

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, October 18, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. with Council President Kiesling presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 18, 1995

Roll Call: Sherman, Service, Pizzo, Kiesling, White, Bonnell. Cole arrived at 7:50 P.M. Absent: Hopkins, Swain.

ROLL CALL

President Kiesling gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of October 4, 1995 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Service thanked the Mayor and representatives of the social service agencies for the forum earlier this evening addressing Federal budget cuts and how they will affect our community. She also lamented the political "yard sign" disappearances and vandalism at this time of year.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Pizzo was concerned about our community's future if the federal budget cuts actually become a reality and how we plan for that eventuality.

White echoed Services yard sign concerns and wished that we could just ban the political yard signs once and for all. He hoped everyone would be respectful of candidates efforts to get their messages to the public. He applauded the HoosierNet community computer access program that is about to become a reality.

Bonnell echoed yard sign, federal budget cuts, and HoosierNet comments. He presented an outline of all the affordable housing investments that the city has been involved with. New construction of affordable rental projects are usually a combination of local tax abatement and the use of the federal HOME program.

(A copy of the report is attached to the approved minutes). The reports suggests a documentation of the actual monetary amounts that various programs contribute towards subsidizing affordable housing over the life of the project.

Sherman thought the social service forum sent a powerful message to the entire community and as councilmembers we are going to have to respond to these concerns.

DR. PIZZO reminded us all to get our flu shots!

Cole said she was glad that house on 10th Street will finally have a new life. She thanked David Ferguson and the Old Northeast Neighborhood Association as well as thanked Jack Hopkins for his efforts four years ago on behalf of the house. Sometimes it just takes a long time to get something accomplished.....

Kiesling reported that the budget cuts will affect our Citizens Information Committee that has been making very good progress on the whole PCB issue. There may not be the money to bring the various people in for these regular meetings. She also urged everyone to give generously to the United Way campaign with the theme "Open Your Heart".

Mayor Allison also urged continued communication with the congressional delegation regarding the budget cuts.

MESSAGES FROM THE
MAYOR

Allison introduced Steve McClain, from the Department of Natural Resources who honored Matthew Johnson and his mother Cindy Johnson for their heroic efforts that saved the life of three young children at Lake Monroe this

summer. Matt pulled two children out of the water and then his mother noticed a third child was under water and Matthew went back in and managed to rescue the little girl as well. Both Matthew and Cindy were presented with commendations and the Mayor awarded Matthew the Life Saving Medal. Matt and his extended family that was present received the heartfelt applause and thanks, and a few tears from everyone present.

Allison announced the tree planing ceremony in Bryan Park this coming Friday in memory of former Mayor, Mary Alice Dunlap.

Joann Alexander Brown, Arts Commission President, showed the council the latest art acquisitions that the commission has selected as part of the ongoing annual acquisition program. A Brown County painting by Jim Brown and a small painted coffee table by local artist Laura Moore. Mayor Allison assured us that these would be part of the city's permanent collection and the usual departmental "bidding wars" would probably occur among various departments. She thanked the Art Commission for their efforts on behalf of this program.

The Mayor announced the 6th annual award given to Chuck Ruckman and the Controllers Office for excellence in financial and governmental reporting. Chuck recognized Bryan Hacker for his assistance in putting these programs together. Bryan is now with the Parks Dept. and the new Bryan is Jamie Brinegar.

The Mayor also recognized the Monroe County School children's display of the art of Mexico that is currently hanging in the council chambers. Cole pointed out that so often the artists that are providing the public art do it in a less than full price manner, thereby making a contribution to the city as well.

And now the rest of the meeting.....

It was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote that Peter Wright be appointed to the Traffic Commission.

APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-42 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only.

LEGISLATION FOR
SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 95-42

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-42 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 6-0-1.

Susan Failey said the original bonds were approved in 1981 and the owners of Jackson Creek are requesting a refinance for the amounts still outstanding on those bonds. The interest range on the 1981 bonds are in the 13% range and this refinancing would lower that to around 8.5% on the tax exempt portion and up to 12% on the smaller taxable portion of the bond. The petitioners intend to use some of the interest savings for improvements to the shopping center: improving the parking lot, upgrading the lighting, roof repairs and repainting, landscaping upgrades that are now required by our zoning ordinance (not less than 6% landscaping is required), and Bloomington Transit will continue to have parking lot access. The EDC gave full approval to the petition.

Failey said the amendment is basically a technical one.

Charles Compton, Ice, Miller, Donadio and Ryan Legal Consul said that the amendments deal with rates and limits that cannot be exceeded. When the original ordinance was prepared those maximum rates needed to be adjusted as they were probably a little low and this simply adjusts the interim market rates.

It was moved and seconded that the amendment be considered.
The amendment received a roll call vote of Ayes:7, Nays:0.

A representative of the Jackson Creek Associates thanked the council for their support.

Bonnell asked about what the refinancing represented in corporate savings and the answer was about \$80-100,000 annually over 16 years. The cost of the improvements would be an immediate excess of more than \$100,000 in repairs with a final total of about \$400-500,000 in improvements and repairs. The parking lot and landscape are imminent and others will take place in the spring during the usual building cycle.

The ordinance, as amended, received a roll call vote of Ayes:7, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 95-32 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION 95-32

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 95-32 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 7-0-1.

Chris Spiek described the location of the 28 unit facility for Middle Way House at Smith St and S. Washington St. The finance package for this project consists of Middle Way holding 1% controlling interest and the remaining 99% will be sold to investors utilizing the tax credit benefits. A for-profit subsidiary has been established to take back the project after the tax credits have been sold.

Melanie Green, representing Middle Way House, said the project will be underway in November with the project completed by August.

Sherman asked about the status of the Smith St. sidewalk and Spiek said that he would resolve that by the confirming resolution discussion.

Cole complimented Green and Middle Way House for the wonderful job they have done putting this project together.

Tim Sutherlin enthusiastically supported the project.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:7, Nays:0

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

LEGISLATION FOR
FIRST READING
ORDINANCE 95-45
ORDINANCE 95-44

Ordinance 95-45 To Amend Title 17 of the BMC Entitled "Construction Regulations" (Establish an Affordable Housing Permit Waiver Program).

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Ordinance 95-44 To Amend Title 15 of the BMC Entitled
"Vehicles and Traffic".

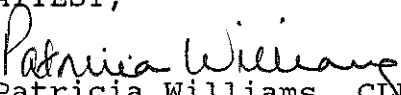
There was no public input.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

PUBLIC INPUT
AMENDMENT

APPROVE;


Iris Kiesling, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST;


Patricia Williams, CLERK
City of Bloomington