

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, October 6, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. with Council President Hopkins presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
OCTOBER 6, 1993

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

ROLL CALL

Hopkins gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of September 8 and 15, 1993 were approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Cole wished all the fifth graders at Fairveiw School a good weekend at Bradford Woods.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

White noted the activities of the Indiana University Student Association Senate regarding the Indiana University Board of Trustees selection of a Presidential search committee. He expressed his support for IUSA's opinion that more than one student would serve on that selection committee. He recognized Indiana University's Homecoming this weekend and rooted the Hoosiers on to victory.

Kiesling thanked the College Mall Association and the College Mall Stores and Target for allowing Goodwill to leave a truck to gather reusable goods. Regarding cable television, she noted over the air transmission is extremely poor in this area and felt upset by the continued bickering between Channel 8 (WTHR) and the cable company.

Miller thanked the Council and the public for the forum on NAFTA and encouraged people to request it for rebroadcast from BCAT. She addressed questions the public has had regarding the appropriateness of the forum concerning NAFTA. She asked Peter Seybold to step forward and discuss NAFTA. He did and he presented two former Mexican workers who did not support NAFTA. Both Mexican workers spoke, thru translators, concerning labor struggles, environmental degradation and other problems they feel will be made worse if NAFTA is passed.

Hopkins attended a Indiana Civil Liberties Union annual meeting at which he accepted the 1993 Sigmund Beck Award in recognition of the Common Council for it's unanimous passage of the sexual orientation ordinance. He felt that this was a great honor for Bloomington and he accepted the award with both pride and humility. He announced he had appointed a special subcommittee of the Council which would be charged with planning a public forum regarding law enforcement in this community. The committee consists of Service, White, Swain and Hopkins himself. The committee will discuss the need for a public forum, and if that need is found to exist, they will organize that forum. He agreed with Kiesling regarding cable. He is tired of being toyed with by cable companies. He thought the franchise renewal coming up next year would be a good time to begin to make improvements in the cable agreement with TCI. He hoped that under the cable act and with new technology we might introduce more direct cable competition and more free choice to the consumers. He did not understand why individual customers could not purchase cable per service rather than pre-packaged collections of odds and ends and unwanted stations. He hoped that the Telecommunications Council and those that negotiate the new franchise agreement will keep those things high on their priority list when they do those negotiations.

Mayor Allison introduced the Assistant Fire Chief David Hamilton and the Fire Dept. mascot and noted that

MESSAGE FROM  
THE MAYOR

education is an important part of fire prevention and then read a proclamation declaring Fire Prevention Week. Hamilton gratefully accepted the proclamation. He recognized the Independent Insurance Agents of Monroe County who provided funds for a new brochure for young children regarding fire protection, Hamilton thanked them. He also noted the activities of the Dept. in handing out information and coloring books to children.

Hamilton was thanked for the efforts.

Mike Marshall read a letter about the requirement of government to provide safety to its citizens. In the letter he discussed events surrounding the Bloomington Police Department and motives of the Police.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chris Gaal listed various reasons for the Council to vote against NAFTA.

John Burnham noted some recent newspaper editorializing that the pay-per-bag system is working smoothly. He discussed his problems with illegal dumping in private dumpsters and people leaving their trash in others dumping areas. He asked questions regarding prosecutions of those not responsible. He pointed out portions of the city code that were problematic and disagreed that the system is working smoothly. He requested a change in the code to tighten up enforcement measures.

Hopkins recognized that there is a problem, and that some are ruining the process for all.

Dan Sherman, Council Administrator, said that there are provisions regarding dumping on others' property.

Regina Moore, noted an upcoming television show regarding NAFTA.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 93-35 be introduced and read by the Clerk by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

LEGISLATION FOR  
SECOND READING  
RES. 93-35

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 93-35 be adopted.

The synopsis was given. There was no Committee recommendation.

White, author of the resolution, read the legislation in its entirety and said that the resolution is the result of concern that the sale of the current municipal building would go to reduce the debt or paydown of the principal on the new Showers facility, thus saving the city considerable monies.

Sherman agreed but thought the COIT monies should be used in addition too rather than as a replacement for the COIT money.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:6, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 93-46 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only.

ORD. 93-46

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 93-46 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of 7-0-1 was given.

Bill Riggert provided a brief history of the Showers Project. All appropriate public hearings and state approvals have taken place paving the way for the sale

of the bonds that will fund the project. Bob Barker, representing the BAC (Bloomington Advancement Corporation) said that this project actually began in June of 1989 initially with IU wanting to establish a research park. It was at the mayor's suggestion that part of it be considered for a city hall, CFC became involved and the project was on its way. Everyone is optimistic that the costs will come in at the agreed upon level, that is \$9.25 per sqft. (that is IU's bottom line). Steve Ferguson of CFC said that if costs exceed that, they (CFC) will buy that space. BAC will borrow \$1.7 million predicated on CFC signing an agreement with BAC. There are a number of things that will fall in place to make this all happen, it has taken a long time but we finally to a point that is over the hill.

Miller and Kiesling thanked Barker and the BAC for their willingness to undertake this project.

Bill Riggert passed out a proposed cost schedule for the project (Attached to original minutes) to be divided evenly by the three partners in the project and he went over the various parts of the project that are being done only by the city; 1) additional structural and architectural to accommodate large meetings, plumbing and electrical, heaters for the sky lights, the whole plaza concept with trees and lighting above and beyond the average plan for the site 2) 1% set aside for The Arts for a plaza fountain 3) all interior appointments like limestone veneer that has been proposed for the entryway, ornamental metal trims and other finishes 4) kitchen and lounge amenities.

Total construction costs are \$5.7 million including our portion of the shell. There will be additional costs for furnishings and equipment for the Council Chambers, fiber optics and E-mail connections with other jurisdictions and IU, video equipment and telephone upgrades and a microfisch system for the storage of paper for a total of \$1.3 million more, plus contingencies and the shell cost for a total of about \$7.8 million plus the cost of building purchase for a grand total of about \$9 million.

White said the Department of Corrections has launched into the office furniture production business and he said we need to make sure they know when the bidding takes place.

Chuck Rućkman said that four years ago a different council expressed the desire to proceed with this project without any increase in property taxes.

Sherman asked how the city was planning to deal with unexpected fixing costs and with additional costs for heating, etc.

Riggert said no numbers had been estimated but had been discussed by him and Ted Rhinehart. Riggert said other additional duties, such as more window cleaning were under consideration to be covered by a new employee. Hopkins asked if some of the costs would be offset by consolidating some departments with the Showers project.

Riggert said that consolidation in one structure would help.

White noted that the Older American Center has asked

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for more space and the Parks building may allow the center to expand which will not save the city money, but leaving One City Centre would save the city money.

Ruckman noted that this is the only City Hall being constructed, that he is aware of, that has not raised property taxes to pay for the construction. He noted this has been part of the plan all along.

Mayor Allison said to do it.

White stated for the record that the project makes sense because 1) services will be given more efficiently, 2) it helps in the redevelopment of the west side, 3) it encourages historic preservation of a great building, 4) Bloomington should receive IACT recognition for this joint municipal/private venture.

Cole expressed her feelings that this is a good project and well worth a few sacrifices. She thanked everyone for their patience and for making the project happen. She noted some changes and improvements have already occurred in the area as a result of this project. A percentage for the arts is a first in Indiana and that is what will fund a fountain/sculpture/art project for the Showers complex. It is groundbreaking on many different levels.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:6, Nays:0.

Mayor Allison said this has truly been a community effort and thanked the many many people who have been involved.

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 93-8 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only. It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 93-8 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation was given.

APP.ORD. 93-8

There was no additional discussion of the legislation and it was noted that it has been discussed in the earlier legislation.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:6, Nays:0.

Cole left the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 93-47 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 93-47 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation was given.

ORD. 93-47

It was moved and seconded that in Section I the direction for Hillside traffic be corrected to westbound .

The amendment received a roll call vote of Ayes: 5, Nays:0..

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

LEGISLATION  
FOR FIRST  
READING

Ordinance 93-31 To Grant RE/PUD Designation and  
Outline Plan Approval re: 1111 S.St. Rd. 446 (Gentry  
Estates Development Company Inc., Petitioner.

There were no petitions from the public.


PUBLIC INPUT

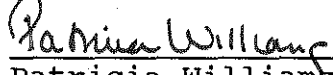
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE;

ATTEST;

  
Jack W. Hopkins, President  
Bloomington Common Council  
Regina Miller, Vice-President

  
Patricia Williams, CLERK  
City of Bloomington

Approved November 1, 1993