

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, January 3, 2005 at 7:30 pm with Council President Mike Diekhoff presiding over the annual Organizational Meeting of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 3, 2005

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Diekhoff gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of November 10, 2004 were approved by a voice vote with one minor correction suggested by the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jason Banach wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

REPORTS:

▪ COUNCILMEMBERS

Chris Sturbaum thanked the community for its support with his and his wife's recent kidney surgeries. He thanked everyone for their cards, prayers, thoughts, good wishes, and snow clearing and said that Barb came home on Christmas Eve and was doing well. He wished everyone a Happy New Year from both Barb and himself.

Andy Ruff acknowledged and commended Mayor Kruzan for his leadership in the face of a difficult year budget-wise saying that he was able to balance the needs for services for the community, compensation of city employees and a vision for the future. He said that "Plan Kruzan" had proved successful in steering the community this year and said that we are in good hands and this next year will be even better.

David Sabbagh wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year, welcomed Sturbaum back, and said that while 2004 was not such a great year, 2005 would be better.

Dave Rollo welcomed Sturbaum back and said he was glad that his wife, Barb, was doing well after the surgery.

Tim Mayer said he remembered that Sabbagh had made a New Year's Resolution that had been published in the newspaper and would hold him to losing 25-30 more pounds and running in a marathon. He asked citizens to help those less fortunate than us and noted recent tragedies that would necessitate that.

Diekhoff said that there were openings on boards and commissions and invited the public to contact the city clerk in seeking application to the vacancies.

Mayor Kruzan, after wishing everyone a Happy New Year, wished the Sturbaums well, and announced that a new baby was coming to the Ron Walker household.

▪ MAYOR and CITY
OFFICES

In referring to the recent 18 inch snowfall, Kruzan said that over 2600 tons of salt/molasses mixture had been used on the city streets during that time. He said that the pretreatment with this mixture was more expensive, but with the positive reports from police, fire and emergency vehicle drivers, it was an expense the city was committed to. He noted salt with molasses cost \$53 per ton and sand cost \$4 per ton. He thanked staff who worked long hours in removing the recent snow and particularly mentioned the employees of the Utilities Department who worked to clear city properties and parking lots so that the street department could devote its time to city streets.

Kruzan said that despite the recent snow removal ordinance the city did not issue tickets during this last big snow. He said that warnings were given to some property owners based on complaints and that some were in the downtown area.

MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES
REPORT (cont'd)

Kruzan noted that the city flags were flying at half staff at the request of President Bush, to honor those thousands of victims of the recent tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

Lastly, Mayor Kruzan said that he looked forward to healthy debate with the council and added that debate helps produce better results for the community in the long run and thanked the council for the opportunity to join them in this service.

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
- PUBLIC

Jordan Shifriss addressed the council to thank them in advance for agreeing to help his Youth Participation in Government Group with a shadowing program with the common council. He said the program would begin with the January 19th Council Meeting. Sturbaum and Sabbagh thanked Shifriss for proposing the project.

It was moved (Rollo) and seconded (Banach) that the following officers be nominated for the following offices for 2003.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	Andy Ruff
Vice President	Chris Sturbaum
Parliamentarian	Timothy Mayer

The nominations were approved by a voice vote.

Council Members exchanged seats in accordance with their new positions.

Newly elected President Ruff then assigned council members seats for the year. He then presented outgoing president Mike Diekhoff 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 2004. Diekhoff thanked Ruff and the council.

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS

Citizens Advisory Committee (Community Development Block Grants)	
-Social Services	Chris Gaal
-Physical Improvements	Timothy Mayer
Commission for Bloomington Downtown	Michael Diekhoff
Economic Development Commission (City)	Chris Sturbaum
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	Andy Ruff

The nominations were approved by a voice vote.

President Ruff said that he would like to take until January 19th to announce his assignments for the Council Social Services Funding Committee and the Council Sidewalk Committee.

Ruff asked for and received a request for the composition of the council interview committees for citizen appointments to boards and commissions to remain as they were in 2004. Parliamentarian Mayer took this opportunity to explain the functions of these committees in reviewing applications for those seeking to fill vacant seats.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (cont'd)

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

LEGISLATION FOR FINAL ACTION

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

Appropriation Ordinance 05-01 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund, Fleet Maintenance Fund, Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, Parking Enforcement Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Police – Wireless Emergency Fund, Risk Management Fund, and Sanitation Fund Expenditures not Otherwise Appropriated. (Appropriating Funds from the General Fund – Animal Care & Control, Clerk's Office, Common Council, Community & Family Resources, Controller's Office, Employee Services, Engineering, Fire, Housing & Neighborhood Development, Information & Technology Services, Legal, Mayor's Office, Planning, Police, Public Works Departments, and from Fleet Maintenance, Parking Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, Police - Wireless Emergency, Risk Management, Sanitation, Street and Traffic for Non-Union Salary Increases; Increases for Firefighters; Increases to Health Insurance Trust Fund Allocations; to Fund New Positions in the Office of the Mayor, Planning Department and Animal Care and Control Division, and to Fund Various Priorities of the Administration Which Include Restorations to the 2005 Budget).

Appropriation Ordinance 05-01

Ordinance 05-01 To Amend Title 20 "Zoning Ordinance" of the Bloomington Municipal Code to Implement Demolition Delay for Certain Structures; to Delete Surface Parking Lots as a Permitted Principal Use in the General Commercial (CG) and Arterial Commercial (CA) Zoning Districts; and, to Prohibit Use of any Lot of Record Solely as a Parking Lot in the General Commercial (CG), Arterial Commercial (CA), and Downtown Commercial (CD) Zoning Districts

Ordinance 05-01

Ordinance 05-02 To Amend Title 8 "Historic Preservation and Protection" and Title 17 "Construction Regulations" of the Bloomington Municipal Code to Implement Demolition Delay for Certain Structures

Ordinance 05-02

Ordinance 05-03 To Amend the Ordinance Which Fixed the Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the Civil City for the Year 2005 (ordinance 04-19)

Ordinance 05-03

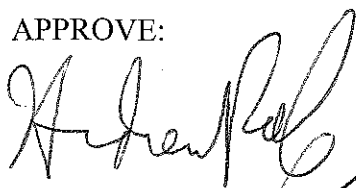
There was no public input at the end of this meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:



Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



Mat + Weber
~~Regina Moore~~, CLERK
City of Bloomington