

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 18, 2007

Roll Call: Wisler, Diekhoff, Ruff, Sandberg, Rollo, Sturbaum, Volan, Sabbagh, Mayer

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

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There were no minutes to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

David Sabbagh reported on Jazz concerts he had recently attended. He recommended citizens take advantage of these activities next year adding that the venue and the performer, David Baker, were the best.

At the request of a constituent, Steve Volan announced a benefit event for the Bloomington North High School Bands entitled Jazz Under the Stars to be held on August 18, 2007 at Deer Park Manor.

Susan Sandberg reported the "Summer Night at Lotus" event she attended and noted the upcoming Lotus Festival. She also encouraged citizens to support the Girls, Inc. luncheon on July 24, 2007 at Outback Steakhouse.

Chris Sturbaum noted that US Post Office officials attended the last council meeting and sought citizen input regarding the relocation of the downtown post office. Sturbaum said that the post office officials indicated they needed 5 acres of land to relocate the facility. But he encouraged citizens to contact their council representatives, the council office, the post office officials, the congressman's office, the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Bloomington, Inc., to lobby those making the relocation decision to keep the post office downtown with a smaller property.

Tim Mayer agreed with Sturbaum and encouraged citizens to contact their legislators. He said that on his way into the meeting, a citizen, Jimmy Thomas, gave him promotional CD copies of his original work "Bloomington, My Hometown." Mayer noted the appropriateness of this title and encouraged his fellow council members to listen to the work.

Dave Rollo encouraged citizens to contact the post office officials to encourage them to stay downtown. He also noted that citizens should be aware that the city budget hearings would be taking place at 6:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the next week and encouraged them to attend these important sessions or to watch them on Public Access TV.

Assistant Director of Economic Development for the Arts Miah Michaelson reported on the July events that the city is sponsoring for "Be Playful Bloomington" Month. She noted recent successful events and encouraged citizens to join in the fun at several upcoming events.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Cindy Hoffman said she would like to hear weekly council comments about the climate crisis, how the city would address that crisis, ideas for citizens to address the crisis or bits of information about how other cities are trying to solve the crisis.

PUBLIC INPUT

Hoffman, a member of Verify the Vote, spoke of paper ballots in early voting. She noted the Monroe County Board of Elections was meeting

Sturbaum apologized for the long Committee meeting the week before and thanked the Meadowood folks for their patience.

Ordinance 07-13 (cont'd)

Mayer thanked the University officials, staff and neighbors for working out a compromise on the construction traffic flow. He lauded the developers for strongly addressing environmental issues in the design of the building and said it would be a model for future development. He thanked them for leading the way.

Volan said that he had issues with the old plan the previous week, but wanted to make a point that he preferred a building forward design.

Rollo said the attempt to receive Silver LEED qualifications was exceptional and visionary and would lead the community in its ideas of acceptable development.

Ordinance 07-13 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

Ordinance 07-15 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" to Establish a Historic District – Re: 2102 West Vernal Pike (Vivian Galligan, John Galligan Jr. and John Galligan III, Petitioners)

Ordinance 07-15

Ordinance 07-16 To Amend Title 14 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Peace and Safety" (Providing a Comprehensive Revision of Chapter 14.09, entitled "Noise Control")

Ordinance 07-16

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

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



~~Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT~~
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington