

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, May 1, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. with Council President Fernandez presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 1, 1991

Roll Call: Foley, Olcott, Fernandez, Register, Service, White, Hogan. Absent: Kiesling, House.

ROLL CALL

Fernandez gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of April 3, 1991 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hogan asked about the status of S. Walnut St. The answer was deferred to the Mayor's remarks. Service announced a Bloomington Renaissance Faire next Saturday and Sunday.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

White talked about Little 500 events this past weekend and all the meetings and plans that have taken place over the past two years to try and bring the weekend under control. After midnight, this year, the activities were completely out of control with cars being overturned and it was a disgrace to the community and to the university in particular. It is unfortunate that a few people messed it up for everyone, and White reiterated his earlier comment to the H-T, that if we can't find solution to the problems and ways to diffuse the pressure, we should consider canceling the race. This was said to grab the attention to all the people involved and to elicit solid discussion to work through the problems we have.

Olcott said that out-of-town gangs, and the security required by the north side businesses, is getting entirely out of hand. It all requires careful scrutiny. We've had great times, and great publicity surrounding this event and it would be a shame to end it all.

Foley urged everyone to vote on Tuesday and he said there would be a public statement regarding certain allegations that are not true and there will be a statement forthcoming.

Fernandez also hoped the university analyzes the true cost of Little 500 and that they take into consideration the cost to our community. It is outrageous that the taxpayers have to pay \$15,000 in overtime to our officers, while the university had a normal, weekend crew staffing. He congratulated Chris Spiek on his appointment as the Redevelopment Director. Regarding tree cutting, he continues to be concerned about our policy to cutting down large street trees and replacing them with ornamental trees. It simply does not provide the same type of tree scape for our city, particularly those on Rogers, between 2nd and 3rd Street. We must find alternatives to the sidewalk and tree root problem. He said the Environmental Commission is going to pursue this issue. He also thanked Senators Simpson, Corcoran and Representatives Kruzan and Bales for the anti-incinerator bill recently passed by the legislature.

Mayor Allison said that each tree on S. Rogers has been discussed with the landscaper and there will not be mass cutting. The STOP signs at Dodds, Rogers, Grimes, and Henderson will be considered later this evening, but the people are right and the need has been well documented to put the signs back. Regarding Little 500 what works, is when apartment and condo owners take responsibility for their tenants behavior. Ruth Granich and her Academic Decathlon students from BHS-S talked about their trip to California. Bloomington came back with the Gold! Everyone congratulated Granich and her students.

MESSAGES FROM  
THE MAYOR

Sue Wheeler gave a brief report on the transition process regarding the Jobs Training program. The Private Industry Council serves as the board for the program and represents a broad range of input and is readjusting to our new role as grantee. A director for this program will soon be selected and with the new staff on board by May.

MESSAGES FROM  
CITY OFFICES

Steve Sharp, Chief of Police updated the Council on the new police cars and highlighted all the new and improved features.

Jim Graft, Officer Friendly, talked about his D.A.R.E. program for high school sophomore students. This program is designed to correspond with the health courses that sophomores take and the teachers are very excited about this particular program.

Bill Riggert, City Engineer, said that almost everything possible has gone wrong this week on S. Walnut Street - OSHA visited and required that a shoring cage be properly certified, then a gasoline deposit was uncovered and that shut the project down until 320 gallons of gasoline could be removed. A broken water line out at S.R.37 shut down water at the asphalt plant, so asphalt was not available to finish the patching.

It was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote that the following persons be appointed:  
Traffic Commission Rick Alexander  
Human Resources Sylvia Wert.  
The terms for these newly appointed board members will expire in January of 1993.

BOARD & COMMISSION  
APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 91-26 be introduced and read by title only by the Clerk. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title.  
It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 91-26 be adopted. The synopsis was given.

LEGISLATION FOR  
SECOND READING  
ORD. 91-26

Bill Riggert proposed and Register moved that all references to Rogers and Dodds including the 4-Way Stop and the "no parking zone" on the south side of Dodds west of Rogers be deleted. This basically restores the 4-Way STOP and keeps the parking on the south side of Dodds west of Rogers. Riggert said the Traffic Commission was concerned that the traffic did not warrant the 4-Way stop sign, but only a 2-Way stop sign. Considering the concerns of the residents, it would be wise to return the intersection to the original 4-Way STOP. He asked that they be left until May 10, because of the Walnut detours. The 90-day order expires on 5/11/91. The Dodds count was 143, the Rogers 796 averaged over 8 hours. The threshold for signage is 200. The peak traffic time is around 4 P.M. and the non-peak traffic times were as follows: at 12 A.M. it was 7, at about 5 A.M. it was 24, and at 6 A.M. it was 64 and it kept on rising, peaking at 216 at 4 P.M. for both approaches.  
Hogan, who usually favors removal of stop signs, was in favor of restoring this particular sign. This area is landlocked and there is no way of getting out of the neighborhood.

Darrell Hunter, a west Dodds resident spoke in favor of the amendment.  
J.R. Eddington also spoke in favor of the amendment and was pleased that the council was willing to reconsider the 4-Way stop at his corner. He also praised Lee Huss

for the beautiful job he has done for the city.

White said that ordinarily he tries to honor the decision of our Traffic Commission and the Dodds and Rogers area neighbors have asked us to compromise the usual standards we go by.

Hogan said Henderson and Grimes has the same kind of landlocked nature of Dodds St. He asked about a temporary sign in the middle of the street. Riggert said that he would not do that, that the street is too narrow and it would be unsafe. Riggert said that with advanced warning signs, people will know.

The amendment received a roll call vote of Ayes:6, Nays:1 (Fernandez).

Fernandez said he hoped we revisit this problem because of RCA traffic.

Hogan asked for a traffic count on Woodcrest.

Riggert then went through the rest of the ordinance.

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

There were no petitions or communications from the public.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

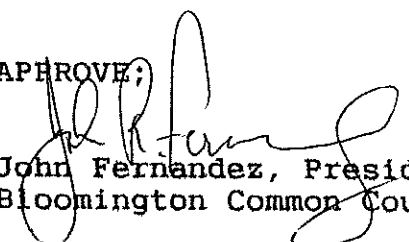
There were no items for first reading and Fernandez announced that the Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for next week will start at 7:00 P.M.

FIRST READING NO ITEMS

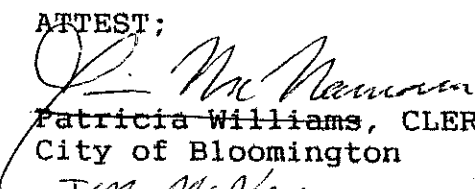
The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

ADJOURNED

APPROVE;

  
John Fernandez, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST;

  
~~Patricia Williams~~, CLERK (DEPUTY)  
City of Bloomington  
JIM McNAMARA