

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 7:30 pm with Council President Chris Sturbaum presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 22, 2006

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Sturbaum gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of May 4, 2005 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Andy Ruff read Resolution 03-04 opposing the War in Iraq that was passed by the council on February 5, 2003. Ruff said he would like to have something positive to report about the situation in Iraq but described it as one of the worst foreign policy decisions in the history of our country.

REPORTS:

- COUNCILMEMBERS

Tim Mayer welcomed about 40 Indiana University students who were in the audience and explained the rules and procedures of conducting business at the meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting which would follow the regular session.

Chris Sturbaum reported that the council has received input in support of amending the human rights ordinance to address gender identity. He said the council is working on the issue and looks forward to hearing public input during the comment period.

Sturbaum reported that the city has received comments from business owners near the city garage at 7<sup>th</sup> and Walnut. He said they are concerned about how evening parking affects their business.

Sturbaum also reported that he attended a downtown development workshop by the downtown commission and the Housing and Neighborhood Department where developers discussed the preservation and rehabilitation of older buildings downtown.

Sturbaum noted that the Historic Preservation Commission will meet March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Kappa Sigma house on East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Lastly, Sturbaum announced that the city council has a bowling team to raise money for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Monroe County on March 4<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged citizens to contact the council office make a pledge.

The council wished Council member David Sabbagh a Happy Birthday.

There were no reports from the Mayor's Office.

- MAYOR and CITY OFFICES
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
- PUBLIC INPUT

There were no council committee reports.

Joelene Bergonzi introduced her class called "Beyond The Sample Gates" from the Department of Leadership, Ethics and Social Action in Political Science. She said her class practices civil engagement and that she would practice by speaking to the council. Bergonzi noted that the legislature is attempting to modify the definition of marriage and suggested that a public dialogue is needed. She said that many viewpoints on marriage need to be heard in order to positively affect change. She asked that the city help develop an opportunity for this dialogue.

Gabe Rivera spoke about conflict resolution and restorative therapeutic justice. He suggested that measures be taken to make the justice system more reformative than punitive.

Caleb Colvard, stated support for gender identity for equal protection under the law and noted studies that said it does not weaken the law but strengthens it. Colvard also said the Bloomington Human Rights ordinance needs to be clear on this issue.

Bree Hartlage, a member of the transgendered community, spoke of the inclusion of gender identity to the Human Rights amendment. She said she wanted to make sure that she was not the only voice on this issue and had asked others to speak.

Steve Kelly, local citizen and salesman for EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems) brought each council member color pictures of the product that had been used on the exterior of downtown buildings. He said he had watched the recent meeting at which the CVS building was granted a right of way and said that he was not pleased with the way some council members portrayed this product as unreliable and inferior. Kelly, a master plasterer, said he wanted to show the good installations of EIFS, that the product was versatile and long lasting if it were installed correctly. Kelly said he was embarrassed at the way that the council treated the CVS folks.

There were not board or commission appointments 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 06-02 To Vacate Two Public Parcels – Re: Portions of Right-of-Way Running East/West in Front of 1010 and 1014 West Cottage Grove (Housing and Neighborhood Development [HAND] Department, Petitioner)

Ordinance 06-02

Ordinance 06-03 Revising Participation Fees for Certain Businesses Located Within the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Zone and a Tax Increment Finance Area that Receive an Enterprise Zone Investment Deduction

Ordinance 06-03

Ordinance 06-04 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 05-12 – Re: To Allow Sale of Waterworks Bonds Through The Indiana Bond Bank

Ordinance 06-04

Ordinance 06-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 05-35 – Re: To Allow Sale of Sewage Works Bonds Through The Indiana Bond Bank

Ordinance 06-05

There was no public comment at the end of this meeting.

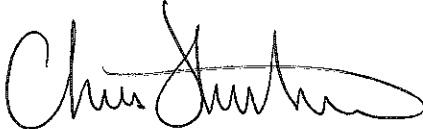
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Chris Sturbaum, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

Matt Weber, DEPUTY CLERK  
City of Bloomington