

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 6:30pm with Council President Dorothy Granger presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 31, 2018

Members Present: Ruff, Sturbaum, Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Volan, Sandberg, Sims, Rollo
Members Absent: Chopra

ROLL CALL [6:30pm]

Council President Dorothy Granger gave a summary of the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION [6:30pm]

Councilmember Dave Rollo moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:32pm]

September 19, 2018 (Special Session)
October 10, 2018 (Special Session)
October 17, 2018 (Regular Session)

Rollo moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of October 10, 2018. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of October 17, 2018. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to amend the agenda. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:35pm]

Rollo asked to take a moment of silence for the victims in Pittsburgh.

Councilmember Susan Sandberg spoke in memory of community activist Wain Martin.

Councilmember Steve Volan said Pittsburgh was in his thoughts during the tragedy it was going through.

Piedmont-Smith discussed the shooting at a Kroger in Louisville and how these smaller stories are buried under larger ones such as the Pittsburgh case. She stated that leadership needed to be changed so that some gun control can be obtained as well as better healthcare.

Councilmember Chris Sturbaum stated that he voted and told everyone to exercise their right to vote, stating that there should be less talk and more action. He said to choose wisely.

Mayor John Hamilton discussed the bicentennial bond and its purposes. He said it would entail a transportation system, trail connectivity, tree inventory, as well as animate downtown alley ways, and create fitting entry ways. He stated the public infrastructure would be amenities for all. He discussed the need for jobs, housing, and services, and the commitment to raising the quality of life for all Bloomington residents. He said this bond would increase mobility and enhance the quality of life for all as a more livable and sustainable community. It would pay forward to future generations in honor of the bicentennial. He thanked the Council for their consideration and continued stewardship.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:41pm]

There were no Council Committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Scott Wells spoke about the county commissioner race.

- PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS [6:57pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-24 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Resolution 18-24 Approving the Issuance of Tax Increment Revenue Bonds of the City of Bloomington Redevelopment District to Finance the Costs of Acquisition and Construction for Two Parking Garages in the Bloomington Consolidated Economic Development Area and Costs Incurred in Connection with the Issuance of Such Bonds

Rollo moved and it was seconded to postpone the consideration of Resolution 18-24 until the Regular Session of November 14, 2018.

Vote to postpone consideration of Resolution 18-24 [6:58pm]

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-14 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Ordinance 18-14 To Expand a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Amend the Associated District Ordinance and Preliminary Plan - Re: 4500, 4518 E. 3rd Street & 306 S. State Road 446 (Fountain Residential Partners, Petitioner)

Volan moved and it was seconded to postpone the consideration of Ordinance 18-14 until the Regular Session of November 14, 2018.

Volan reminded everyone that there was a report on the deliberations of the Land Use Committee, which he believed would be more appropriate to discuss when they took it up again. He stated it was unanimous to postpone this to the next Regular Session.

Vote to postpone consideration of Ordinance 18-14 [6:59pm]

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-19 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution 18-19 Approving the City of Bloomington's Sustainability Action Plan

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-19 be adopted.

Autumn Salamack, with the Department of Economic and Sustainable Development, presented the timeline and process for the development of Bloomington's first sustainability action plan.

Stephanie Richards, with the Gnarly Tree Sustainability Institute, discussed the development of the sustainability action plan over the last eight months and the engagement of over 200 community members.

Salamack gave a high-level summary of the eight core areas of focus. She discussed the next steps of the plan.

Rollo asked how much the city's six megawatts of solar photovoltaic have contributed to greenhouse gas emissions from the baseline year to 2017.

Council Questions:

Salamack said it was difficult to say since they have been

operational at different points throughout the year, however, it was a small percentage of total community emissions. She discussed the solar PV systems throughout the community and the program. Resolution 18-19 (cont'd)

Rollo asked how to address the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050.

Salamack stated that they want to push the envelope while also having realistic goals to make sure they prioritized actions and investments. She stated that 11% in five years is do-able, but would take serious effort.

Piedmont-Smith asked what category Indiana University fell into.

Salamack stated that Indiana University did not fall under the government category, but believed it fell under the commercial category in the pie chart.

Sturbaum asked about urban village centers.

Salamack said the urban village center plan referred to the creation of developments around amenities in order to reduce the need to drive.

Sturbaum asked if they would be identifying five priority focus areas.

Richards discussed the 20 year plan that would establish 23 urban village centers. She stated that to make sure continuous progress would be made, they established five priority village centers over five years.

Sims thanked the commission for their hard work and asked about the social equity component.

Salamack discussed the importance of the overlap between conservation of natural resources and opportunities for economic prosperity and creating programs that are equitable. She stated that they touched upon affordable housing and living wages because they were important for a truly sustainable community.

Richards added that some issues they addressed were in the local food and agriculture chapter on the issue of food deserts. She said they would also see the establishment of programs to improve energy efficiency in low income housing. They established a program to create water leak protection programs for low income individuals. She said those are a few examples of how they addressed social equity.

Sims asked if the action plan spoke about hazardous materials that are directed to lower income or minority communities.

Salamack stated there was not a specific action around that topic since there was no landfill in Bloomington.

Richards stated that there were some remediated sites that were outside of the City of Bloomington limits. She said they could address it in future plans.

Volan asked what the ratio of economic sustainability to social sustainability in the report was and in the future plans.

Salamack stated that the original plan had a strong focus on environmental sustainability. She said that sustainability was a vital part of the economic engine within the city of Bloomington and vice versa and also that equity be addressed primarily through inclusive participation within the community for development of the plan. That said, they recognized there was a heavy environmental slant with some of the goals that were identified but there was a conscious effort to make sure there was a lens around economic prosperity and equity applied to those conversations. They were looking at how they could work with the local business community to reduce energy use in an effort to free up additional

resources for them to grow or utilize different options for their funds. She said every goal table had an option that was tied to the economic or social element of the community. She said there was no area where it was missed. She stated that moving forward there were a lot of good opportunities to have a more conscious focus to look at a green economy, public health, and more holistic elements.

Volan asked how often the plan would be reiterated.

Salamack stated that the plan was developed as a five year plan right now, but in three years they would look at the plan and decide if their goals were still relevant. She said moving forward it would be every five years that they would reach out to city staff and the community again while also utilizing annual reports to look at how they were doing.

Volan asked to what extent Brian Payne or Beverly Calendar Anderson took part in the development of the plan.

Salamack stated Payne was certainly invited to help participate in and review the plan, as well as Alex Crowley, the Chamber of Commerce, and the BEDC. The plan was shared with Anderson but she did not believe that any of her staff had participated in the working groups. She did have conversations with her about equity and social justice training for city staff and made her aware about the programs they were looking at.

Piedmont-Smith asked what the current percentage of diverted waste was.

Salamack stated the percentage in 2017 was 36% due to recycling. One of the recommended actions in their plan was to offer a curbside compost collection program.

Piedmont-Smith asked about a section considering ecosystem health and invasive plant species. Piedmont-Smith asked if the city had such an ordinance about outlawing the planting of invasive plant species.

Salamack stated that she believed the ordinance did exist.

Richards said the ordinance existed and to talk to Linda Thompson from the Planning Department for more details. She stated that it was unlawful for commercial businesses to plant invasive species. The Planning Department had been applying this to residential homes as well. She said Thompson helped phrase that in the sustainability action plan.

Salamack said they were regulating the planting for new developments.

Piedmont-Smith asked about the distinction between individual single family property owners and developers.

Adam Wason, the Director of Public Works, stated that the unified development ordinance prohibited a new development from planting any invasive species, but they did not regulate planting for single family residences.

Richards said the state was in the process of outlawing the sale of invasive species.

Sims asked if they were having discussions with the Bloomington Transit on the topic of reducing single-driven automobiles with a stronger mass transportation system.

Salamack said Bloomington Transit was very involved in their discussions around the transportation section. She said the goal for Bloomington Transit was increasing the use of their transit by 5% in five years. She said they focused on increasing the use of existing routes, but they did discuss creating new routes.

Sims asked how realistic it was to meet their initiatives of multiple riders in cars and increasing the transit use by 5% in five years.

Salamack said they worked with the community to try to identify goals that were pushing the envelope but were still realistic. She said part of it is just a campaign to get the community to try transit options. She said part of it would require employment incentive programs. She thought it was doable but would require effort. Resolution 18-19 (cont'd)

Ruff asked about how the information in the Peak Oil Task Force report played into the plan.

Salamack said there were several conversations in the local food and agriculture working group and the climate energy and environment working group around the Peak Oil Task Force Report and there were specific requests from people who participated to make sure their work was acknowledged and represented. They wanted them to look at the report and pull best practices or goals from it that were still relevant in 2018. She pointed out references with end notes in the report. She said there also was a piece on the state of peak oil that was written by Councilmember Rollo.

Ruff asked if Rollo would give a brief summary on his piece.

Rollo stated there were two things to consider about peak oil: conventional and unconventional production. He said the city had consumed over 300 billion barrels of oil since 2009. He said demand had increased about 2% per year and the conventional fields were depleting about 4-6% per year. He said new technology had been added to conventional fields but the capacity production had peaked in production, so any new oil added had been from unconventional production: fracked oil and tar sand oil. He said fracking oil was very expensive and depleted very quickly. He said the capital expenditures of the oil had exceeded their profit. He said this was a temporary phenomenon and that the industry was going to suffer.

Piedmont-Smith asked if any of their working groups considered increasing the price of a parking permit or basing the price on if the employee lived inside city limits or not.

Salamack said yes they discussed the topic, however, there was no concrete recommendation. She discussed some of the options they offer. She said they might take another look at the parking permit price.

Volan discussed the option of giving raises to employees who used different transit options other than a single-occupant automobile, while keeping parking permits at the same price for those that cannot use other transit options. He asked if their working groups had discussed an option like this.

Salamack said the idea did not come up in the working group conversation, but it could be a discussion as part of the employee green team.

Volan recommended this option and hoped she would think about it.

Rollo asked Salamack to address local food economy.

Salamack said there were often local growers who were looking for ways to get their product to market. There were institutional buyers who would like to increase the percentage of locally grown food that they could offer, but usually had different requirements or constraints that could make it difficult. She said the city was successful in obtaining a grant from the USDA to create a series of 4 value chain coordinators in the state of Indiana. They would act as a broker between growers and buyers and they look for ways to break down barriers between the two groups. She said they would start in 2019.

Granger asked if the position was city funded or grant funded.

Salamack said it was grant funded, but it was put in the 2019 budget to pay for half of the position, so it would be a city position.

Granger asked what the position was called.

Salamack said value chain coordinator.

Resolution 18-19 (cont'd)

Ryan Conway discussed his devotion to sustainability, some positions he held in the community, and his donation of land to be used for the new composting station in Bloomington. He said he was impressed with the care and foresight given to this plan. He said it was exciting to have and be on a track.

Public Comment:

Rollo said he thought this was an excellent plan. He thanked everyone involved and said it was great that the community was involved. He thought the goals were realistic and short-term. He said he was an enthusiastic supporter.

Council Comment:

Volan said the plan was a great first effort. He said the plan was quite environmentally heavy and there was not enough discussion on the economic portion. He said sustainability is innovation and that the composting curbside was the best way to get to 40%. He said that maybe we were underestimating the social equity and the economic potential of integrating transportation with housing. He stated they needed to find more creative ways of funding transit such as a parking shuttle. He said he did support the resolution.

Piedmont-Smith said the plan was very well done and commended Salamack and Richards. She was shocked by the poor quality of the community's water. She stated this plan would only work if everyone kept the plan and its goals in mind. She discussed the possibility of people combining scooter transportation with bus transportation.

Ruff elaborated on some of Rollo's comments. He stated that everyone was used to sacrificing one area for another, such as economic activity for the environment. He said the challenge was to see and adopt policies that were truly sustainable. He stated that by virtue, creating a sustainable environment creates social equity and economic activity and they were all interconnected.

Sims stated that he supported the resolution and appreciated the diversity of thought from his colleagues. He wanted everyone to understand that social equity had different factors. He emphasized public education and information sharing and that it was critical.

Granger thanked Salamack for pushing the resolution through. She thought this was a plan that was past due. She said it was up to everyone to keep this issues at the front of their minds when considering new legislation. She said if we did not take care of our environment then there would be nothing for our future.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-19 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-19 [8:10 pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-21 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-21 be adopted.

Jeff Underwood, City Controller, presented the legislation on park bonds.

Les Coyne, Parks Board Member, discussed his support for the resolution.

Paula McDevitt, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, discussed Bloomington's master planning process and its accreditation. She stated that the process began every five years with a citizen interest survey. She said they hired a consultant and took the survey results to write up their master plan. She said the community valued the trails and they wanted more. The proposed trails would provide the missing links in the trail system, it would welcome visitors through enhanced gateways, it would add to the tree canopy, and it would enhance the downtown alleyways.

Beth Rosenbarger, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner from the Planning and Transportation Department, noted that it was wonderful that the people loved their trails and wanted more. She presented the legislation on the 7th Street Improvements.

Kathy Crabtree stated that she appreciated the work put into each proposal. She hoped that all the projects could be funded in the future, but not all of them now. She believed people should not live in poverty while others beautified the city.

Resolution 18-21 Approving the Issuance of City of Bloomington, Indiana Park District Bonds, Series 2018A in an Amount Not to Exceed Three Million Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars to Finance the Costs of Capital Improvements at Certain Park Facilities and Costs Incurred in Connection with the Issuance of Such Bonds

Public Comment:

Piedmont-Smith stated that she was glad Mr. Coyne discussed the long history of their Parks and Recreation Department and their successful projects. She said she would rather prioritize necessities if taxes were raised. She found most of the projects listed not needed but could be done eventually. She thought the pressing need of people not being able to find affordable housing or people who struggled with mental health and addiction. She thought Bloomington could do more regarding these areas to help on the local level. She did not support the bond issue.

Council Comment:

Volan echoed some of Piedmont-Smith's comments. He stated that the Parks Department had made the quality of life in Bloomington much better. He thought there should have been another bond to provide other services that were not directly about recreation and enjoyment. He stated he would vote in support of the project.

Sturbaum asked if they would vote for the bonds one at a time. He said the greenways were good for neighborhoods and safe bicycle riding. He said these ideas were developed over a long period of time and they were the only body who could complete them. He said he would support the bonds.

Rollo shared the concern of Piedmont-Smith, however, he stated that they were discussing park bonds for their specific purposes. He stated that he saw this as an important step forward. He said it did not mean they would not address the concerns of Piedmont-

Smith in the future.

Ruff said these bonds were consistent with the city's goals such as reducing driving and addressing climate change. He thought Bloomington was more generous in addressing social services than any other city in Indiana, per capita. He said projects like the one presented make the people of the city excited and create community spirit. His biggest issue was spending money in order to have citizens ride their bikes on the street. He enthusiastically supported the bonds.

Resolution 18-21 (cont'd)

Sims discussed his concern with the increase in taxes for the residents of Bloomington. In the future, he wanted the Parks and Recreation Department to be able to continue their work, but not with bonds.

Rollo discussed the debt of the bond and the self-liquidating aspect. He stated that it was a good investment for the community.

Granger stated that she knew how great the Parks and Recreation Department was and how the parks impact the quality of life. She said the cost gave her pause. She said homelessness needed to be addressed. She stated that a lot of energy was focused into Switchyard Park. She did not think that a bond should be used for another project like this. She thought the focus should be on Switchyard Park. She wondered how affordable housing could be attained and that it was an investment in the future.

Piedmont-Smith said they gave \$300,000 to social services each year but this project was over \$3,000,000 and that the disproportionality did not match with her values. She thought a true celebration of the bicentennial would be to lift up the people who have not felt the benefits of living in Bloomington.

Volan stated that the Parks and Recreation department just considered Parks Bonds while the Common Council needed to think about everything.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-21 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 3 (Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Sims), Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-21. [7:31pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-22 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Resolution 18-22 Approving the Issuance of City of Bloomington, Indiana Park District Bonds, Series 2018B in an Amount Not to Exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars to Finance the Costs of Capital Improvements at Certain Park Facilities and Costs Incurred in Connection with the Issuance of Such Bonds

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-22 be adopted.

Bruce Donaldson with Barnes & Thornburg discussed the details of the funding for parks projects.

Dave Williams, Operations Division Director from the Parks and Recreation Department, discussed trail projects in the area.

Volan asked if the bond debt limited how much bonding they could do overall.

Council Questions:

Underwood stated that the Parks Department did not have a constitutional debt limit under the statute that they operated under, unlike the city.

Volan asked what stopped other cities from issuing large amounts of debt for Parks operations.

Underwood stated there were issues with large debts. The public could disapprove since the city's ability to pay higher taxes was taken into consideration.

Resolution 18-22 (cont'd)

Volan asked how the overall indebtedness and bond rating would not be affected.

Underwood said at one point it would impact your rating. He said Bloomington had a very strong debt rating. He said the rating agencies thought that Bloomington had a strong economy, a strong ability to repay the debt, and that they had not over issued debt per capita. He also stated that Bloomington was a low tax rate community. He said at some point, it would have a negative impact.

Volan asked how close Bloomington was to reaching their cap for issuing debt.

Underwood stated that constitutional limit they had was on civil city property tax debt. He stated they renewed their General Obligation Bond at \$8 million, but they did not ask to increase it to its maximum bond authority. At the same time, they renewed a \$12 million General Obligation Debt for the Parks Department. Bloomington was restricted in property tax debt of 2%, but not in revenue based debt, however, rating agencies and underwriters required coverage. He stated they had always had good coverage and that there were things that impacted the ability to issue debt. He said Bloomington was a low debt community with a high bond rating, a strong economy, and low tax rate.

Volan asked how much General Obligation Debt the city had.

Underwood said \$8 million and the Parks Department had \$12 million, therefore \$20 million in total.

Sturbaum asked if the trail back to the falls was involved in this project.

Williams said it was independent and already in the works.

Sturbaum asked if that trail would be useful for less nimble people.

Williams said there would be some vigorous trails, but some shorter trails could be inducted.

Underwood said there would be a fishing pier for people that are less nimble to use.

Piedmont-Smith asked why the Parks Bicentennial bonds were split into three.

Underwood said there was more flexibility doing it in a series.

Piedmont-Smith asked about the public remonstrance process and asked if that was one of the considerations for making the bonds less than \$5 million.

Underwood said yes.

Piedmont-Smith asked if there was a concern about a possible remonstrance.

Underwood said no.

Piedmont-Smith asked if there was not a concern if there would be a remonstrance.

Underwood said yes, and that it allowed them to be discussed in series rather than combined. If they bundled them together there would be less flexibility for approval.

Piedmont-Smith asked if they thought about reaching out to the Council on how to split them up.

Underwood said it was discussed with the administration.

Piedmont-Smith asked if they considered reaching out to the Council.

Underwood said no because he works for the mayor and the decisions were made in the mayor's office.

Rollo asked if the trail infrastructure was put at a high priority based on the public's responses.

McDevitt said there was an overall interest in the trails and direct feedback from the users of Griffy Lake trails. She said they did meet with some trail users and had a public meeting.

Sandberg asked what bonding mechanism exists to obtain the money for another bond for other projects such as a year-round homeless shelter or detox center. She also asked what department would be able to do that.

Underwood said there was a legal issue of what a city can spend bonds on and the funding mechanism would be the dedication of a string of revenues proposed by the administration. He said typically bonds were financing a long-term capital asset.

Sandberg asked if these bonds financed physical assets and not services.

Underwood said yes.

Volan asked if it was true that the city owned the old city hall that housed the John Waldron Center.

Underwood believed they sold the building and was no longer a city asset.

Volan asked the same for the Buskirk-Chumley Theater.

Underwood said that was a city asset.

Volan asked about two fire stations and asked if the City had the right to reclaim those if the nonprofit gave up their rights to them.

Adam Wason, Director of the Public Works Department, stated that the fire station dedicated to Lotus would be reverted back to the City if they had not used it for the specified purpose.

Volan asked if they could not devote capital assets to a function other than parks and economic development.

Underwood said these bonds could only be used for Parks funds. He said they cannot sell a bond and dedicate it to a social service.

Volan asked if they could build a Crawford Homes 3 with city debt.

Underwood said he believed they could, but there were restrictions if it was built with RDC Funds. They could not own and manage them. He said it depended on the source of the funds that were utilized.

Volan asked if they could construct them a building that they could operate.

Underwood said yes if the funds would allow that.

Volan asked if the city could take on the debt.

Underwood said he believed so if they used General Obligation Property Tax debt.

Piedmont-Smith asked who would initiate obtaining a bond for a building for affordable housing.

Underwood said the administration would.

Piedmont-Smith asked which body.

Underwood said if it was a General Obligation debt it would go through the council. He said the use of the funds would go through the Public Works Board.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the Board of Public Works would initiate the bond.

Underwood said no the administration could propose legislation.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the cost of the boardwalk for the Griffy Lake Trail was not included in the bicentennial bond.

Williams said yes that was correct.

Piedmont-Smith asked where the funding would come from.

Williams said they had a General Obligation bond to construct

the pier with additional funds to extend to the north shore trail. He said there would need to be additional funds to connect the trail, which they would work with the county government on.

Resolution 18-22 (cont'd)

Malcolm Dalglish discussed his use and the benefits of the Griffy Lake trails. He also discussed some of his ideas for the trails.

Public Comment:

Piedmont-Smith stated that Griffy Lake was wonderful already and did not need over a \$1million investment. She thought the community had more important needs. She stated she did not support the resolution.

Council Comment:

Rollo stated that he believed they could have both the trails of Griffy Lake while fulfilling the social needs of the community. He said that they spend \$300,000 per year on social needs while the trail enhancements would be a one-time sum. He thought they were committed to investing in both. He thought by completing the loop around the trail it would reduce the ecological damage that people already create by walking through the woods. He also believed it was important to get children outdoors and into the woods since they were so wired nowadays. He thought this was a good investment backed up by the consistent surveys.

Volan stated that there was no plan presented for the social needs of the community. He said they could not do anything like this without people living in close proximity. He said this was an urban project and they would not be able to have this conversation if they were not sitting in a City Hall. He said more people would come and traffic would increase due to this investment. He thought it would make the community stronger. He asked where the mayor's commitment to the social aspect was. He said the park bonds were not the only thing they should be thinking about. He wanted to see more that was not related to park bonds.

Underwood said the mayor had committed \$1.5 million to the housing fund and \$2 million to a community development financial institution for affordable housing. He wanted the council to know that other funds were being raised for the social needs of the community.

Volan asked how many of those dollars came from developments.

Underwood said 1 million came from developers while the rest came from governmental funds.

Volan asked if any came from the General Obligation bonds.

Underwood said no.

Volan asked if they could do more with General Obligation tax dollars. He thought the administration could do more with the money.

Sturbaum stated that the bond was initiating conversation on the social needs, however, they were discussing park bonds at this time. He thought they should work on the social need aspect on another day since the parks plan was well thought out.

Sims stated that he had an aversion to using tax dollars and creating a \$10 million debt. He said he did not believe in either/or and he supported the resolution.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-22 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 3 (Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Volan), Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-22.
[7:31pm]

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-23 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 18-23 be adopted.

Williams presented the improvement projects at 4 or more location at a cost of about \$1.25 million, as well as street tree planting and alleyway enhancements.

Wason presented on the downtown alleyway enhancements. Sims asked what Wason meant by doing other things with the extra funds.

Wason stated that they would continue improving other alleys if they had additional funds.

Volan asked what fourth block they would choose if they had additional funds.

Wason said he would most likely continue south and work in the area by the Buskirk-Chumley.

Volan asked about the alleyway between Kirkwood and 6th street and College and Morton.

Wason said that alleyway had some development projects ongoing but eventually they would look to resurface those areas.

Rollo asked if Wason considered cameras in the alleyways since they were to put lighting in.

Wason said no.

Mary Catherine Carmichael stated that the lighting would activate the alleyways and since greater activation increases safety they did not think they would need cameras.

Rollo asked if they expected pedestrians to walk by dumpsters in the alleyway.

Wason said if the condition of some of the alleyways downtown continued to be bad they would not allow those businesses to utilize the alleyways for their trash receptacles any longer. He said he would love to do more shared trash areas.

Carmichael said it was important to work cooperatively with the businesses to decrease the overall needed number of dumpsters.

Sturbaum thought there was a link between the issue of the dumpsters and the lack of public restrooms and those should be addressed together.

Carmichael said the administration agreed and it was high on their list of things to pursue. They thought they needed public restrooms to eliminate the odor and have a safe place for people to use the restroom.

Granger asked if this was a part of the bond.

Carmichael said she did not believe so, but they had other funding and were committed to working on the issue.

Granger asked when.

Carmichael said the sooner the better, however, they needed to find a location and figure out what model would be the best for the restrooms.

Sturbaum thought these issues could be solved together.

Resolution 18-23 Approving the Issuance of City of Bloomington, Indiana Park District Bonds, Series 2018C in an Amount Not to Exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars to Finance the Costs of Capital Improvements at Certain Park Facilities and Costs Incurred in Connection with the Issuance of Such Bonds

Council Questions:

Piedmont-Smith asked what they had in mind for the entryway projects.

Resolution 18-23 (cont'd)

Williams said they did not have all the details of the location and budget complete. They said they knew what conceptual elements they would like.

Piedmont-Smith asked how they came to the \$1.25 million estimate.

Williams said they did have a consultant that assisted them in the allocations for each location.

Carmichael said they were proposing a design that would present a sense of place for Bloomington. She said they had not enter into the design phase because they did not have funding yet.

Sandberg asked if Sean Starowitz and the Bloomington Arts Commission would have a say in the design.

Carmichael said yes.

Volan asked about creating a public restroom in People's Park and if the funds could be used for that. He asked if any thought of public restrooms was put into these bonds.

Carmichael said not for these bonds.

Sims asked if it was possible to use the extra money to add restroom facilities.

Wason said that was a question about bond counsel.

Underwood said there was enough flexibility and the restrooms could be added. He said they were not able to come to a concrete idea of where they would be located and what type of restrooms they would create. He said they do have the flexibility to add things. He said they do have serious ongoing conversations about public restrooms downtown.

Ruff asked what system they would use to decide where to plant trees.

Williams said they would do a canopy analysis for under planted areas. He said they would try to distribute them equitably. He stated when they remove a tree they try to replace it, but it could not always be done. They would like to touch as many areas in the community as possible. He said they had an urban forestry consultant as well that would help them determine an action plan. They would like to have a long-term plan.

Underwood said earlier in the year they had a public sale tree program that was very successful and they would like to do one more of those.

Volan asked which of the bonds would require additional approval from Council.

Underwood said he was not aware of any that would need to come back to Council.

Carmichael said it was a possibility. They were not obligated, but they wanted to include the Council.

Volan asked if the greenway project would require final approval as well as the loop around Griffy.

Carmichael said yes to the greenway project.

Williams said the approval would be for the park board and the utilities service board for the Griffy Lake trails project.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Rollo thought this was a good community investment for the city's cultural identity. He thought it went deeper than just beautification.

Council Comment:

He said all of these bonds work within their new Sustainability Action Plan. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who responded to the community's needs.

Piedmont-Smith said she would support the resolution based on trees since they were vitally important. She also supported the alleyways and their improvements to make them walkable. She believed the improvements would benefit everyone in downtown Bloomington. She did not support the Bloomington entryways, stating that Bloomington already had unique architecture.

Granger urged them to consider improving public facilities within the near future.

Volan stated his familiarity with DUPs. He commented on the absence of the Mayor, and his resilience to negotiate DUPs. He expressed his disappointment in the administration's inability to commit on a project that is neither an economic or recreational development. Volan said he would not be supporting the Resolution.

Sturbaum thanked the Park's department on working to improve downtown Bloomington.

Ruff said that he agreed with Piedmont-Smith's statement on the Bloomington entryways.

The motion to adopt Resolution 18-23 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Volan), Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-21 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-21 be referred to the standing Land Use Committee on November 7th.

The motion to refer Ordinance 18-21 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-22 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis.

Volan moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 18-22 be referred to the standing Land Use Committee on November 7th.

The motion to refer Ordinance 18-22 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

There was no additional public comment.

Piedmont-Smith moved to cancel the Committee of the Whole Session on November 7, 2018. The motion was approved by voice vote.

+Resolution 18-23 (cont'd)

Vote to adopt Resolution 18-23.
[7:31pm]

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 18-21 to Rezone a Property from Residential Estate (RE) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to Amend the Associated PUD District Ordinance and Preliminary Plan – Re: 800 E Tamarack Trail (Meadowood Retirement Community, Petitioner)

Vote to refer to Land Use Committee

Ordinance 18-22 To Rezone a Property from Planned Unit Development (PUD), Business Park (BP), and Residential Single Family (RS) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to Amend the Associated District Ordinance and Preliminary Plan –Re: 1550 N Arlington Park Drive & 1723 W Arlington Road (Trinitas Development, Petitioner)

Vote to refer to Land Use Committee

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCIL SCHEDULE [10:39pm]

Council Attorney Dan Sherman reminded councilmembers of the Internal Work Session on November 2, 2018 at noon.


The meeting was adjourned at 10:41pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 19th day of December, 2018.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dorothy Granger, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington