

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, November 1, 1995 with Council President Kiesling presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL

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

ROLL CALL

Kiesling gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of October 18, 1995 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sherman thought it had been a good election campaign season, issues have been defined and there are some clear differences. He thanked the many groups that have sponsored candidate forums and he urged people to vote.

MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Service also urged people to vote and also announced that there will be one more council committee meeting in this City Hall and the poor old meeting has served us well.

Pizzo also urged everyone to vote.

Cole congratulated the Bloomington Police Department for the good police work leading to the arrest of the suspect involved in recent breakins. She also suggested that the long vacant "Lil Injun" building up in the Crestmont area be made a community oriented substation for the police officers. She thought that during her term she has tried to support personal interaction and community participation in all forms of government.

Hopkins also thought it has been a good campaign with well developed issues. He was concerned about the amount of money spent on the campaign, almost double of what it was four years ago.

White agreed with Hopkins and said he was surprised as well with both campaigns at about the same level. Over 2/3 of the contributions were less than \$100. The cost of everything has gone up since the last election. He also praised the police efforts in the recent arrest of the breakin and assaults suspect. Officer Tony Pope and Sgt. Mark Crouch and the BPD night shift. He talked about the understaffing levels of the department.

Bonnell also praised the BPD officers and department.

Kiesling announced city closings for Election Day, Veterans Day and trash collection schedules.

Pizzo read a proclamation from the Mayor concerning the need for eye exams especially for diabetic citizens, and making November Diabetes Month in Bloomington.

Ron Jenson accepted the proclamation on behalf of the School of Optometry.

Kiesling read an award given to the Parks and Recreation Dept for our Softball Tournament facilities.

Scott Wells, Environmental Enterprises, urged councilmembers to attend the county land use plan hearings next week. He talked about White's statements regarding land use and environmental concerns as a councilmember and as a mayoral candidate.

Kevin Endwright, Protect Our Woods, pined about the many issues that have been discussed and debated in these chambers. He talked about his concerns about the Northwest Industrial Park. He expressed concern that the 2 mile fringe transfer must be done by the city legislative body, not as it is currently being carried out.

Mike Bower, Bloomington Street Dept., informed the council how the street department really works. He said the 25 employees total 366 years of experience and that's the key factor. Our labor is union labor and the job gets done because they really know what they are doing. He talked about the various programs and the monies saved from sidewalks to streets to equipment efficiencies.

White responded to Mr. Wells earlier comments regarding his record/vote and said that he did support the Growth Policy Plan in general and in individual projects he reviews all the details specific to that project.

Sherman said that Public Works and the Street Dept. really do get the job done and he thanked them for the good work they do.

It was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote that Sid Smith be appointed to the Traffic Commission to fill the remainder of Pip Chamberlains' term.

TRAFFIC COMM.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 95-33 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the legislation by title only.

**LEGISLATION FOR
SECOND READING
RES. 95-33**

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 95-33 be adopted.

Chris Spiek said that new state law mandates that all taxing units be notified of tax abatement approvals prior to confirming legislation. Therefore this resolution will be continued until notice can be enacted and will be on the agenda at the next regular council meeting on November 15, 1995.

The motion to continue received a roll call vote of Ayes:9, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-45 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the legislation for first reading.

ORD. 95-45

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-45 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 8-0.

Bonnell explained his intention in drafting this code amendment for removing an inadvertent disincentive towards the building of smaller homes and more affordable homes. Many times there are subsidies available for the builder that is planning a large project. We now have minimum base fees that are greater than the square footage of smaller homes. If the Redevelopment Department determines that this is an eligible housing proposal, this removes those minimum fees on both new SF dwellings and a base fee that we charge on rental units. In short if the development meets certain criteria of the Redevelopment Dept, then certain base and minimum fees are waived by the building code department. The costs are low since project eligibility by way of tax abatement or HOME loans will have already been determined by the Redevelopment Dept. This would results in about \$6 - \$10,000 in reduced fees and these costs can be passed on to homeowners or renters. The Redevelopment Dept. will create and maintain the ledger of for profit and not for profit projects that are eligible.

Hopkins asked if this proposal would benefit someone who wanted to build his own house.

Chris Spiek said no, said that the Redevelopment Dept. is not going to get involved in everything that determines income eligibility and verification.

Hopkins thought this discriminates against people who want to build their own home and are not part of a larger project and want to build a smaller house. Hopkins did not see the need to verify income is the criteria is based on square footage. A small house should be cheaper to build.

Sherman asked about the statement that it doesn't cost anything. Bonnell said that there is almost no administrative costs involved. Sherman said that if the program results in \$10,000 less in fees collected, then we as a city as dealing with \$10,000 less revenues to use for other projects or administrative expenses.

Swain asked for reassurances that the criteria will be in place to make sure that savings are in fact passed along to the ultimate consumer.

Spiek said that is the purpose of making the approvals as part of a broader program with all those verifications already in place.

Sherman argued that the savings are still not passed on to the owner/renter if the builder is still charging what the other program allows them to charge.

Spiek agreed that there is no way to determine if it is passed on, but that is not the intent. The program is to stimulate the development of the project in the first place.

David Sabbagh asked if there has been any long range thinking about this proposal. This alone will have no effect on creating more affordable units and we will lose the revenue. There will be added cost with little or no benefit.

White said this is one piece of the puzzle and while it won't solve all of our problems, it's a start.

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

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-44 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the legislation by title only.

ORD. 95-44

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 95-44 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of Do-Pass 8-0.

Mike Leavitt, City Engineer, explained that this ordinance reflects necessary intersection signage and regulation in newly annexed areas, as well as other signage changes in the city.

Sherman asked about Fee Lane/10th Street. Leavitt said that there were concerns about limited sight distances in both direction that warrant NO TURN ON RED. Both Sherman and Hopkins thought that sight was not a problem.

Swain asked when the Kirkwood and Grant STOP sign would go up and Leavitt said it would take about a month to make people really aware of its existence and erect signage in the most appropriate locations.

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

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

LEGISLATION FOR
FIRST READING

Ordinance 95-46 To Amend a Preliminary Plan re: 5701 W. State Rd. 48 (Standard Development, LLC., Petitioner.

Ordinance 95-69 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Ordinance 94-42

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Concerning Waterworks Revenue Bonds
Ordinance 95-70 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Ordinance 94-43
Concerning the Issuance of Sewage Works Revenue Bonds.

Kiesling wished Councilmember Swain a Happy Birthday.

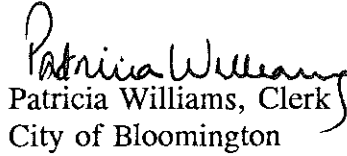
There was no public comment.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

APPROVE;



Iris Kiesling, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST;



Patricia Williams, Clerk
City of Bloomington