

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, November 13, 1996 at 7:30 PM with Council Vice President Cole presiding over a Special Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 13, 1996

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

ROLL CALL

Vice President Cole gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 96-22 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the legislation by title only.

LEGISLATION FOR
SECOND READING/VOTE

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 96-22 be adopted. The synopsis was given. There was no committee recommendation.

RESOLUTION 96-22

Pierce, sponsor of the resolution, said that this resolution was drafted in response to a last minutes policy change regarding Billboards in the Monroe County Zoning Ordinance that is currently under consideration by the County Plan Commission and the Commissioners. As pointed out last week, by the Mayor, there was a last minute change in the discussion draft that resulted in going from a policy of "no new billboards out in the county" to allowing up to 8 boards/mile. He thought it was important for the Common Council to be firmly on record as favoring the initial policy of no further billboards. Over time the city will be annexing properties and we will have to live with whatever boards there are out there.

The WHEREAS clauses of the resolution were read in their entirety.

Cole said that we need to be steadfast in protecting the natural beauty of Monroe County.

Service raised the question of equivalency, and since we are turning over the 2 mile fringe to the county, one of the requirements will be that the two ordinances, city and county, be equivalent. There was no problem with this concept until this radical change in the draft was made and now, the community has basically lost the fight that was won, when this issue was debated by the city Plan Commission and Common Council. At that time it was established that we would hold the line with what is already there (billboards) and now the county has caved in to one particular special interest and that particular individual and business is not interested in the entire community. The business interest is saying that to vote against the number of billboards is to attack the business and threaten the jobs of their people. There is no suggestion that anything be reduced, nor that boards or jobs should be taken away.

Banach reminded the viewing public that this is a resolution, not an ordinance. Resolutions are designed to give a sense of the council and do not carry the force of law.

Cole said the County Plan Commission meeting is taking place at this time, and again, the council thought it was appropriate to share their sentiments with their colleagues at the county at this time.

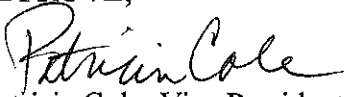
Pierce commented on a recent Leadership Bloomington trip to Lexington, KY and noted that there were no billboards on the Kentucky interstates and 1) how important it is for a policy to be established and 2) how beautiful the Kentucky roadways were minus the billboards.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:7, Nays:0.1 (Young) corrected per memo on 11/21/13 per disposition with decision OKD.
The resolution was forwarded to the Monroe County Commissioner and Plan Commission members.

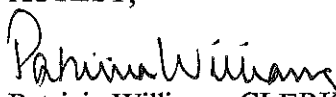
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The Special Session of the
Common Council was followed by a Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE;


Patricia Cole, Vice President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST;


Patricia Williams, CLERK
City of Bloomington