

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 7:30 pm with Council Vice President Isabel Piedmont-Smith presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 1, 2009

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

ROLL CALL

Council Vice President Piedmont-Smith gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of February 4, 2009 and May 6, 2009 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Satterfield noted the July 4th holiday would be celebrated in the coming weekend. He asked that folks think about freedom, and consider the price that some have paid for it. He wished everyone a safe holiday weekend.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Chris Sturbaum said that the B-Line was full of people and that it was working. He said he thought of this as a milestone and one of hundreds of things done in the city over the last 20 years.

Steve Volan wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and wished Canadian friends a Happy Canada Day (July 1).

Susan Sandberg announced the Arts Across America project which hosted young artists from Guatemala to create a mural along the B-Line. She announced vacancies on the Bloomington Community Arts Commission and gave application information. She encouraged citizens to be generous in donating to the AmVets 4th of July fireworks display expenses.

Brad Wisler reported on the 21st Century Fund budget that he said had been partially restored in the final State budget. He said it was a research and technology fund that would provide funds for start up companies that are really innovative, and added that Bloomington was primed to take advantage of this program.

Danny Lopez, City Communications Director, announced that the City would extend the 2 for 1 cat adoption program through the month of July.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Randy Paul gave an update to the council on the Area 10 Agency on Aging contract with the BT Access drivers. He said that union supporters were being targeted and gave an example of a directive to a driver in regards to workman's compensation fraud. He added that new drivers were being hired, while old drivers were not getting enough hours. He said there was no negotiation being done with drivers. He said that the agency was being rewarded with tax money for new equipment when their contract with BT was being dropped. He asked the council to use any of its influence at the county level to help with this problem.

PUBLIC INPUT

David R Grubb spoke about the environment saying that our local lakes had pollution problems and that we needed to clean them up, as well as the landfill. He said that we cannot live with this poison in our environment.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 09-11 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, stating that there was no committee recommendation.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 09-11 be adopted.

Resolution 09-11 To Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana in Regard to the Second Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award in 2009 (Funding for the Bloomington/Monroe County Audio-Video Recording Equipment Upgrade Project)

Patty Mulvihill, Assistant City Attorney, said this was a second Justice Assistance Grant from the Federal government. She noted that the city's portion would be \$34,358, and the county council will receive about \$7000. She explained that the Federal government was only issuing one check to Monroe County and the interlocal agreement would stipulate the City would receive the money and would agree to disburse the appropriate funds to Monroe County. The police department would use this money to update all their audio and recording equipment in their interview rooms.

There was no public comment or council comment on this resolution.

Resolution 09-11 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 09-04 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 7-0-0.

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

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 09-04 be adopted.

Mike Trexler, City Controller, would appropriate general funds for the purpose of risk management fund and then appropriate those funds to cover the cost of worker's compensation. He said that the claims from the end of 2008 were the cause of this need.

There were no comments from the public or council on this ordinance.

Appropriation Ordinance 09-04 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 09-04 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the committee recommendation of do pass 5-0-2.

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

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 09-04 be adopted.

Mike Trexler, City Controller, noted the accounting portion of the ordinance.

Rick Dietz, Director of the Information and Technology Services Department, spoke about the need for an Enterprise Resource Planning System to replace the current financial and payroll systems, add a new human resource information system and replace the current utility billing system. He said that in addition to those needs, the system would provide greater capacity for grant management, training and tracking and budgeting. He said that the system would fit our needs rather than needing an excessive amount of customization. He said costs would be reduced by reducing staff time, annual licensing fees, and third party consultants to maintain the system.

Dietz said vendors considered would be ones whose products were tailored to governmental agencies and said he hoped for more efficiency

with an included document management system. Trexler said that this was not a mere \$500,000 purchase but was considered an investment that would pay for itself in a short time.

Satterfield asked about the software programming costs vs. the personnel costs and consulting fees. Dietz said that the cost would include the purchase, and a year's support for the implementation and porting of existing data, training, and research needed to implement the program. The cost to the city in implementation could be reflected in the high level of buy in from city staff using the current system.

Satterfield asked where money would come from if the change to the new system would require more funding. Dietz said ideally it would not need more funds due to the bidding process and contract. Satterfield said that he would always anticipate problems and additional resources needed in this type of situation. Dietz said that was the current situation. Trexler said that the bids would include everything that the city wanted, and that they were doing everything possible to not go over that amount. Dietz said that the track record of the product and satisfaction of the current client base would factor into any decision.

Wisler asked if any other departmental functions would be included in this package. Dietz said that the main consideration would include those core functions mentioned earlier, but that they would also look at secondary functions and future offerings from the company. There was specific mention of the Parks and Recreation Department. Dietz noted that P&R was well satisfied with their current system.

Wisler asked about areas covered by this purchase. Dietz reiterated that the core would be mainly financial with the foundation of a payroll system, utility billing and a human resource management system. He added that secondary modules would be for grants management, scenario based budgets, requisition tracking and document imaging.

Wisler asked if a project management component would be part of this system. Dietz said all the systems that the city has reviewed so far have the ability to flag projects for accounting purposes. He said that some of the larger projects are being tracked in Next Steps, but that it would not tie into a new ERP system.

Volan thanked Dietz for his answers to questions raised in the committee meeting. He then asked to what extent the public would benefit from the ERP. Dietz said that the benefits would be indirect as the city would be more efficient in managing resources such as staff time. Trexler and Dietz agreed that the utility billing component would allow rate payers to track their usage. Trexler said financial information would be updated more frequently online.

Volan asked if there were plans to document their transition to the new system, with city employee input. Dietz said it would not be a problem to do this.

Piedmont-Smith asked if this system would facilitate communication with the county, as in tax abatement report information from the auditor's office. Dietz said that the city would be able to produce reports faster and more effectively, but was not sure how that would help the county. Dietz also noted that the county does not have a unified ERP system, but that different departments maintained their records with different systems. Trexler said that the flow of information really comes from the state through the county to the city and that this system probably would not have an impact on that.

Satterfield said he was pleased to see document management as a priority in this purchase. He asked if there was going to be a librarian to manage the documents. Dietz said that an additional person would not be needed, but that when there is a record of a transaction there might also be a scanned version of that record. Satterfield asked if the documents in the system would include interdepartmental memos or meeting minutes. Dietz said that the documents would be the ones associated with the financial system at first.

Piedmont-Smith noted that the council had received a question by email that Dietz had answered, and asked him to explain the answer regarding back up of the new system in more layman terms. Dietz said that the backup currently was one using both digital disks and tapes and that the city was confident of these arrangements and would continue to use them. He added that the new ERP system would have a live fail-over companion so that if it were to go down, within milliseconds, it would flip over to its companion virtual server.

There was no public comment on this appropriation ordinance.

Final council comments included the following:

Wisler said he appreciated Dietz's quick responses to questions that had come up during the week. He encouraged Dietz and Trexler to visit or interview employees who had been using the systems on a day-to-day basis. He said that its reception by users would have a great impact on the cost of the system. He said he was concerned with the "anything would be better than what we have now" attitude. He also encouraged them to think ahead to accommodate changes with additional modules so that another migration or large purchase would not be needed. He offered his support.

Volan thanked Grundmann, Dietz and Trexler for their work and responses to questions offered. He said he would like to explain to an uninitiated citizen just how much of an improvement this system would make. He said that a year from now he would like a report from Dietz on specific ways that employees in city hall had benefitted from the system, how much time had been saved in doing a task and how much more easy it was to generate a particular report.

Satterfield said a conversion would be a bit chaotic but in the end it would pay off. He cautioned Dietz not to set the bar too high on his expectations. Satterfield said he was concerned about the use of the Telecommunications Fund for this project. He said his concern was rooted in the problems of changing from a local franchise agreement to a state level agreement with local overrides and other problems with regard to broadcast of local government. He used this to explain his earlier statement that he would like to see more investment on the audio visual side of things. He added that this purchase would pay off, especially if the project was broadened and used to make city documents more available to the citizenry.

Appropriation Ordinance 09-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8,
Nays: 0.

There was no legislation for introduction at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for July 8, 2009 be cancelled and that instead, the council hold a special session at 7 pm on that date in order to begin

MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL
SESSION ON JULY 8, 2009

consideration of Ordinance 09-12 which amends several provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance.

Motion To Hold Special Session On
July 8, 2009 (cont'd)

Volan noted that this ordinance was the first revision of the Unified Development Ordinance that was passed in 2006 and that it was an extremely important process. He said that the Plan Commission heard 95 amendments and that there were four meetings scheduled to handle this business. He asked for support of this motion.

The motion was approved by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Randy Paul continued his earlier update to the council on the contract negotiations with drivers for BT Access employed by Area 10 on Aging. He told of the frustration of trying to get information and his contacts with the state Public Access Counselor.

PUBLIC INPUT

He noted that he had been told conflicting information about the financial status of the Agency, and that the data was a key part of the negotiating process.

He spoke about the importance of the Employee Free Choice Act before congress and said that it was important that this legislation be passed to avoid this type of problem with union negotiations in the future.

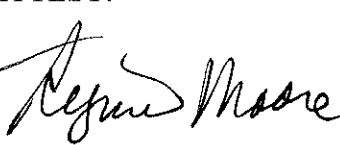
He asked for any help that the council could give in this regard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington