

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

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
November 7, 2007

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of October 3, 2007 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brad Wisler said he was a little under the weather after standing outside in the cold for 12 hours the day before. He thanked everyone who voted and said it was a great experience. He reported that Councilmember Sabbagh sent his regrets and was unwell. Wisler congratulated him for the effort that he put into his council work and his recent campaign and added that it was appreciated.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Mike Diekhoff congratulated the winners and losers, and said that it takes a special person to run for elected office. He wished them all well.

Volan noted that the council would all like to thank voters, and said that everyone who runs for office should be congratulated, and that it was harder than it looked from the outside. He also said that every person who runs for office had the opportunity to add to the public debate about items of significance to the community. He thanked everyone who ran for their service to the community.

Susan Sandberg acknowledged the people who worked long hours at the polls in the democratic process and other citizens who worked behind the scenes. Looking out on the 20-30 student visitors at the meeting, she encouraged them to get involved in the process. She said she was looking forward to welcoming the new council members and saying farewell to the ones leaving the council.

Chris Sturbaum thanked the voters for participating in the election, and added that now the new council members represented everyone and should work as a team.

Tim Mayer thanked all the candidates who ran, especially those who were not successful. He said that he was in that position at one time and that there was a lot of reflection involved in that situation. Mayer also said that during this election there was one issue that was discussed and may not have been entirely accurate in its discussion by a candidate. He said that he had served as the chair of the Jack Hopkins Social Service Committee. He outlined the entire process and stated that each meeting was advertised as a public meeting and was open to anyone who wanted to observe. He also said that the committee members and staff members were available to the public in regards to decisions made and how the process was conducted. He said it was important, not just because it's required by state statute, but also because our community is very open. He then said that the council wanted to make sure that when taxpayer money was being allocated, the public had ample time and opportunity to weigh in. He wanted it to be said on the record that the JHSS process is fair, open and even handed.

Rollo thanked the candidates, pollworkers and voters who participated in the election, and noted that councilmembers Sabbagh and Diekhoff would be specially thanked on a later date. He noted that he was concerned about elections being conducted on electronic machines with no verifiable paper trail, and hoped there would be focus on that issue for future elections.

There were no reports from the mayor or other city offices.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

Council Attorney and Administrator Dan Sherman outlined the proposed schedule for 2008 and highlighted the important dates for the next year.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Annual Schedule for 2008

Mayer asked if the proposed organizational meeting on January 9, 2008 would be meeting state statutes. Sherman said that this would meet that requirement, and by adopting the proposed schedule, the council would be overriding the local council rule that designated the first Monday of the month of January be the organizational meeting.

Mayer asked Sherman to confirm dates of the traditional August recess. He also asked if there were other meeting dates that would coincide with religious observances. Sherman said he looked at the IU Religious Holiday schedule and had invited council members to review the calendar, at which time no problems had surfaced.

Rollo asked Sherman to confirm that even though the council does not meet on the 5th Wednesday of the month, that it was an option for an additional meeting time, to which Sherman agreed.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the council calendar schedule for 2008. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS

There was no legislation for final action at this meeting.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING

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 07-25 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" to Establish a Historic District – Re: 430 North Washington and 209-211 East 8th Street (Fierst Rentals, Petitioners)

Ordinance 07-25

It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules so that the council could take up an item not already on the agenda.

Motion to Suspend the Rules

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for November 14, 2007 be cancelled and that a Special Session be held to handle upcoming legislation.

Motion to Cancel the Committee of the
Whole and hold Special Session.

Upon questions from Volan and Rollo, Sherman noted that the special session would ease the agenda at the regularly scheduled meeting on November 28, 2007.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Wisler).

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

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:



Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington