

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at 7:30 PM with Council President Pizzo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

Roll Call: Banach, Mayer, Cole, Pizzo, Service, Sabbagh, Sherman, Pierce. Absent: Young.

ROLL CALL

Council President Pizzo gave the Agenda Summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of September 3, 1997 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Service was pleased about the new bike paths that are being extended along Lincoln and Washington Streets.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Cole commented on the memorial service for Maurice Evans who died this past week at the wonderful age of 103 years. She also expressed her concern and sadness at the death that resulted from a shooting incident at the Pollard Lodge this past Saturday night. She said that there will be a Neighborhood Association meeting next Tuesday evening to discuss the incident. She said this is a horrible and tragic occurrence that took place just ten blocks from this city hall and we must be careful that the incident doesn't just become history and forgotten by the community. The situation was a very combustible one and resulted in the death of a young man. She urged people to search deep to see what we can do about this tragedy and what can be done to prevent it from happening again.

Banach thanked Cole for her comments.

Mayor Fernandez invited the public to attend a meeting that will report on a Water Quality Study that will take place tomorrow evening. He also urged everyone to come out and enjoy the upcoming Annual Lotus Music Festival and finally he thanked everyone and especially the Controller's Office and the all the staff for the strong and progressive budget process that we have just completed.

MESSAGES FROM THE
MAYOR

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 97-37 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the legislation by title only. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 97-37 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 7-0-1 was given.

LEGISLATION FOR
SECOND READING/VOTE
ORDINANCE 97-37

Randy Lloyd, Economic Development Director, reviewed this request to take \$100,000 from the Westside Industry Fund to finance a training grant for the PYA/Monarch, Inc (Sara Lee) which is part of our "community package" toward the training programs that will be necessary for this company to operate. In effect, this is also a training and education opportunity for people who live and work in our community who will have these jobs.

Service asked if the company was aware that this "package" had to be approved by the council and was not a guarantee. Lloyd said that yes, they were aware of the possibility. She also asked if the training workers would receive would be transferable to other job related employment and Lloyd said that the training would center around computer automated systems and those skills are certainly transferable.

Cole requested, in the interest of time, that her comments from last week's meeting be incorporated into the text of this transcript. The following bracketed comments are from the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 10, 1997.

[Cole, as the Westside representative, said that the original intent of the Westside Industries Fund (with annual revenues of \$150,000 per year) was to repair infrastructure and to keep the Westside in good repair with the idea that these companies would eventually be annexed and where we now are in rethinking this seems uncertain. Over the years this fund has been used, (for numerous projects) and at least this use is for a west side industry, as a training grant for the industry. She said she would like to see this fund going more toward the original intention that created the fund. For example, there are terrible traffic problems that we have been very slow at addressing. She said she would like to see more money in that fund and to see it going toward solving some of the problems that the west side has. This is a good project and she said she would support it but that she would like the record to reflect that she would like to see some of our problems, like traffic and drainage, on the west side addressed by that fund.]

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

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 97-3 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the legislation by title only.

APP ORD 97-3

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 97-3 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 8-0 was given. This is a legally advertised Public Hearing.

Vicki Renfrow, Legal Department, said that this is the last action necessary to allow for the bond process that will begin the renovation of the Old Municipal Building for use by the Bloomington Police Department.

Service asked Renfrow to review the Building Corporation's role in this process and Renfrow explained that this corporation was formed several years ago as a method to facilitate the various capital projects the city wants to do. By taking title to properties it is able to issue bonds and raise the necessary money to make whatever the property improvements or facilitate whatever the projects might be. The city then leases back the property from the corporation, pays lease payments or in effect pays back the bonds. In essence it is a mortgage situation. The city cannot directly engage in this type of transaction so it is done through the independent corporation. The Showers facility was financed this way. Service asked about current work that is taking place at the Old Municipal Building and Renfrow said that Public Works is doing routine property maintenance and is not part of this bond issuance.

Cole asked the amount of the bond and Renfrow said that when the ordinance as drafted we were not sure just what the actual amount would be or how much the contracts would be, and so it was determined that it would not be higher than the \$1.4 million (bids opened at the Public Works meeting actually came in at \$1.415 million). Several things will not be done, like windows and new doors, but the base bid will cover the essentials. The discussion continued with other building/construction details and essentially the amount of money that will finally come to the city is about \$1.2 million. Cole also asked about the Percentage for the Arts program and if it was being considered and Renfrow said that there will be about \$12,000 for the 1% set aside for public art. Cole suggested that the art project aspect of this project be considered early so that the art might actually be incorporated into the building itself if that would be helpful with this particular project. The art does not have to be a separate "icing on the cake" but could be part of the actual building. She also

hoped that there might also be an opportunity for some private funding to the project. Renfrow said that with the tight budget this project will have, that could be a very helpful and useful consideration.

At 8:10 PM public input was requested. There was no public comment.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:8, Nays:0

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 97-34 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the legislation by title only.

ORDINANCE 97-34

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 97-34 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 6-0-2 was given.

Lynne Friedmeyer, Planning Department, described the request for an amendment to the original plan for 119 homes on 58 acres. This request is for a small 3.8 ac addition that would attach to the site in Phase 4. There are five lots in this phase and the average lot size will be about 3/4 an acre. Flood plain, sink holes and the tree line area will all be placed in a conservancy easement. They acquired this land as an add on since they can't go any further west.

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

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and read by title only for First Reading before the Bloomington Common Council by the clerk. Clerk Williams read the legislation.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 97-36

ORDINANCE 97-38

Ordinance 97-36 To Amend Title 15 of the BMC Entitled Vehicles and Traffic and Title 8 Entitled Fire Prevention (Revising Fire Regulations to Reflect Current Laws and Practices).

Ordinance 97-38 To Amend the Bloomington Zoning Maps from RS 3.5 to PUD and Amend the Preliminary Plan re; 3300 Sare Road, Parcel G (Eby Development & Management Co)

The Mayor complimented the council on the efficient and business like meeting this evening.

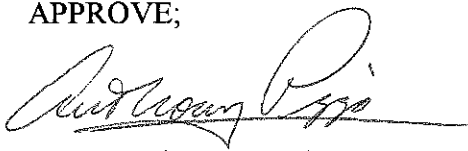
PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

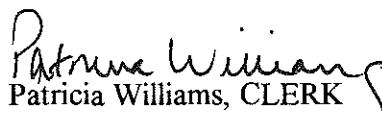
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE;

ATTEST;



Anthony Pizzo, President
Bloomington Common Council


Patricia Williams, CLERK
City of Bloomington