

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 2, 2007, 2007

Roll Call: Wisler, Diekhoff, Ruff, Sandberg, Rollo, Sturbaum, Volan, Sabbagh, Mayer (left meeting at 8:55 pm).

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Brad Wisler reminded citizens of the primary election and gave information on voting early.

Steve Volan mused about the prospects of recycling glass bottles in the future. He announced "Dancing with the Celebrities" as a fundraiser for various charities and said he would be participating as a dancer.

Chris Sturbaum talked about issues he had with the 10th and Morton project that would be discussed at the Plan Commission meeting on the following Monday. He noted a student residential development was the first coming to the commission after the new UDO passage. He was concerned about the height of the building as it would tower over the adjacent building and the project would cover an entire city block. He said the project's parking garage vents and doors would be facing a street where pedestrians would be walking so it would not be pedestrian friendly. He said he believed the long term public good should be taken into consideration in this project which would set precedence as to how the Plan Commission interpreted this new ordinance.

Tim Mayer highlighted the Postal Workers food drive and wished them well.

Dave Rollo noted that water bottles presented to the council were from Walnut Grove, a local bottler. He announced Stone Belt's art exhibit in City Hall. The photos portrayed the Mayor and Council members in art. He invited the public to come see those pieces along with others from the Stone Belt artists that were on display in the atrium.

Deputy Mayor James McNamara introduced Jerry Sutherlin of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He read a proclamation by Mayor Kruzan pronouncing May 12, 2007 to be Letter Carriers Community Food Drive Day in Bloomington. The proclamation encouraged citizens to leave food by their mailboxes and contribute to the drive in a friendly competition with the Purdue community. McNamara noted that Liz Feitl was present at the meeting to help Sutherlin promote the drive.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

McNamara read another mayoral proclamation recognizing May 1-7, 2007 as "211 Service Awareness Week." The proclamation explained that the 211 Telephone Dialing Option service provides citizens with information about human and social services and will serve as an information and referral service for social service agencies in the county.

McNamara reported on the City's collaboration with Bloom Magazine's "Picture Pawfect" event. He said that 175 dogs attended with their owners to raise awareness and funds (almost \$1000) for the animal shelter and its adoption campaign. He thanked the editor of the magazine Malcolm Abrams and his dog Sophie for help in pulling this event together and added that the picture of participants with their dogs would be featured in the June/July issue of the magazine.

McNamara reported that the Be Beautiful Bloomington campaign, sponsored by the City and the Downtown Bloomington Commission, cleaned up the downtown on May 1, 2007. He thanked the sponsors, participants, and city departments involved. The volunteers picked up 2000 pounds of trash which doubled what was gathered the previous year.

Lastly, McNamara read a proclamation from the Mayor designating May 15, 2007 as Peace Officer's Day and the week of May 13-19, 2007 as Police Week to pay tribute to law enforcement officers. He noted that the Peace Officers Service would take place on May 15th and would honor those police and firefighters who gave their lives in the course of duty.

There were no reports from council committees at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Gail Merrill, of Water's Edge Drive in Bloomington, spoke as the District 9 leader of the Department of Peace Campaign. She asked that the Council consider a formal endorsement in support of House Resolution 808 that proposed a U.S. cabinet level Department of Peace be established. She said that the work of this department would impact all city residents with its international and domestic work. It would use federal resources in conflict resolution, being a clearing house for best practices in peace building programs, recidivism, domestic abuse, and other types of violence. She said a National Peace Academy would be established to educate emissaries of the concept. Merrill supplied the council with information about the contents of the bill, sponsors of the bill, statistics on violence in the country, and samples of resolutions supporting the bill from other cities.

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Adrian Ziepol, a 40-year resident of the community, said the Department of Peace and Non-Violence would not change policy, but would indicate to the world that the attainment of peace was important to the people of this country. He urged the council to support this concept with a resolution.

Ingrid Skoog, a Bloomington resident for over 20 years and professional mediator, noted that in addition to Bloomington being "Tree City" she would enjoy Bloomington being known as the "Peace City."

Christy Campbell, a resident of Bloomington and recent SPEA graduate, thanked the council for listening to the presenters and encouraged the council to be a trendsetter in support of a Department of Peace. She said that her previous work with probation and domestic violence gave her insight into the impact of this department's work. She noted also that conflict is bad for the economy and the quality of life of communities.

David Keppel, Bloomington resident, thanked the Council for their work and spoke of the Department of Peace initiative. Recalling that the Department of Defense influenced how the US approached the world and its problems after World War II, he said that a Department of Peace could also influence our country's approach to international relations. He noted the country's mass investment in war drained its financial status, and said that the investment encouraged the psychology of war. Keppel said he wished that the US Congress was as concerned and receptive as the Bloomington City Council.

Isabel Piedmont stated that the Indiana University Board of Trustees would make a decision on outsourcing bookstore services at IU and thanked the council for supporting the staff and employees by opposing the outsourcing services. She noted that cost savings of this outsourcing were to be had at the expense of the workers, their benefits, and the living wages they presently earned. She also noted that the level of

service would not increase, and costs of textbooks and services to students would rise. She urged the public to pay attention to this issue.

PUBLIC INPUT (cont'd)

Rollo named Sturbaum, Ruff and Sandberg to the Historic Preservation Interview Committee.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that the Ordinance 07-06 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Committee Do-Pass Recommendation of 9-0-0. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 07-06 be adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

Ordinance 07-06 To Amend Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Unified Development Ordinance" – Re: To Correct Drafting Errors With Respect to Allowing Accessory Chicken Flocks in the Residential Core (RC) District; Establishing of Maximum Residential Density in the Business Park (BP) and Medical (MD) Districts, and Identification of Districts in Which Use of Dwelling Unit Equivalents is Permitted

Planning Director Tom Micuda noted that Ordinance 07-06 would correct three minor errors in the Unified Development Ordinance passed last year. The first correction to the UDO would allow accessory chicken flocks in the Residential Core Zoning districts. The second correction would add multifamily density limitations for the Business Park and Medical Zoning districts, and the final correction would revise the definition of Dwelling Unit Equivalent to specify zoning districts where such units would occur. Micuda said that the correction would reward those developers who have lower count units. He stated these were the three amendments for now, but there would be more substantial amendments to come before the end of the year.

Sturbaum noted that these were simple clerical errors which needed to be corrected and that the Council should approve the ordinance.

Rollo asked for public comment. There was none.

Ordinance 07-06 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that the Ordinance 07-09 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Committee Do-Pass Recommendation of 6-0-2. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 07-09 be adopted.

Ordinance 07-09 To Amend Ordinance 06-14 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 2007 – Re: Positions in the Community and Family Resources Department, Office of the Mayor, and Parks and Recreation

Director of Employee Services Daniel Grundmann described the ordinance. He said Employee Services constantly looks at job description changes. He said that the department considers organizational structure and budgetary considerations within and between surrounding departments before amendments are proposed to the salary ordinances. He then gave an overview of the changes in job descriptions and departments that Employee Services had reviewed that resulted in this ordinance.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 07-09 be divided so that the changes in the office of the Mayor would be separated from the other position changes.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION

Rollo stated that the requirements for this motion needs a second, a simple majority to pass, and may not be reconsidered.

Sabbagh stated that there are two distinct elements to this ordinance because Parks and Recreation had no fiscal impact, but the proposed changes in the Mayors office would have significant fiscal impact.

The motion to divide the question received a roll call vote of Ayes: 3 (Wisler, Sabbagh, Volan), Nays: 6 (Diekhoff, Rollo, Mayer, Sturbaum, Sandberg, Ruff) and therefore failed.

Economic Development Director Danise Alano said the two new positions would allow the economic development department to expand and enhance the efforts the Mayor's office already had underway. She stated the Assistant Director of Economic Development of the Arts

Discussion on Ordinance 07-09

would spearhead the development of the Bloomington Entertainment Arts District, and would also engage in helping with public arts projects. She noted other duties such as assisting with gallery exhibits would fall under this position. The second assistant director position would be in charge of small business and sustainable development. This person would be a liaison to the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and help Teen Green's Efforts. They would be a small business advocate and ensure small business concerns were addressed.

Discussion on Ordinance 07-09 (cont'd)

Mayer said the arts are an important aspect of economic development and we need to take initiative to support this position.

Sandberg stated she was in support of the ordinance because the arts are an important aspect of economic development and felt that the ordinance was a fiscally responsible proposal.

Wilser said the Council should focus its efforts on expanding the way we look at economic development. He said he was a business owner and from his business alone there were \$25,000 of incremental tax withholding that could be staying in Bloomington and suspects that many businesses in the community would be in the same boat. Wisler said he hoped this ordinance would create an opportunity to focus more resources on local activities. He would support it with the understanding that the additional resources go to focus on outreach efforts and helping businesses understand the importance of reporting paperwork. This will attract future employers and create jobs.

Sabbagh said that he has seen staff added to the Mayor's office but has not seen any significant results. He said there was a lack of understanding of economic development at the City. He added that he had serious concerns about adding employees to the Mayor's office and would not be supporting this ordinance because the Mayor's office sections were not separated from the other changes.

Sturbaum stated that he supported putting more people in the Economic Development Department. He said it was good businesses to invest money into hiring people that will keep Bloomington business going.

Ruff stated he was encouraged to see the emphasis on the sustainability component in one of the positions. He said we were entering a period where local sustainability would be very important. He said he was happy to see the expanded definition of economic development by the Kruzan Administration, and believed this had kept Bloomington moving in a positive direction. He stated he did not agree with Councilmember Sabbagh's opinion that there have been no results in economic development. He said he found it confusing that some folks are quick to attribute job growth to the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation, but dismiss the efforts of local government such as the Kruzan Administration who were expanding economic development efforts. He said that local government was a major factor in helping with economic growth.

Wisler said we have an opportunity locally to recycle glass. He believed we were currently spending a lot of dollars to transport glass, and wanted to know what the City can do to recycle and reuse glass.

Rollo stated that economic development did not just consist of growing jobs or money, but was development that enhances quality of life. He said he believed this was an innovative approach which focused on sustainability and was visionary in terms of our economy.

Ordinance 07-09 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Sabbagh). Final Vote on Ordinance 07-09

There was no legislation for first reading at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for May 9th be cancelled since there was no legislation to discuss. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Cancellation of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for the next week:

Privilege of the Floor:

Volan stated that there were two three-digit numbers given to Bloomington 50 years ago which formed a part of Bloomington's identity. The first one was the 812 area code prefix assigned to our area. However, within a couple of years, Volan stated, we may no longer have a postal service downtown. He said the area code of 812 for southern Indiana was coming to the end. Area codes are splitting in other places due to population growth, and Bloomington will be part of the split. Volan said it might be possible for us to choose our three-digit code in a couple of years, and we need to think about what three-digit code Bloomington wanted to have. He suggested like the numbers 463 which spell IND. He wanted folks to know the days of dialing 812 and getting a Bloomington number are limited.

Mayor Kruzan thanked his staff for all their hard work. He asked Councilmember Sabbagh to remember that his candidacy for Mayor was a challenge to him (Kruzan) and not to his staff. There was no public input at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington