

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, **May 3, 2006** at 7:30 pm with Council President Chris Sturbaum presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
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Roll Call: Banach, Diekhoff, Ruff, Gaal, Rollo, Sturbaum, Volan, Sabbagh, Mayer

ROLL CALL

Council President Sturbaum gave the Agenda Summation

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There were no minutes to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Diekhoff congratulated the winners and losers of the primary election held the day before.

REPORTS:

- COUNCILMEMBERS

Chris Gaal spoke on the violence that occurred in Bryan Park last week, and thanked fellow councilpersons who also showed their support at the Mayor's meeting and other City employees and neighborhood associations.

Stephen Volan noted the passing of Jane Jacobs and read a passage of her book entitled *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. He cited his strong alliance with the themes from her book and talked about his living situation in the city's downtown area.

David Sabbagh echoed the congratulations of the election winners, and said it was very important to participate in the process adding that if someone does not like the results, they should participate in the process.

Tim Mayer noted that he and his wife counted absentee ballots at the election office and noted how interesting the process was. He encouraged folks to serve as an election official in the fall election.

Mayer also declared that councilperson Ruff was at the end of the line regarding his education and said that he was about to graduate with a Masters from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Chris Sturbaum noted his four nephews live in Pocatello Idaho, a city that is a half Mormon and half Latino community. He noted that his nephews want to be seen as American, and regretted that in the immigration debate, some latent racism was stirred up. He said he hoped that Bloomington would be able to be a better community than that.

James McNamara, deputy mayor, read a proclamation from Mayor Mark Kruzan noting May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace and Safety Day.

- MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There was no council committee report.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Gabe Rivera said that small amounts of all drugs were not against the law in Mexico. He paraphrased sections from a book titled *The Mafia, the CIA and George Bush* that he said gave insight into who is involved in the corruption surrounding the current war on drugs.

- PUBLIC INPUT

Rivera continued with readings from a book titled *Private Prisons in America* by Michael Hallet. He encourages more citizen involvement with his group GRACE that is working against the war on drugs. He continued with comments and visual aids regarding the terrorism he believes the United States is inflicting upon the globe and referred to a movie available from his website to supplement his suppositions.

David R. Grubb said environmental concerns have not been addressed by the council. He asked the council to stop the drug problem in the community. He noted that he was "screwed out of his pension" as a fire fighter and needed the money. Grubb spoke about arsenic and lead in the communities' soil and water. He mentioned specific areas locally and the businesses that allegedly bypassed environmental laws to pollute these sensitive ecosystems. Grubb insulted female political leaders and their ability to make sound decisions regarding water pollution, and continued on with comments on the drug 'meth', cooking labs, naked woman, five elusive water-wells and underground water.

There were no board or commission appointments.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

There was no legislation for final action.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

Appropriation Ordinance 06-01 To Specially Appropriate From the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds From the General Fund for Animal Care & Control and Housing & Neighborhood Development)

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 06-09 To Amend the Title 11 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Lakes and Reservoirs"- Re: Extensive Revisions to Chapter 11.04 Entitled "Lake Lemon"

Brett Holt showed another video entitled *White Rose*.

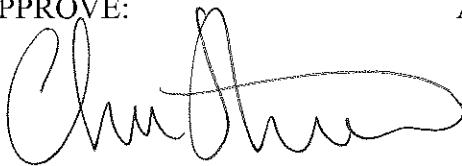
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Chris Sturbaum, PRESIDENT  
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK  
City of Bloomington