

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, September 8, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. with Council President Hopkins presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 8, 1993

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

ROLL CALL

Hopkins gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of July 21, 28, and August 4, 1993 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Sherman welcomed everyone back to campus and commented on the excitement of so many people descending upon us in August of each year. He thanked everyone involved in making the trash tag program work, Ted Rhinehart, Ken Friedlander, the wonderful hard working street crews and most of all the many citizens who have cheerfully and positively cooperated with the program.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Swain urged everyone to make the extra effort to pre-cycle when they shop and, in particular, to avoid styrofoam packaging that is no longer being accepted at the Re-cycling Center.

Service invited everyone to come and see Othello in 3rd St. Park, the Civil War Re-enactment this weekend at Karst Park, and the upcoming Fall Festival and the quilt show.

Cole thanked Dawn Hewitt for her participation in the CIC/EPA community committee and said she was being replaced by Marty Crouch. Hewitt has moved out of the neighborhood. She also commented on riding with Sgt. Ratliff on a police patrol last Friday evening and how it was a renewal of confidence in the process, understanding just what police officers deal with on a day to day basis.

Kiesling said the Re-Cycling Center will still take the styrofoam peanuts. The Solid Waste District will have a trash fee of .50/bag beginning in October and she thanked the many businesses that have willingly participated in the recycling program. She urged as many people as possible to plan to attend the ATSDR hearing next week here in Bloomington.

White said he knew everyone was back in town for the start of another semester and that he had already received a few phone calls about noise. He reminded everyone that neighborhood associations are a good way to deal with some of these concerns and that it is always best to keep lines of communication open and often issues can be resolved by a good neighborly cooperative spirit. He commented on recent problems within the community and that often our citizens are not always aware of the different levels of law enforcement. He said those concerns have been brewing for awhile and now we have to rebuild confidence in the system only after we are satisfied and have taken a good look to see if changes need to be made. He suggested a community forum, perhaps a neighborhood association focus, with the various bodies, in an open public manner.

Hopkins also said it was good to be back and thanked Sherman for his hard work regarding the trash tag program.

Mike Davis reminded everyone that next week is Rape Awareness Week and outlined the numerous discussions and panels that will be part of the program.

CITY OFFICES

Mayor Allison commented on recent events in the community. The Mayor noted the conflicts existing around criminal enforcement policies and stated that these would be dealt with in the proper manner, through the Board of Safety, complaints are investigated thoroughly. The city has resisted making responses about the allegations in order not to try the whole issue in the press. Be assured that all complaints regarding police are taken seriously and each one is investigated and there is even an appeal process if that is necessary. We know that there are conflicting opinions on marijuana in our community and

questions as to why it is illegal. It is unlawful, and we are sworn to uphold the law. We must reduce the amount of drugs coming into the community. Marijuana is a "gateway drug", used to get a foothold in the local market. Two years ago a very public statement was made that, we as a community, were going to fight against gangs, we must stop the drug dealers and we must enforce the law while showing absolute respect for individuals and citizens and their civil rights. Police officers conduct must be exemplary. She stated public safety as her main priority.

Police Chief Sharp spoke about the various positive programs in the community concerning drug education and enforcement in Bloomington so that good choices can be made by young people in our community. Almost every accident they deal with involves some kind of substance abuse. We have many of the symptoms of gang activity, drive-by shootings, a now closed crack house, meth labs, guns, and several drug-gang related arrests/convictions. Violence comes with gang activity. He said that while visiting Ft. Wayne and Anderson, officials said we are where they were 5 years ago and that steps need to be taken to stop it right now. Bloomington is targeted for drug use and distribution. Police have confiscated 172# of marijuana this year at a street value of anywhere from \$400 - \$3,000/pound. In order to have a safe community there has to be a swift interdiction process. Complaints are all investigated and officers are disciplined with demotions or suspensions of days off. Misconduct in BPD is not tolerated. He said they are only one element in the criminal justice system and we have a very effective drug interdiction program. Councilmembers are invited to ride with officers anytime they desire. He declined to make statements on any case currently under adjudication.

Glenda Murray, Board of Public Safety, specified what the board is responsible for. She explained some procedure and the nature of the complaints they hear.

Service asked where complaint forms were available.

Mayor Allison stated that the forms are available at the library, her office or the police station. The form is not necessary and a detailed letter would suffice if that is more convenient

There were no reports from Council Committees.

COUNCIL COMM

Darrell Breeden stated it was important to have a public forum. He discussed the Gang Task Force meetings. He talked about the different attitudes some people in the meeting had concerning the police officers and their activities. He noted the absence of a task force member at a follow up meeting. He discussed the feelings of alienation some of the youth in the community are experiencing.

PUBLIC COMMEN

White asked if the group was planning to meet again.

Breeden said he did not know.

White asked that the Council be notified of the next meeting.

Debra Bowman, Director of the South Central Regional Office of the Governors Commission for a Drug Free Indiana and also Steering Committee Member of the Monroe County Gang Prevention Project, gave meeting times and gave the history of some of the groups activities. She encouraged all interested persons to participate.

Bill Breeden noted his past support for Chief Sharp and his concern for police conduct in the city. He made some suggestions about police conduct and the terrible effects that the "Drug War" has had on the country and our community. It is time for everyone in our community to sit down and talk about what we want as a community.

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and

read by title only by the clerk. Clerk Williams read the legislation before the Common Council for first reading.

LEGISLATION FOR  
FIRST READING

Appropriation Ordinance 93-7 To Specially Appropriate from the Local Road and Street Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated.

Ordinance 93-43 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,000,000. City of Bloomington, Indiana Economic Development Revenue Refunding Bonds (Refinancing the Kroger Economic Development Bonds).

Ordinance 93-42 To Vacate A Public Parcel re: The Portion of S. Clifton between Hunter and E. Second St.

Ordinance 93-45 To Amend the Outline Plan re: 300 S. St. Rd. 446 Bill C. Brown, Petitioner.

Ordinance 93-32 To Grant RE/PUD Designation and Outline Plan Approval re: 1101 Fullerton Pk (Raymond Moore Enterprises, Inc, Petitioner).

There were no petitions or communications from the public.

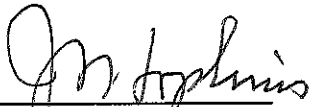
PETITIONS

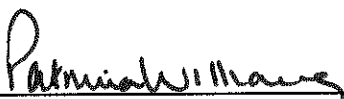
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE;

ATTEST:

  
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Jack W. Hopkins, President  
Bloomington Common Council

  
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Patricia Williams, CLERK  
City of Bloomington