pension Fund, Risk Management Fund, and Bond Funds)

He then explained the departmental budget line transfers that would be used for animal vaccines and medications, repair and parts for traffic counters, a police patrol car, fuel for code enforcement vehicles, education and outreach programs, docking station for a computer, additional nighttime enforcement in parking garages, desktop scanners, repair of a broken pay station in a garage, and fuel for sanitation trucks.

He noted that the Fire Pension Fund payouts for retirees of \$362,000 would be paid back from the State of Indiana. He noted that additional monies would be needed for worker's compensation and administration of the department. He said this category was originally under-budgeted, but was still under the 2009 budget. He said refunding of bonds had changed payment amounts and had not been incorporated in the original 2010 budget.

Trexler concluded by saying he counted on reversions at the end of the year that would, even with these additional appropriations, would bring the 2010 budget under the previous year's expenditures.

Piedmont-Smith asked about the worker's compensation fund. Trexler said that money was transferred into that fund at the beginning of each year for situations such as this, and that was what the fund was established for. Piedmont-Smith asked how each department was assessed for their share. Trexler said it was a flat amount per employee, and added that he'd have to verify that departments with a higher risk of injury would have an adjustment to that amount.

Volan thanked Trexler for answering questions from the previous committee meeting, and asked more about the parking enforcement fund. Their discussion - that the increase in the amount of money collected from meters was a result of the night time enforcement in the garages. Volan asked for the dates of employment and salary information for the two nighttime officers, and also for the amount of revenue collected that was directly attributable to the employment of these two officers. Trexler repeated his statement from the previous committee meeting that the amount was between \$115,000 and \$160,000.

Volan's comments noted that the email response to his questions came a little late for his full consideration. He also said he would like to see more detail in the information for which he asked.

Appropriation Ordinance 10-05
(cont'd)

Appropriation Ordinance 10-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Council Attorney/Administrator Dan Sherman highlighted several occasions in the proposed council schedule for 2011 which would deviate from the normal first four Wednesday meeting routine.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE for 2011

Piedmont-Smith noted that the first meeting in January was an organizational one followed immediately by a committee of the whole meeting with no meeting the following week. She said that she liked this arrangement and wished that this pattern would be followed more often. She said this would allow more time to consider comments of the public and other council members, more time to do follow up research. She said it was something she would pursue in the next year.

Piedmont-Smith also noted that the Bloomington Municipal Code stated that any proposed legislation and background materials be filed in the council office two weeks before the first reading. She noted that the practice was for the documents to be filed ten days before first reading. She encouraged the council to look at this discrepancy and possibly revising the code.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed council schedule be adopted.

The motion to adopt the 2011 council schedule was approved by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Volan).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Isabel Piedmont-Smith PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington