

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at 7:30 pm with Council President Andy Ruff presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 2, 2005

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Ruff gave the Agenda Summation

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There were no minutes to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Gaal announced a CubAmistad event on February 5, 2005 which would celebrate an agreement with Indiana University and a Universidad Central de Las Villas in Santa Clara, Cuba, one of Bloomington's Sister Cities.

REPORTS:

▪ COUNCILMEMBERS

Maren McGrane, Council Liaison for the Mayor's Office introduced city staff for reports.

▪ MAYOR and CITY
OFFICES

Rick Dietz, Director of Information Technology Services, provided information on the Bloomington Digital Underground strategic planning process. He announced that InfoCom, consultant for the project, would hold a meeting for the purpose of gathering public input for the overall telecommunications plan for the City of Bloomington on February 8, 2005 at the Monroe County Public Library.

J.R. Logan and Susannah Karls, Service Corps graduate students with Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs gave a report on the history and city activities surrounding Black History Month. They showed pictures of the kickoff reception and announced the unveiling of the Colored School Historic Marker at Washington and Sixth Streets on February 13, 2005.

Chris Sturbaum, chair of the Sidewalk Committee, thanked staff for their help and reviewed the allocation of \$185,000 of Alternative Transportation Funds for 2004. He also outlined proposals for the 2005 funds and projects which were not funded this year, which included a project on Maple Street, funded by the HAND department.

▪ COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Report from the Sidewalk Committee

Sturbaum also noted off-site consequences of development with special note to the Renwick PUD. He noted that \$18,000 worth of materials would be donated by the Wininger/Stolberg Group for the sidewalk on Winfield Road near that development.

Tim Mayer recommended when the city approves major developments that the cost of need infrastructure improvements should be budgeted by Public Works or HAND rather than City Council sidewalk funds. He reiterated that the money City Council had to work with was minimal.

Sturbaum responded that much of the cost of the sidewalk projects included stormwater improvements, and finding some utilities funding would greatly complement the council sidewalk money to help it go further.

Ruff thanked the committee for their work.
It was moved and seconded to accept the Sidewalk Committee Report.
The motion was approved by a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Jana Braccolini and members of the Bloomington High School North Habitat for Humanity Chapter spoke of their work and upcoming

▪ PUBLIC INPUT

fundraiser. They invited the council and interested citizens to attend.

Jason Banach announced that he attended the event last year with Ruff and commended the students and the group's sponsor, Pat Wilson, for their work.

It was moved and seconded that Mike Szakaly be appointed to the Redevelopment Commission. Szakaly and his family were present, and Ruff thanked him for his commitment to serve on the commission.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Tim Henke and Jeff Ehman be reappointed to the Utilities Services Board.

The appointments were approved by voice votes.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 05-01 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Deputy Clerk Weber read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Committee Do-Pass Recommendation of 9-0-0. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 05-01 be adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

Resolution 05-01 To Approve the
Certified Technology Park Agreement
Between the City, the Redevelopment
Commission and the Indiana
Department of Commerce

Ron Walker, Director of Economic Development, said the agreement being considered was a standard one used by the State of Indiana Department of Commerce. He reviewed the history of the project and stated that the application was submitted in October, a site visit occurred in November, and an agreement was offered in December, 2004. He added that a request was made that the boundaries of the park be revised. The revision was made by the city and had been approved by the City of Bloomington Redevelopment Commission.

Walker outlined that the agreement would provide a certified allocation area of over 65 acres to collect incremental growth in payroll and sales taxes generated within the district. He noted that the city could collect up to \$5 million over the life of the technology park, which would be committed to public infrastructure improvements and other projects which would qualify as public facilities. He added that it would provide an opportunity and funds to improve the area for employment growth.

Walker said a high-tech business, committed to growth, had signed on to the application. He added that the success of the application would rely on partnership with Indiana University, a technology business incubator, bandwidth and a proximity to business services downtown.

Sabbagh asked Walker to clarify if the Certified Technology Park and CRED district overlapped. Walker said downtown was covered with both tools, but they did not overlap.

Rollo asked if the decision was solely up to the Department of Commerce, which Walker said was the last step in the process.

Sturbaum asked what the city should tell businesses that wanted to locate in the technology park. Walker responded that a current business, needing more space, is considering locating there. They have special interest in being near other high tech business' and proximity to the downtown area. He noted cost of space, parking and security needs have to be considered, also.

Banach asked what the term of the agreement was, and Walker replied the agreement was for a period of 15 years. He said he did not know what the process would be at the end of that period of time, nor what would happen with the reorganization of the Indiana Department of Commerce. While Walker said he was concerned about the ramifications of the state administrative changes; he added his certainty

for the project's support.

Ruff asked if there were any more levels of approval necessary after the vote of the Council. Walker said that the only other thing needed was a signature from the Director of the Department of Commerce, and that he would hand deliver the document to the director later that week. Ruff asked when the majority of the application process took place. Walker replied that it occurred in late 2004.

There were no comments from the public on this agreement proposal.

Ruff facetiously asked if a person who was anti-business or anti-economic development would have trouble supporting this initiative.

Banach commented that Sabbagh had been a long time proponent of the development of bandwidth in the area, and it had now come to pay off. Banach responded to Ruff's comments by saying that this proposal deserved unanimous council support.

Volan said that while Sabbagh had been talking about bandwidth early on, he, himself, was in the business of supplying it to the community with his former business. He said the Bloomington Digital Underground provided much needed bandwidth, and it should be used to attract businesses to the area. He voiced his support of the agreement.

Mayer stated the council should thank the administration and especially Walker for their efforts in bringing this forward.

Resolution 05-01 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. Deputy Clerk Weber read the legislation by title and synopsis.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

Ordinance 05-04 To Amend the Bloomington Zoning Maps from IL/Is to CG – Re: 1615 West 3rd Street (Ken Nunn, Petitioner)

Ordinance 05-04

Ordinance 05-05 To Vacate a Public Parcel - Re: A Right-of-Way Located at 600 West 6th Street Which Runs North/South Between 6th Street and 7th Street (Fairview United Methodist Church, Petitioner)

Ordinance 05-05

Ordinance 05-06 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" to Establish a Historic District - Re: "The Garton Farm" at 2820 - 2920 East 10th Street (Bloomington Restorations, Inc., Petitioner)

Ordinance 05-06

Ordinance 05-07 To Amend Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Historic Preservation and Protection" to Establish a Historic District - Re: "The Fleener Building" at 112 East 3rd Street (Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, Petitioner)

Ordinance 05-07

Two students who participated in the "Youth Participation in Government" program thanked the council for the opportunity to shadow them for the past three weeks. They gave special thanks to Tim Mayer for mentoring them during the process. Mayer said he was pleased with the program and added that Diekhoff would mentor the second group next week. He gave the students an open invitation to participate in government after the program finished.

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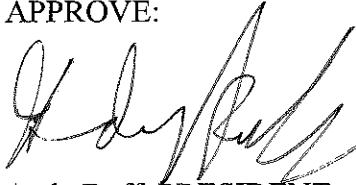
Jordan Shifress, director of the Youth in Government program, thanked the council for their openness, help and encouragement with the students. He spoke of upcoming programs.

Volan encouraged student participation in council meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:



Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington