

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, January 3, 2006 at 7:30 pm with Council President Andy Ruff presiding over the Organizational Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
January 3, 2006

Roll Call: Banach, Diekhoff, Ruff, Gaal, Rollo, Sturbaum, Volan, Sabbagh, Mayer  
Absent: Banach

ROLL CALL

Council President Andy Ruff gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of December 7, 2005 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Sturbaum thanked outgoing president Ruff for leading the council in 2005.

REPORTS:

- COUNCILMEMBERS

David Sabbagh wished everyone a Happy New Year and said it was time to get back to work to do the people's business.

Tim Mayer wished citizens a Happy New Year, adding that he hoped it would be better than 2005.

Mayor Mark Kruzan wished all a Happy New Year.

- MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

Kruzan noted the recent passing of citizen David Porter, saying he was a man of passion who worked in the community with technical expertise and worked with decision makers to help them learn about community issues. He said Porter's heart and soul were of the earth and for the earth.

On a lighter note, Kruzan noted that when former council President Ruff took the gavel last year, his candidacy was met with a bit of skepticism by the local newspaper. He said that Ruff treated all folks fairly and with respect and should be proud of the accomplishments of the year. He said that there was usually a natural friction between a council and administration, but that there had been few disagreements this year, and those that occurred had been civil and any criticism had been constructive. Kruzan awarded Ruff with a case of a high caffeine soft drink and a framed picture of Ruff in a very special Halloween costume.

Mayer noted that he was unaware that David Porter had passed away, and related that he had worked with this remarkable man.

There were no committee appointments at this time.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Todd Lare, Director of South Central Community Action Project (SCCAP) thanked the council and the mayor for the grant that they had recently awarded SCCAP for home heating assistance. Lare said that SCCAP had committed to \$230,000 for crisis assistance and to \$600,000 of regular assistance for home heating this winter. He said that the agency could serve folks who earn up to 150% of poverty level, and gave dollar amounts and how to apply.

- PUBLIC INPUT

Lare also thanked the city for the other projects that they worked on with SCCAP: homes, rentals, Section 8 waiting list housing, water and sewage bill assistance, and trash tag assistance.

It was moved (Gaal) and seconded (Diekhoff) that the following officers be nominated for the following offices for 2006.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President            Chris Sturbaum

Vice President Dave Rollo  
Parliamentarian Timothy Mayer

Election of Officers (cont'd)

The nominations were approved by a voice vote.  
Council President Sturbaum presented outgoing president Andy Ruff with an engraved gavel to commemorate his year's service as council president and thanked him for a job well done in leading the council during 2006. Ruff thanked the council for allowing him the opportunity to serve the council and thanked the council staff and the clerk staff for their help and work.

Council Members exchanged seats in accordance with their new positions.

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

**BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

- Citizens Advisory Committee (Community Development Block Grants)
  - Social Services Andy Ruff
  - Physical Improvements Timothy Mayer
- Commission for Bloomington Downtown Chris Sturbaum
- Economic Development Commission (City) Mike Diekhoff
- Economic Development Commission (County) Regina Moore
- Environmental Resource Advisory Committee Chris Gaal
- Metropolitan Planning Organization Andy Ruff
- Plan Commission Chris Gaal
- Solid Waste Management District Stephen Volan
- Urban Enterprise Association Board Chris Sturbaum
- Utilities Services Board Timothy Mayer
- Bloomington Economic Development Corporation Chris Sturbaum
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability Dave Rollo

The nominations were approved by a voice vote.

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

- Gaal, Mayer, Rollo, Ruff, and Sabbagh

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

- Mayer, Rollo, Ruff, Sturbaum

President Sturbaum appointed council members to Board and Commission Interview Committees in accordance to the committees that they served on last year. The two exceptions were that Mayer would replace Volan on the USB interview committee and that Sturbaum would replace Mayer on the CFR interview committee.

It was moved and seconded that the following citizens be appointed to full terms on city boards and commissions:

- Utilities Service Board Susan Sandberg
- Animal Control Commission Shirley Davies
- Housing Quality Appeals Board Nikki Montembault
- Human Rights Commission Val Haughton
- Commission on the Status of Women Dorothy Granger

This being the first meeting of the new year, there was no legislation for final action.

**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

**LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING**

title and synopsis.

Ordinance 06-01 To Vacate a Public Parcel - Re: Rights-of-Way Running North /South and East/West Between College Avenue and Walnut Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street (Cedarwood Development, Petitioner)

Ordinance 06-01

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Chris Sturbaum, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

Matt Weber, DEPUTYCLERK  
City of Bloomington