

In the Council Chambers of the Showers Municipal Building held on Wednesday, January 17, 1996 with Council President Sherman presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 17, 1996

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

ROLL CALL

President Sherman gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Pierce reported that the city staff will be bringing forth definitions and guidelines regarding cellular towers that will address immediate concerns and then provide the framework for a later comprehensive approach. Traffic calming legislation is moving along in the state legislature, removing some of the liability concerns of municipalities and allowing the devices to be implemented.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Service announced the various board and commission vacancies and urged people to consider some of the opportunities to get involved. She wished the Clerk a speedy, broken leg recovery.

Sabbagh noted the Chamber of Commerce's Council and Executive Forum holds great promise for the information industry development here in Bloomington.

Cole commented on a Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration newspaper photograph of two Bedford children and the spirit of brotherhood it portrayed.

Kiesling announced upcoming Plan Department Open Houses for public viewing of community regional maps and infrastructure discussions.

Banach was glad the snow removal telephone calls had diminished as well as the snow.

Sherman thanked everyone who took part in community events regarding the Martin Luther King Birthday celebrations. He announced his upcoming annual-quarterly meeting with Public Works and Engineering Dept. officials and he urged people to contact him with concerns pertaining to those areas.

Mayor Fernandez thanked city employees and volunteers who made the King celebrations real community celebrations. He too urged people to apply for the various boards and commissions and stressed the need for public input.

MESSAGES FROM
THE MAYOR

Michael Parker commended the city on the recent snow removal efforts and thought a great job was done!

PUBLIC INPUT

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 96-1 be introduced and read by title only. Deputy Clerk Byrd read the legislation by title only.

LEGISLATION FOR
SECOND READING/
VOTE

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 96-1 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 9-0 was given.

ORDINANCE 96-1

Mayor Fernandez said recent changes in state law now allow for the expansion of Board of Public Safety and he believed that this measure would provide broader representation and input from the community.

Service thought this expansion expanded the efforts of the recent Civil Liberties Commission that called for additional ex-officio board members, in order to do just what this ordinance is doing - expanding the opportunity for a broader public input and participation.

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Kiesling agreed with the expanded board proposal.

Young commented on the fact that this board received a stipend, and while it is a small one, there are other commission members who are serving many long hours of service without any type of stipend. He suggested that we consider the proposal that we either pay everyone or no one.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:9, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 96-2 be introduced and read by title only. Deputy Clerk Byrd read the legislation by title only. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 96-2 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 8-0-1 was given.

ORDINANCE 96-2

Mayor Fernandez response to some questions raised at the committee discussion of this request: Linda Williamson of the BEDC as well as the Chamber President support this effort, and that this request be considered as an investment in our community as a way of really improving the quality of life for all of our citizens. This position puts in place those bridges to other community efforts to accomplish this task. The salary for this position is coming out of the mayor's budget at this time. In the long run it will come from a pool of different sources.

Banach said he inquired of several different comparable cities for their salary levels and said we were right in line with other communities.

Leo Hickman supported this position to help increase jobs in our community.

Kent Moore also spoke in support of the position and urged empowerment of the people who are already here by utilizing the skills that are already available in our community.

Service said that she is not opposed to this position but with money being as tight as it is and other needs and requests over the years not being funded for lack of monies or higher priorities, there already are agencies and people in place doing this similar job for our community.

Sabbagh supported the initiative as proposed.

Young also supported the legislation as money well spent to generate the monies to improve our economy and general tax base.

Cole also supported this proposal and thought it was a good decision to broaden the Bloomington perspective.

Kiesling asked about the job description and hoped that it would include a cooperative effort with other units of government and departments.

Sherman supported the ordinance as a way of creating value, quality as well as dollars to do the things we want to do. We have supported other committees over the years, who are involved with economic development efforts but we haven't done it ourselves. This is what this is.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:8, Nays:1. (Service).

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

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 96-3 To Amend the Bloomington Zoning Maps from RS 3.5 and RE 1 to PUD and Approve the Preliminary Plan-re: 3300 Sare Road (Ken Blackwell, Petitioner).

Young presented a Conflict of Interest statement regarding this particular legislation and will abstain from discussion and voting.

It was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote that Young's statement be accepted.

Ordinance 96-4 To Amend the Preliminary Plan re: 3222 W. Vernal Pike (Cowden Development, Petitioner).

Michael Parker, who spoke earlier in the evening and attending the meeting as a class assignment, commended the council on the good job they do as well as the easy way it's done.


PUBLIC INPUT

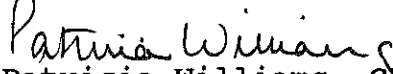
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE;

ATTEST;


Jim Sherman, President
Bloomington Common Council


Patricia Williams, CLERK
City of Bloomington