

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:30 pm with Council President Susan Sandberg presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 21, 2008

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Sandberg gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes approved at this session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wisler reported that he spoke to the consultants who were working on the feasibility study on passenger rails throughout Indiana. He said they were doing a thorough job and soliciting input not just from stakeholders, but from the public as well.

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Wisler added that he and Councilmember Volan attended the Congress for the New Urbanism, and that they would begin a series of brief reports starting at the next Regular Session.

Councilmember Piedmont said she was pleased with the turnout at the opening of the B-Line Trail.

Councilmember Satterfield recognized the city staff for initiating efforts to help employees carpool.

Councilmember Volan acknowledged that he and Wisler would be presenting information from the Congress of the New Urbanism, and said there was so much they had heard that it had taken them a couple of months to break down all of the information for presentation to the Council.

Councilmember Sandberg announced the 2nd Annual Dancing with the Celebrities to benefit Bloomington charities.

Mayor Kruzan reported that there were more than 200 people in attendance at the B-Line Trail celebration. He thanked the Bloomington Board of Realtors for their \$50,000 donation for construction of the 2nd Street Plaza for the trail. He also thanked Irwin Union Bank who contributed \$7500. toward a public art installation on the trail. Construction on the B-Line will begin later this month. The Mayor also announced the opening of Bryan Park and Mills Pool, along with the opening of Griffey Lake Boathouse for boat rentals. He reminded all to apply for the Citizens Academy sponsored by the HAND Department. He also mentioned that June was Cat Month with special two-for-one cat adoptions at the Shelter, and reminded the public that the Shelter was in need of volunteers.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

As a part of his commitment to bring timely information to the Council, the Mayor said he would provide updates and news briefs. To that end, talked about the West 2nd St. resurfacing project. He said that Public Works Director Susie Johnson had approached him with a creative resurfacing plan, and he wanted the public to learn more about it. As a background, the Mayor reminded the Council that the West 3rd St. phase II project from Landmark to Franklin would add sidewalks, bike lanes, upgraded signalizations and intersections, turn lanes and a raised landscaped median, with construction to begin in 2009. Because of that construction and likely delays, he said there would be added use of West 2nd St.

Report on the 2nd St. resurfacing project

Mayor Kruzan said there was already a resurfacing project in place for

2nd St. With the projected increase use of 2nd St. during the 3rd St. construction, Public Works reexamined the existing 2nd St. project and created a proposal by Johnson and Justin Wykoff, Manager of Engineering Services. It proposes a paving and striping plan, signal upgrades and placement of landscaped medians designed to improve traffic flow and maintaining the roadway within the existing shoulder. Kruzan said this creative and progressive approach to resurfacing 2nd street should help with the traffic flow once the 3rd St. construction begins. He added that only currently paved or crushed stone areas will be resurfaced. He added that medians and greenery would be used for safety and beautification purposes, bus pull out lanes and turning lanes would be added and public safety would be enhanced through the installation of intersections and signal upgrades and as lane width is reduced which will slow traffic speed while maintaining traffic flow. Susie Johnson, Director, Public Works and Justin Wykoff, Manger of Engineering Services presented the resurfacing project report. Wykoff said the project would extend from Twin Lakes Park eastward to Walker St. He said throughout the project there were driveways to be considered and shoulder areas that would be upgraded from gravel to asphalt. He said that they looked for areas where additional green space could be added. He noted that lane widths would be reduced to both create additional lanes and reduce speed. He added that there was an area near Landmark where there was space to create a bus pull-off and said turn signals and green space would be added at the Landmark intersection.

Wykoff said the entire project was a creative approach to be as efficient as possible with the area that existed in order to maximize improvements without having to make any more major improvements. Councilmember Satterfield asked how the green space areas would be created. Wykoff said the area could be dug and replaced with clean soil by "pinning" in the area which would not damage the surrounding asphalt.

Councilmember Rollo asked about the potential of bike lanes or sidepaths since 2nd St. was included in the bike and Pedestrian Plan. Wykoff said that wasn't part of this project, since this was just a resurfacing project. However, it would be considered with future construction projects.

Mayor Kruzan added that since this was only a resurfacing project, there would be no right-of-way acquisition at this point. He emphasized that this is not the West 2nd St. improvement and expansion project, but rather just an enhanced paving plan which is being done in anticipation to accommodate the diverted traffic from the West 3rd St. expansion project to West 2nd St.

Councilmember Volan said he was very pleased by this innovative project with the inclusion of green space. He asked if the lane increase would be for through traffic or just turn lanes. Wykoff said it would still be two lanes each way, and that the increase would be in turn lanes. Volan asked if sharrows could be added on 2nd St. as had been done on College and Walnut. Wykoff said all options would be considered. Johnson said she wanted to seek other input before commenting on the efficacy of sharrows.

Councilmember Wisler mentioned that one thing he had learned was how medians and green space would also be used as a bioswail for water treatment, and wondered if that could incorporated with this project. Johnson said this would be applicable for a new road, since new construction would be required to make that design work, but since this would be just repaving, it wouldn't be included.

Councilmember Sturbaum asked who would be responsible for maintaining the green space. Johnson said Parks and Recreation had agreed to be responsible for the maintenance.

Councilmember Ruff reported that at their upcoming meeting, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planned to adopt the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a requirement for federal funding.

Councilmember Sandberg reported that Mike Cagle had resigned from the Bloomington Community Arts Commission, and that he served long and well, and would be missed. She urged an interested person to apply for this Commission opening. She deferred to Clerk Moore for additional information. Moore said that on the city web site, under Boards and Commission there was a link for applications that could be submitted electronically.

Andy Davis and Melissa Henige reported on their upcoming bike trip across the country from Bloomington to San Francisco with the goal of documenting what citizens are doing to make their communities or businesses more sustainable. They will be using CATS equipment to record and transmit their findings. The title of their upcoming series will be "Changing Gears". They said they hope their information will be instructive for Bloomington.

Councilmember Rollo suggested that if they traveled through South Dakota they should plan to visit the new wind farm which was proposed to be the largest ever.

Councilmember Volan said he was excited for their trip and to keep up to date with their blog.

Gabe Rivera said all the major issues affecting the world today could be ended by ending drug prohibition which is the root of those issues. He said the country was being run by genocidal manias and the New World Order. He said the end of all oppression could happen in Bloomington by ending the drug war.

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

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 08-08 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Committee Do-Pass Recommendation of 8-0-0, It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 08-08 be adopted.

Danise Alano, Director of Economic Development, City of Bloomington said this was for the issuance of Economic Development Revenue Bonds for a multi-family affordable housing project. These bonds would not be repaid with taxpayer monies, but would be solely payable by the borrower and would allow the company to acquire the property and rehabilitate it through tax exempt bonds. This was the final step in a process that the Council began last year with the Inducement Resolution for the bonds.

Ordinance 08-08 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 08-07 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, saying that there was no committee recommendation on this item.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 08-07 be adopted.

Council Attorney/Administrator said this was a routine measure that occurs when a pension agent leaves. He said that this resolution would appoint Michael Trexler, Controller and Daniel Grundmann, director of Employee Services as Pension Agents for the City. It also appointed

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- MPO
- BCAC

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BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

Ordinance 08-08 Ordinance Authorizing the City of Bloomington, Indiana to Issue Its "City of Bloomington, Indiana Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 (Henderson Court Apartments Project)" and Approving and Authorizing Other Actions in Respect Thereto

Resolution 08-07 To Authorize Agents to Accept Pension Liability on Behalf of the City of Bloomington

Christa Browning, controller for the transit Corporation as pension Agent for the Transit Account Councilmember Volan asked who the previous Pension Agents were. Sherman said it was Susan Clark. Councilmember Piedmont asked if the Transit Controller was always included. Sherman said the City Controller may have acted as Agent. When the Transit corporation asked to have their Controller serve in that function, the City agreed.

Resolution 08-07 (cont'd)

Resolution 08-07 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, 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 08-02 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund, Parks Land Acquisition Fund, Parks General Fund, and Risk Management Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds from the General Fund For Housing and Neighborhood Development; Appropriating Funds from the Parks Land Acquisition Fund and Parks General Fund for Parks and Recreation; and Appropriating Funds from the Risk Management Fund for Worker's Compensation)

Appropriation Ordinance 08-02

Ordinance 08-09 To Amend Ordinance 07-18 Which Fixed the Salaries of Appointed Officers, Non-Union and A.F.S.C.M.E. Employees For All the Departments of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, For the Year 2008 – Re: Positions in the Employee Services Department, Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation, and Utilities

Ordinance 08-09

Melissa Henige said she would endorse having the Bike and Pedestrian Commission reviewing the West 2nd St. resurfacing plans for recommendations on bile and side paths.

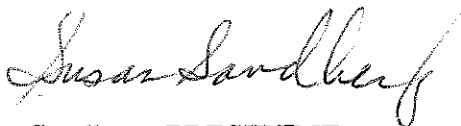
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington