

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:30 pm with Council President Andy Ruff presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 4, 2009

Roll Call: Mayer, Piedmont, <sup>Smith</sup>Rollo, Ruff, Sandberg, Satterfield, Sturbaum, Volan, Wisler  
Absent: none

ROLL CALL

Council President Ruff gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

Four small corrections were made to the minutes as presented in the packet sent out for this meeting. The minutes of Organizational Session of January 7, 2009 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Mayer thanked the street, sanitation and utilities workers for their work in severe weather conditions to keep the city running.

REPORTS:  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Mike Satterfield thanked the city workers also. He noted that the heavy snow on trash days didn't deter the collection of trash. He reminded citizens to clear their sidewalks as a neighborly thing to do for children, seniors, and students who then wouldn't have to walk in the street.

Chris Sturbaum said that he and Mayer toured the Bloomington Hospital in conjunction with a needs assessment associated with a potential move of the hospital. He said that they were both struck by the dedicated workers at the hospital, and hoped that they could remain in the city limits.

Steve Volan explained council procedures to visitors, with special mention of a possibility of cancelling the next scheduled Committee Meeting. He also mentioned the Internal Work Sessions, and said that they were open to the public. He invited student visitors to stop by for more information on how the legislative process works. He noted that for many years, the Community Access Television Services had been broadcasting council meetings and other public meetings. He said it was a useful service, and thanked CATS for their participation in this effort.

Brad Wisler said the street crews had done a wonderful job, and wanted to make sure that citizens knew that the one evening that crews went home it was because they had been working for 20 hours straight. He said that they responded to special situations where folks were trapped and snowed in and praised them for this work.

Susan Sandberg noted that she would be joining County Councilmember Jill Lesh in sponsoring Citizen Breakfast meetings so that city and county residents could discuss items of interest to both the city and county. She said the next meeting would feature a food and beverage tax, and what might be done with it.

Isabel Piedmont-Smith reported that she had toured the Bloomington Bike Project, a volunteer run project that had been running for the past ten years. She said that it taught people how to repair bikes, and refurbished (and sold) bikes that folks no longer wanted in an atmosphere of cooperative work. She noted that the project was running out of space for storage. She praised this project that helps those in lower income brackets and supports alternative transportation.

Andy Ruff said it was important that folks clear their sidewalks, and thanked the city crews, public safety officers, and those who cleared

their sidewalks in what he called a fairly significant winter storm. Ruff also noted that HB1656 was being considered in the state legislature and that it would redirect certain highway money from funds dedicated to state highway uses to funds dedicated to local highway uses. He encouraged folks to speak to their representatives.

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS  
(cont'd)

Safe and Civil City Director Beverly Calendar-Anderson presented a proclamation from Mayor Kruzan to the Girl Scouts in honor of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day February 8, 2009. She listed the co-celebrants of this day, and noted activities surrounding it. Elizabeth Snell accepted the award while Girl Scouts Annaliese Haldeman and Hope Lavato gave Girl Scout cookies and Women's Basketball tickets to each council member. She spoke of the work of the Girl Scouts and thanked all for their work in advancing girls and women in the community.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

Pete Giordano, Director of the Community and Family Resources Department, told the council of the free State and Federal tax preparation and electronic filing services for low and moderate income persons with their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. He also announced the Black History Month Kick-Off event at city hall and noted a few of the many events that would take place during Black History Month. Susan Sandberg thanked him for bringing the IU Soul Review to the council chambers the previous Monday, noting the difference in tone from a council meeting!

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Jack Khan said he also did tax preparation at the Monroe County Public Library with the AARP program. He said anyone was welcome to use their service.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 09-02 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, stating that there was no committee recommendation. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 09-02 be adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

Jennifer Osterholt, Director of Bloomington Housing Authority, noted that the Payment in Lieu of Taxes that the council waives each year is really put to good use. She reviewed recent improvements made in their office, renovations of housing units, landscaping, and playground improvements. She showed slides of apartment renovations that would update the apartments and make them more energy efficient. She noted kitchen, computer lab, teen room and dance room improvements to the Crestmont Girls and Boy's Club as well as some outside improvements.

Ordinance 09-02 Waiving Current Payments in Lieu of Taxes by the Bloomington Housing Authority to the City.

There were not council questions or comments from the public on this Ordinance.

Sturbaum said it was good to see the positive changes in the units. Satterfield said it was good to find out about the bird project at the Club.

Osterholt said that there was a stigma living in public housing, but that folks were working hard to change this.

Mayer said that he had toured the area several times, and that changes were positive and the progress was noted.

Ordinance 09-02 (cont'd)

Sandberg said she supported these upgrades and changes, and that as a member of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee, was happy to support this ordinance. She thanked Osterholt for her work.

Ordinance 09-02 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

There was no legislation for first reading at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST  
READING

It was moved and seconded to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 11, 2009.

MOTION TO CANCEL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

There was no public comment at this point in the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

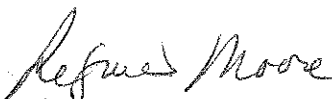
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Isabel Piedmont Smith, Vice  
~~Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT~~ President  
Bloomington Common Council



Regina Moore, CLERK  
City of Bloomington