

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, JUNE 17, 2009 at 7:30 pm with Council President Andy Ruff presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 17, 2009

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Ruff gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of June 3, 2009 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Mayer noted the passing of Rosemary Frasier.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Satterfield read a letter to the state legislators asking them to provide a real 2% raise in funding.

Councilmember Sturbaum spoke about the need to reform the health care system.

Councilmember Wisler asked that folks be careful of the rhetoric used. He encouraged people to pay attention to the funding for the Twenty-First Century Fund.

Councilmember Sandberg asked that we remember the arts and also offered condolences to Rosemary Frasier's family.

Councilmember Piedmont-Smith read a Wikipedia section on the Employee Free Choice Act and asked citizens to join her at a related rally in support of this Act front of the Chamber of Commerce.

Ruff noted Frasier's passing. He thanked Satterfield for writing the letter, Sturbaum for his words on health care. He said he planned to attend the events on EFCA that Piedmont-Smith discussed. He noted that the decline of the well-being of the middle class was closely correlated to weakened labor rights.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended by moving consideration of the Annual Tax Abatement Report immediately after Second Readings and Resolutions.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

MOTION TO MOVE REPORT
LATER ON THE AGENDA

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

PUBLIC INPUT

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS
LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 09-13 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 Resolution 09-13 be adopted.

Resolution 09-13 Authorizing the Allocation of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Program Funds for the Year 2009 and Other Related Matters

Sandberg, Committee Chair, thanked all who served on the committee and reported the allocations to the entire council.

Resolution 09-13 (cont'd)

Sturbaum noted that the funds were a small portion of the budgets of the organizations, and that their work was very important to the community.

Mayer thanked the committee and staff for their work. He said the decisions were always difficult and would continue to be in future years.

Wisler said that the level of funding closely matched the available funds. He noted that this year's funding was not as contentious as in past years.

Sandberg noted that it was a good process this year, and that she was pleased to have provided more funding than they anticipated. She noted that spending \$1 now saved the community \$4 in the future. She hoped for the support of all the council.

Resolution 09-13 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 09-10 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 Resolution 09-10 be adopted.

Patty Mulvihill, City Legal Department, said that when the Recovery Act went through, all of the money for both the Sheriff's Department and the Bloomington Police Department went into one check. The agreement was to indicate that the City was getting the check and would give the County their share of the allotment. She said that Chief Michael Diekhoff was present if they had any further questions about how the money would be spent.

There were no comments from the public.

Wisler said that he spoke to some officers who looked forward to new equipment.

Sandberg said that she fully supported this agreement.

Sturbaum said that he was really curious about what they were getting. Mulvihill said that they were getting new laptop computers, accessories and updated equipment for twenty vehicles and two motorcycles.

Ruff said that it was always nice to see Chief Diekhoff back in Chambers again.

Piedmont-Smith commented that the County was able to get two Ford Fusion vehicles for \$37,000; it seemed like a bargain to her.

Resolution 09-10 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Economic Development Director Danise Alano presented the Annual Tax Abatement Report to the council.

It was moved and seconded that the council accept the tax abatement report as presented.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the Economic Development Commission updated their guidelines in the last year to incorporate sustainability and geographic focal points. Alano told her that it was done, and would be presented to the council in the fall. Piedmont-Smith asked about the properties that did not submit a CF-1 and what recourse was available. Alano said that several offices were working closely to ensure that they all communicated and tracked abatements. Piedmont-Smith wanted to

Resolution 09-10 To Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana in Regard to the Recovery Act: Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT REPORT

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT REPORT (cont'd)

know if owners received abatements even if the CF-1 was not filed. Alano was not sure. Piedmont-Smith asked another question about the guidelines, and Alano declined to answer at that time because she did not want to misspeak.

Sandberg asked if scheduling the summary for a week later would give them enough additional time. Alano said that any additional time would be helpful in providing a more complete report.

Mayer asked if we knew why the Omega Building was having trouble with their retail space. Alano said that any answer would be speculation and she really did not have an answer. Mayer asked if IMA had a benchmark for indigent care. Alano said that she did not know, but in the past they had an aggregate of about \$900,000 for community spending.

Piedmont-Smith asked for clarification of some details in the report.

Ruff also asked for clarification.

Satterfield thanked Alano for the information, and said that he was happy to have served on the commission

Sturbaum said that the abatements are important incentives that helped the community.

Piedmont-Smith said that looking at the property tax lost versus the economic value was worth looking at when more information became available from the county. She said she was happy with what they had so far.

Ruff clarified Piedmont-Smith's comments to say that the money was not lost, but that the tax burden was shifted.

Mayer said that the annual report was good for showing the vagaries of the market. He said that it helped to educate the council.

Ruff said that he would like to see the benchmarks for IMA.

The Annual Tax Abatement Report received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that the Annual 2010 Schedule include a Special Session on the Fourth Wednesday in June to hear the Annual Tax Abatement Report

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

Appropriation Ordinance 09-04 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund and Risk Management Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds for Worker's Compensation Expenses)

Appropriation Ordinance 09-05 To Specially Appropriate from the Telecom Non-Reverting Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds to Purchase an Enterprise Planning

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING (cont'd)

System for the City)

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


PUBLIC INPUT


The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:


Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council


Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington