

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, October 4, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. with Council President Kiesling presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

Roll Call: Sherman, Swain, Service, Pizzo, Kiesling, Cole, Hopkins, White, Bonnell.

Kiesling gave the agenda summation.

The minutes of September 20, 1995 were approved by a voice vote.

White referred to recent ACLU comments about a potential lawsuit associated with the People's Park incident. He said that as mayor, he will increase the number of Board members from 3 to 5 on the Board of Safety as well as the Board of Public Works as now allowed by state statute. These are important boards and increasing the size will allow for a wider diverse group. Increasing the boards will enable us to have more citizens serving the city on a volunteer basis and avoid needless lawsuits by adding new members to the Board of Safety and implementing neighborhood programs with our police dept.

Pizzo reported on the recent Humane Society event this past Sunday as a good example of county/city/Humane Society volunteers cooperation.

Service again urged people to register/transfer to vote for the upcoming municipal election.

Sherman wished everyone a Happy New Year (Rosh Hashanah) as well as today which is Yom Kippur.

Kiesling congratulated RCA for their 65th million TV set that was recently produced, also Otis for their 30th year here in the Bloomington community. She thanked Solid Waste controller Joan Hood for all her hard work as she goes off to new pursuits.

Mayor Allison announced the state wide public/private partnership award from IACT that was recently awarded to our own CFC, Inc. Also a certificate of recognition from the Chamber of Commerce for the enhancement of the greater Bloomington community (landscaping improvements around town). Kiesling also announced the mayor's lifetime achievement award presented by the Chamber. Linda Runkle also was lauded for her hard work on the Showers Project.

A proclamation was read for former Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap. Her family and husband Chester accepted the proclamation and thanked the community for the wonderful recognition awarded her and her family at the time of Mary Alice's death.

Mayor Allison introduced Barbara Seitz de Martinez and Kristina Lindborg of Sister Cities for the recent Volunteer of the Year given at the International Conference for her role in the Posoltega programs. Accompanying Martinez and Lindborg were three students who also were active in the Nicaragua exchange programs. Also Anna Strout who won a Photography Award for a photo taken in Posoltega. Anna donated the \$100 award back into the Posoltega program.

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 95-6 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only. It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 95-6 be adopted.

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The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 6-0-1 was given.

Chuck Ruckman suggested that the synopsis was a good detailed explanation of the intended uses for the monies.

Cole asked about the Fire Departments policy of two vehicles responding to emergency calls that might be vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle accidents and her concern about that allocation of personnel. Chief Fleener responded via a memo that Chief Sharp will alert his officers to inform the fire department if they do not need to respond. Also fire personnel will park their vehicles in a manner to avoid vehicle fumes from swirling over the injured person as the vehicle idles.

White was concerned that the backup unit would not be there automatically. The rescue units are understaffed and with only one person in the vehicle just one person may not be enough to operate whatever rescue equipment is called for. He thought we were micro managing.

Cole thought that each situation had to be evaluated and that sending all kinds of equipment to what may be a minor accident doesn't make sense.

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

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 95-30 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION 95-30

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 95-30 be adopted. The synopsis was given. Clerk Williams announced that this is a legally advertised meeting.

Chris Spiek said this was the final hearing of the reconfirming resolution for Resolution 95-29. All necessary approvals and variances have been completed and the project is ready to go forward.

Justice St. Rain spoke against the project providing numerous square feet costs of other rental programs compared to the "Bicycle Apartment" of .85 per sq.ft. He thought this was really a tenement and they are doing away with these all over the country and here we are building one now.

Bill Finch, representing CFC, Inc, responded to Mr. St. Rain's comments about sqft costs and said that efficiency apartments around town were all about \$300/month, and they are all in a range that people still cannot pay for. CFC is trying to put units in that are available right now and at an affordable price that people can move into.

Jim Cummings, a senior citizen, thought there was a great need for housing of this kind in the downtown area and expressed support for the development.

Finch said that there will be handicapped accessible units, there will be access to nearby bus transportation, there will be an on-site leasing agent until such time that all the units are leased, that difficulties within the complex are not anticipated and that low income residents are not necessarily equated with crime rates. CFC does not agree with that.

Swain said this is not a Chicago project and noted all the nearby amenities that will service this new facility.

Bonnell supported the project, that the tax abatement dollars per unit were more than a worthwhile investment, and that this long standing relationship between the city and this particular private sector partner is to be commended.

Service agreed that Mr. St.Rain raised some good points, but that Mr. Finch's responses were supportable and this will be a good project. She thanked everyone involved in this project.

Cole thought the city should be looking at a downtown pocket park for the downtown as a future project.

White thought this was a really innovative approach to part of our housing need, will mitigate traffic and provide more downtown residential housing. He explained that this property currently pays \$6,322/yr in taxes. By the third year, it will pay over \$8,000/yr in taxes because of the improvements.

Kiesling thanked CFC for the project and taking the risks to make it happen.

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

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-40 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only.

ORDINANCE 95-40

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-40 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 6-0-1 was given.

Tim Mueller gave a brief description of the tract for this 27, one acre lot development on about 35 acres of land. Access improvements at S.R. 46 are subject to approval by the state, a permit has been secured providing accel and decel lanes as well as a passing blister. Regional retail as called for in the Master Plan is being recommended south of the area and we would like to take advantage of the 4 lane road improvements that the state project will provide. The County would like to respond by relocating Curry Pike. It would swing east and cross the S.R. 46 extension at the only allowed intersection and would move up to realign with Stoutes Creek Rd. and that the road would eventually become a thoroughfare with Curry Pike. The road will have a 60 ft right of way plus a 10 ft easement on each side. State Road 46 is currently operating at about optimum capacity and the new roadway will provide a much welcomed relief. Major development will be discouraged along old S.R.46 and this use is a good use of this property.

Service asked about what kind of problem we would have, in terms of widening the current road if the state improvements to the new terrain S.R. 46 would not happen. Mueller said there is ample right of way dedication to create adequate access for the entrance to the subdivision.

Jeff Fanyo, representing the petitioner, said that in response to a comment last week, that the accel/decel lanes and passing blister will provide the necessary safety features that nearby neighbors were concerned about.

Cole expressed concern about a 4 lane road through a small subdivision and did not believe that was good planning. This could cause potential problems down the road.

Bonnell said he appreciated the fact that the petitioner was willing to bring this forward for our consideration at this time, when it is projected that the County will soon assume control of the 2 Mile Fringe speaks to the ease of our process.


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

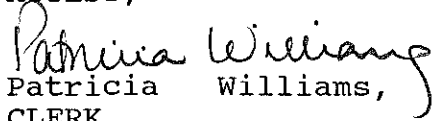
It was moved and seconded that the following ordinance be introduced by title only for First Reading by the Common Council. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only. LEGISLATION FOR
FIRST READING
ORDINANCE 95-42

Ordinance 95-42 Authorizing the City of Bloomington to Issue Its "City of Bloomington, Indiana Economic Development Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1995 A (Jackson Creek Associates Project)" and Its "City of Bloomington, Indiana Taxable Subordinate Economic Development Revenue Sharing Bonds, Series 1995 B (Jackson Creek Associates)", and Approving and Authorizing Other Action in Respect Thereto.

There was no public input.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

PUBLIC INPUT
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE; 
Iris Kiesling, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST;

Patricia Williams,
CLERK
City of Bloomington