

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 7:30 pm with Council Vice President Ruff presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
April 28, 2004

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

ROLL CALL

Council Vice President Ruff gave the Agenda Summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stephen Volan, Council Representative on the Solid Waste District Board of Directors, reported on recent actions of the board with respect to IDEM violations at the landfill and the prospect of either correcting them, closing the landfill, or privatizing the landfill operations. He added that the director was preparing plans for the board to consider and he invited anyone to call him with their concerns and questions regarding this issue.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

David Sabbagh reported with sadness that Henry O. Robbin, a council appointee to the Telecommunications Council had passed away, and extended sympathies to his family.

Tim Mayer announced that Bloomington Restorations had finished the restoration of a house on West 7th Street and said they were continuing to help to restore other parts of the neighborhood.

He thanked city offices that pitched in to help move furniture and supplies during a recent flood in the Clerk/Council office.

Mayer reported that Council President Diekhoff was not present because he was traveling to Washington, D.C., with city, county, Indiana University officials and members of the business community to meet with our congressional delegation.

He announced the opening of the new Skateboard Park on Kinser Pike and invited citizens to come to the ceremonies on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Mayer told of the passing of Larry Burke, a citizen instrumental in saving the courthouse, saying he was a generally neat guy.

Chris Sturbaum reported on a recent trip to Philadelphia and Washington DC where he participated in a women's march on Washington. He said he was inspired by the historic perspectives of both geography and social history and challenged citizens to keep working for the preservation of democracy.

Gaal announced May was National Bike Month and that the City was sponsoring events to promote awareness of biking. He added that it was important to recognize the commitment of the City of Bloomington to a balanced transportation system in promoting quality of life.

Andy Ruff thanked Volan for all the time and work involved in his assignment to the Monroe County Solid Waste District, noting that it was a lot of work for someone who had only been with the council for four months.

There was no report from the Mayor.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

There were no council committee reports.

Marc Haggarty spoke of water quality issues with our water supply. Haggarty also spoke about the recent death of James Borden in the county jail saying that it has raised the conscience of the community regarding jail issues of overcrowding, the use of Tasers, conditions and length of jail stays. He added that he has been taking oral histories of inmates and their families and said that certain neighborhoods may be targeted by police and sheriff deputies. He suggested a teen center or similar facility for youth on the west side of town to help prevent youth getting in trouble. Finally he questioned the lack of a member of low income on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Roberta McCloskey, a member of Citizens for Crisis Intervention Program, announced a non-partisan public meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2004. She said the goal of the program was to share experiences people have had with the criminal justice system and to brainstorm solutions to jail issues. The group hopes to have a forum on Tasers in the future.

There were no appointments to Boards or Commissions.

There was no legislation for final action.

Ordinance 04-08 TO AMEND THE BLOOMINGTON ZONING MAPS FROM Q TO PUD AND TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE SOUTHERN INDIANA MEDICAL PARK II PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT RE: 2401 West Tapp Road (Southern Indiana Medical Park II, LLC, Petitioners)

It was moved that Ordinance 04-08 be read by the Clerk by title and synopsis. The motion was lost for lack of a second.

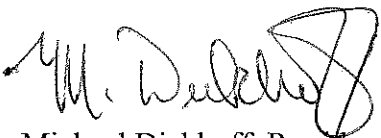
There was no public comment.

Ruff announced that since the motion was lost due to a lack of motion, a committee meeting scheduled for hearing information on the ordinance would not be held at the conclusion of the evening's regular session.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Michael Diekhoff, President
Bloomington Common Council



Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington

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