

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 7:30 pm with City Clerk Regina Moore presiding over the Organizational Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
JANUARY 9, 2008

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Regina Moore explained that since this was the first council meeting of a new term there was no presiding officer of the council. She noted that the secretary of the body, the City Clerk, would preside until the election of officers was completed.

There was no objection to suspension of the rules to elect officers out of the sequence of the published agenda.

It was moved and seconded that following slate of officers be elected:
President Susan Sandberg
Vice President Andy Ruff
Parliamentarian Steve Volan

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved and seconded to close nominations.

This slate was approved by a voice vote. Council Members changed seats in accordance with their new positions as assigned by the new president. New Council President Sandberg thanked outgoing president Rollo for his service, and presented him with an engraved gavel to commemorate his term as president.

Council President Sandberg gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes to be approved at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Rollo welcomed new council members and welcomed former members back. He thanked all members of the last council for their work and gave a quick review of what he considered the most significant legislation of 2007. He thanked the council staff and clerk for their help, adding that it was a pleasure to preside over the meetings. He concluded by thanking the mayor for his vision in the last year and noted he was looking forward to the new year's work.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Tim Mayer welcomed new members Piedmont and Satterfield to the council and wished citizens a Happy New Year.

Brad Wisler noted he had just returned from Tempe, Arizona where he enjoyed the hospitality of the city officials but didn't enjoy the IU Hoosiers' loss in the Insight Bowl game. He welcomed the new council members and noted his priorities for the year would be to focus on infrastructure improvements with council member Sturbaum. He noted that recycling and sanitation improvements for efficiency and cost saving measures were areas that he intended to work on, and would do so before the budget sessions.

Mike Satterfield said he was glad to be aboard, and said he was honored to be serving. He thanked Mike Diekhoff and his family for their support, and said he looked forward to working with the city staff.

Isabel Piedmont thanked those who made it possible for her to represent District 5 on the council. She said she wanted to focus her energy on her campaign issues while not losing sight of the Environmental Commission reports, with special attention to the continuing loss of

greenspace in the city. She noted global warming, peak oil and other urgent global issues could be addressed on a local level and she was eager to work on them in 2008.

Chris Sturbaum said he was excited about the optimism and change anticipated on a national level. He lauded Rollo for his legislative overview of the last year, but he preferred to think back on the entire four year term. He said that the people had spoken and wisely chosen a great council. He looked forward to working with everyone. He noted that our city was alive and viable, that it had been steered in this direction and would continue to be.

Steve Volan said he was glad that Wisler had gone to Tempe, but sorry the Hoosiers lost the game. He thanked the voters of District 6 for returning him to the seat. Volan said he was glad to be serving as parliamentarian, and added that it was not enough for government to be transparent, but it must also be apparent. He continued by saying that his goal was to make the meeting and council procedures clearer to the public so that all were treated fairly and even handedly. He noted that he would work on the Solid Waste Management District Board to help establish a policy of zero net waste in which the City of Bloomington and Monroe County would consider everything that they disposed of to be, not trash, but a resource to be reused. He said he would like to work towards recyclable collection in apartment complexes and businesses city wide, as well as the localization of glass recycling. He said he also looked forward to helping the Garden Hill Neighborhood Association get reestablished and deal with problems unique to that area of his district. He also noted that he would like to bring to the attention of Indiana University that the whole City of Bloomington was their campus, and that their campus should be an integral part of the city if all were to continue to prosper. Lastly he noted that he had transportation issues he wanted to work on, but that there was too much to discuss at this time. He noted his eagerness to work with the excellent group that made up the current council and especially welcomed Satterfield and Piedmont.

Andy Ruff said that everything on his list had already been said, but wanted to specially welcome Satterfield and Piedmont. He thanked the council for their confidence and support in electing him Vice President of the council this year. He thanked Council Staff members Dan Sherman and Stacy Jane Rhodes for their work, and also Clerk Regina Moore. He said he was excited to work with the second Kruzan administration and said this would be even better than the first term. He said he was happy to work with all the city employees to deliver services that citizens wanted, and that it would be done as efficiently and effectively as possible. He noted that the council, community groups, city administration, neighborhoods and all citizens of the community would be working together to move Bloomington in a better and more sustainable direction.

Susan Sandberg said that the council members were there to serve the very best interests of Bloomington. She said that it was her privilege to be president of the body and would serve with a fair and steady hand. She welcomed Satterfield and Piedmont, saying that they would bring fresh ideas to the council's deliberations, and added that they were well prepared to serve. She noted that she was happy to be able to say that she was not the only woman member of this council. She thanked Kruzan, Sherman, Rhodes, Moore, department heads and professional staff of the city for their dedication to their important jobs. She specifically addressed petitioners and members of the public that email council members, invite them to community meetings, watch the council from home or the council chambers by saying that the council learns

from them and welcomes their opinions. Taking a traditional phrase from the Oath Of Office, Sandberg concluded by addressing council members saying that she looked forward to serving with them *according to law and to the best of their skill and abilities.*

Reports from Council Members
(cont'd)

There were no reports from the mayor at this meeting.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no new reports from any council committees.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Citizen Milt Minor spoke on gasoline saving research and testing done in the earlier part of this century.

PUBLIC INPUT

It was moved and seconded that the following persons be appointed to the following boards and commissions.

BOARD AND COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that the following appointments to various Council Positions be considered:

Citizens Advisory Committee (Community Development Block Grants)

-Social Services	Mike Satterfield
-Physical Improvements	Timothy Mayer
Commission for Bloomington Downtown	Chris Sturbaum
Economic Development Commission (City)	Mike Satterfield
Economic Development Commission (County)	Regina Moore
Environmental Resource Advisory Committee	Dave Rollo
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Andy Ruff
Plan Commission Jan-June	Chris Sturbaum
Plan Commission June-Dec	Isabel Piedmont
Solid Waste Management District	Stephen Volan
Urban Enterprise Association Board	Chris Sturbaum
Utilities Services Board	Timothy Mayer
Bloomington Economic Development Corporation	Susan Sandberg
Bloomington Commission on Sustainability	Dave Rollo
Peak Oil Task Force	Dave Rollo

The nominations were approved by a voice vote.

President Sandberg appointed the following council members to the Council Social Services Funding Committee:

Mayer, Piedmont, Ruff, Sandberg and Satterfield

President Sandberg appointed the following council members to the Council Sidewalk Committee:

Piedmont, Rollo, Sturbaum and Wisler

President Sandberg noted that she had asked council members Mayer and Volan to join her on a Rules Committee that would review the council's rules regarding meetings and procedures. She noted that she had asked Council Attorney/Administrator Dan Sherman and Clerk Regina Moore to serve also. Finally she noted that the first meeting of this committee would be held on Monday, January 14, 2008, in the council library at noon.

President Sandberg appointed council members to Board and Commission Interview Committees as they served in the past year and added that new council member Satterfield would be serving on the committees in place of former council member Diekhoff, and new member Piedmont would take the place of former council member Sabbagh. She noted that one exception would be that Piedmont would serve on the interview committee for the Tree Commission.

Sandberg noted that the complete list would be available on-line or with the City Clerk's office.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)

President Sandberg assigned council members Ruff, Rollo and Volan to serve as an ad hoc interview committee for the Peak Oil Task Force.

President Sandberg asked City Clerk Moore to speak about vacancies on City of Bloomington citizen boards and commissions. Moore noted that the end of January was the traditional date for terms on various boards and commissions to expire, and that there were several coming up this year. She explained how citizens could apply for these seats, and also other vacant seats that might be available.

There was no legislation discussed at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FINAL ACTION

There was no legislation to be introduced at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Since there was no legislation to discuss in a committee meeting that was originally scheduled to follow this meeting, President Sandberg asked for a motion to cancel that meeting. It was moved and seconded that that the Committee of the Whole meeting be canceled. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Motion to Cancel Committee Meeting following this session.

Milt Minor again came to the podium to finish his comments and give citations for his research.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington