

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, June 16, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. with Council President Hopkins presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 16, 1993

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

ROLL CALL

The minutes of June 2, 1993 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Hopkins gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Sherman expressed displeasure with the state legislature, stating that partisan politics has gone too far and challenged legislators to vote their beliefs. Service announced the upcoming Sleeping Beauty theater production, the Stinesville Heritage Days and the recognition ceremony on June 22, 1993 of the First Land Sale in 1818 and the opening of the first business established here in Bloomington as a result.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Hopkins referenced a recent mailing of "Beware Documents" dealing with zoning issues and said he was personally disappointed with this type of thing and said this divisiveness will only polarize people more. There are plenty of forums for people to express their concerns and there is no need to do it this way.

The council gleefully opened gifts given by the recent delegation of visitors from our Sister City in LuChou.

Mayor Allison said that the delegation was very happy to be in Bloomington and was particularly interested in our tree planting program and they talked about a similar program they have in LuChou. Art work from the children of Lushan, China currently hangs in the Council Chambers and drawings from Bloomington schools went back to LuChou this year.

MESSAGES FROM THE
MAYOR

The Mayor read proclamations recognizing our Sister City relationship with Polsetega stating that the week of June 20 will be Bloomington/Polsetega Week, secondly, a Proclamation presented to Mary Forrest celebrating June 16 as the Day of the African Child and thanked Mary for all her efforts on behalf of this cause and finally a proclamation for the Shriners Organization, introduced members of the organization and they encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming circus to be held on August 13-15 benefiting hospitals all over the world.

Jim Tolen, a resident of Highland Village, said that while he frequently disagrees with Service, she was right on target regarding her defense of neighborhood associations and praised CONA, and in particular how government and the associations have worked together. He thanked the council for the public forum section of the meeting and the opportunity to participate in the CONA program. He thanked everyone, council, mayor, deputy mayor for the tireless efforts on everyone's part to make this community a better place to live.

PUBLIC MESSAGES

It was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote that Tony Pizzo would replace John Fernandez on the Economic Development Commission, for the remainder of said term (1996).

APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 93-22 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 93-22 be adopted. The synopsis was given.

LEGISLATION FOR
SECOND READING
RESOLUTION 93-22

Gene Stokes said that the amount of money is between \$15,000-19,000 this year that would waive current payments in lieu of taxes by the Housing

Authority. Responding to the annual question - the number of people waiting for housing is now at 900.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:8, Nays:0

RESOLUTION 93-20

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 93-20 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 93-20 be adopted. The synopsis was given.

Patricia Cole read the resolution in its entirety and said the concept of public art has been around since 1966 and has been used to revitalize blighted areas and helps establish the identity of a city. Many larger cities have implemented a percentage for the arts as well as cities the size of Bloomington.

The resolution is the result of many people working together and she thanked Regina Miller, Pam Service, former councilmember John Fernandez, Joann Alexander, Patty Pizzo and Rosemary Fraser.

Mayor Allison said the Arts Commission has been a positive force in the community with all kinds of projects that we can all enjoy, the hangings in the council chamber, art in the parks, grants and original art for the Municipal Building. Art is a major economic part of this community and we will use this as a learning process on how to bring government and art together in the community.

JoAnn Alexander, Arts Commission Chairman also noted the many projects the Arts Commission has been involved with. She thanked everyone for their involvement.

Betsy Blumenthal, President of the Bloomington Area Arts Council said that this represents the official stamp of city support for the arts.

Sherman thanked everyone involved with this resolution, especially the council and administration who has been involved in bringing this to fruition.

Pizzo also supported the resolution and noted that the art that hangs in the South Central Mental Health Clinic really changes the atmosphere in that particular building.

Service credited Cole for this resolution as well as John Fernandez when he was on the council. This approach is doing it the right way by getting art involved in the beginning of the project rather than as an afterthought. There are many economic justifications for art/tourism/architecture (Columbus, for example) as well as the spiritual needs of a community.

Miller also thanked Rep. Mark Kruzan who brought this to the council over 6 years ago. Other buildings like the hospital and the IU Memorial Union both have extensive art collections prominently displayed.

White thought it was a great idea and after looking at some of the recent projects, like the Fire Station at a million dollar cost, \$10,000 could be creatively spent because the building isn't open to the public, but the green space could be a good location for this type of use. He encouraged the committee to consider to concept of a private sector match of some kind, similar to the Waldron Art combination of public/private contributions and leverage monies to maximize the final amount - 3/4% of the project cost could come from the city and with another 3/4% we would be able to do quite a bit with 1 1/2% to devote to the art for public project.

This is a perfect project for a City Hall, where the building is an expression of community creativity.

Kiesling hoped that we would extend this to other facilities as well.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:8, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 93-23 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 93-23 be adopted. The synopsis was given.

Ted Rhinehart said that this request comes out of the work load schedule in the Street Dept. Currently there are problems getting the job done with just one person responsible for all electronic signals, traffic control devices, as well as pavement markings and striping, supervises field workers, gives advice to the City Engineer on traffic problems and citizen concerns are all part of an enormous work load for one person. The assistant position is necessary to provide some sort of balance and looking at other cities our size, they have two/three people in those areas. As it is currently structured one person handles everything, is on call for emergency call out day, night and weekends. He said that the Street Dept., like everyone is concerned about budgetary constraints and they have faced this for the last three years. This dept. is dependent on state revenues from gas tax money for all the projects and the distributions have been very flat while costs have continued to go up Cutbacks have been made for the last several years, eliminating several positions that were vacated and not filled.

Sherman said that after canvassing areas newly added to his council district, as of last year, the Street Dept. may need two additional staff persons. The needs are great.

Service said that funding for position this is along the same lines as the enforcement positions we have recently created and funded.

Doris Sims, Personnel Director, explained the position salary and step plan placement in city job descriptions.

White said that after talking with Ted Rhinehart this would be a good addition and one person should not have to handle quite so much and all of the things we have done, recently, have added a lot to this position.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:8, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that the following ordinances be introduced and read by title only by the Clerk for first reading before the Common Council. Clerk Williams read the legislation for first reading by title only.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 93-25 To Amend Title 15 of the BMC Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"

ORDINANCE 93-25

Ordinance 93-26 To Amend Title 14 of the BMC Entitled "Peace and Safety" (Prohibition of Open containers of an Alcoholic Beverage in Motor Vehicles).

ORDINANCE 93-26

Ordinance 93-28 To Amend Chapter 2.21 of the BMC Entitled "Department of Law" (Discouraging Discrimination Based Upon Sexual Orientation).

ORDINANCE 93-28

Hopkins announced that Ordinance 93-26 would be informally discussed on July 14 with final action on July 21, 1993.

Jim Tolen urged the council and the public to support the Open Container legislation that will be discussed in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Jack W. Hopkins, President
Bloomington Common Council

Patricia Williams, CLERK
City of Bloomington

Approved on 7th of July, 1993