

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, July 17, 1991, at 7:30 P.M. with Council Vice-President Regester presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 17, 1991

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

ROLL CALL

Regester gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes for approval.

MINUTES

Kiesling reported on the Indiana Department of Transportation meeting and said that they have an issue and strategy booklet available in the Clerk's Office. Drafts have been presented for Access Control for South Walnut and there are 3 copies in the Clerk's Office for your perusal. Truck route plans are also in the planning stage and input is important before the ordinances are forthcoming.

REPORTS FROM
COMMITTEES

Service reported again on the Shakespeare productions and she announced that they need a dog, a calm dog and should be a very funny looking dog. (Any takers?)

Hogan presented a Conflict of Interest form. He operates a car wash and city vehicles are among the vehicles he services. It was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote to accept the statement.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Mike Davis invited everyone to participate in the County Fair Donkey Race. Volunteers rushed to sign up. No elephants, just donkeys.

MESSAGE FROM THE
MAYOR

Lloyd Olcott presented an encomium for Frank Ragan on behalf of the Mayor thanking him for his years of service and hard work as he built our park system.

ENCOMIUM FOR
FRANK RAGAN

White reported on the Projects Committee activities. The committee is responsible for determining the projects for the next 10 years. Fire Station Update: Soon. There were a few little glitches, such as an unexpected underground storage tank and the final connections for the sanitary sewer. September 14 is the building dedication date.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 91-20 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title.

LEGISLATION FOR
SECOND READING
RES. 91-20

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 91-20 be adopted. There was no committee report.

Gene Stokes from the Housing Authority provided the council with an update of the Section 8 Housing program.

Olcott asked how many people are waiting. Stokes said 750 are wait-listed for the program this year. 1084 units are currently in the program.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:7, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 91-21 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

RES. 91-21

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 91-21 be adopted. The synopsis was given.

Gene Stokes again explained that this in an annual process. In order to maintain the Authority's tax exempt status, an agreement in lieu of taxes is reached that is about 10% of the gross rents and is paid to the local governing body for services rendered. The Authority contracts to provide their own security instead of city security. Rents are based on tenant income and instead of the usual subsidy to the Housing

Authority from the federal government the monies were appropriated to NASA to build a space station. The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:7, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 91-42 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title. ORD. 91-42

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 91-42 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of 6-0-1 was given.

Linda Runkle said that this ordinance provides the enabling legislation for the action that would be taken for the subsequent resolution dealing with residential tax abatement for the condominium project. The Economic Development Commission has given a favorable 4-0 recommendation. The first designation for an Economic Development Target Area was given last year to the area immediately south of this track.

Chris Spiek, of Redevelopment, described both tracts, the historic house that will be renovated and its advantageous proximity to the downtown.

Olcott asked why one house is excluded from the abatement and Spiek said that the abatement goes with the improvements to the property. Olcott thought the area should just be squared off. Runkle said that the Council action can only be based on the positive recommendation of the Economic Development Commission and at this point the request is only for what is outlined by the petitioner. She thought Olcott's position was a sensible approach but that is not what was requested by the developer. Hogan thought that might be a future consideration when petitioners make their request.

Ted Ferguson was available for questions and said that the area is blighted and there has not been any growth in the neighborhood except what has occurred in Phase I of the recent adjacent development. The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 91-18 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 91-18 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of 5-0-2 was given

Chris Spiek said that most of the discussion has already taken place during the target designation ordinance. Ferguson said the abatement is necessary to offset the high cost of land in the downtown area. The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays:1 9 (Hogan).

It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 91-43 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title. ORD. 91-43
It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 91-43 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of 6-1 was given.

Doris Sims addressed the COE clerical assistant program run by BHS-North where students get classroom, as well as on the job training. Due to a change in school corporation policy we now have to consider them regular employees of the City of Bloomington with taxes

withheld.

Ted Rhineheart said the other two position come out of the master plan concerns addressing enforcement and more on site supervision. The enforcement person will develop administrative procedures, developing tracking methods for citizen complaints and concerns. The sidewalk supervisor will focus on improving the neighborhood infrastructure, expand from 3 to 4 crews, providing more training so as to increase the amount of lineal feet of sidewalks installed.

Hogan expressed concern about our sidewalk program and asked why the city is putting in a sidewalk in Ridgemeade on Winfield Rd. Why is that a priority and why put in a curb and sidewalk that doesn't go anywhere. That is not the purpose of the sidewalk program. Rhineheart said it is a program that is available to all homeowners who are willing to pay for materials. All homeowners are eligible and that area does connect with the Moores Pike area, the park walks and the Sare Rd. improvements. Hogan said the area is an old one and in new subdivisions the owners have to put in walks. To go back and put walks in old areas, in a piecemeal manner, is not a productive effort. There should be a sidewalk program objective and in some areas, like S. Jordan, the sidewalks are terrible. There are stretches of walks that are 8" higher than other stretches on the same street and the pavements are higher than some of the older walks. Part of the effort should also be put into maintenance of older areas. The answer to our sidewalk program is not a full time person to supervise crews, what we are missing is a sidewalk plan that addresses specific priorities and problems.

White did not agree with Hogan saying he has been involved in how we select sidewalks for improvement, using the street department list and how the decisions are made.

We do need a plan and policy but not necessarily another committee to make the selections. He said that projects in his district that have made a difference have been ones that he has targeted, watched and followed through on. He thought we should give this position a try and if in a year or so, it has not improved, we can evaluate it and make more changes if necessary.

Rhineheart said the purpose of the position is not to change policy but to improve supervision, training and productivity and we are open to suggestions.

Hogan said a Ridgemeade sidewalk still does not fit into the program.

8 years ago he said he was part of a sidewalk committee that got walks along High Street, it was a good program and it involved a lot of people. He expressed concern that the city is in the construction business and we are not set up for this; we should contract it out, get it done and not have an entire street torn up for an entire winter (High ST). It isn't cost effective for the city or the citizen.

White said that the street department does not have the manpower to go to each homeowner to ask if they want to participate and in his district on several occasions he has done it himself.

Hogan thought the city should spray Roundup on weeds, rather than replacing weed-damaged sidewalks.

Olcott said he supported the supervisor position because he thought if we have a capable supervisor there will be some consistency in the program.

Hogan asked about cost figures. Rhineheart said there were \$7500 worth of materials and \$23,000 in labor and about 2200 lineal feet for about \$22/lineal foot for the High Street project. A few other project figures: 13th Street was about \$10/ft and Rogers Street project

about \$19/ft, prices typically within the bid price process. IU prices are about \$15-20/ft. Of course there are variations depending on what kind of curb and sidewalk we are talking about. We are about to open bids from contractors on August 6 just to see what their charges will be and we will continue to monitor our own programs and projects. Hogan was pleased with that and hoped that the inconvenience to the public is also a factor in the cost of the bid/project. Service supported the position as well as the code enforcement officer position. The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:6, Nays:1 (Hogan).

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance APP. ORD. 91-2 91- 2 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title.

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 91-2 be adopted. The synopsis and committee recommendation of 7-0 was given.

Chuck Ruckman was available for questions and suggested that the synopsis of the ordinance says it all. The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:7, Nays:0.

It was moved and seconded that the following ordinances be introduced and read by title only for first reading by the Clerk before the Bloomington Common Council. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Appropriation Ordinance 91-3 An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the 1992 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington. APP. ORD. 91-3 APP. ORD. 91-4 ORD. 91-37

Appropriation Ordinance 91-4 An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operation, Maintenance, Debt Service and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana. ORD. 91-38 ORD. 91-39 ORD. 91-40 ORD. 91-44 ORD. 91-45

Ordinance 91-37 To Fix the Salaries of All Elected City Officials for the City of Bloomington for the year 1992. ORD. 91-46 ORD. 91-47 ORD. 91-48

Ordinance 91-38 Salary Ordinance for Police and Fire Officers.

Ordinance 91-39 Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officers and Employees.

Ordinance 91-40 Salary Ordinance for Appointed Utilities Officers and Employees.

Ordinance 91-44 To Amend the Zoning Maps to Designate PUD and to Grant Outline Plan Approval, Re: Property located west of Smith Road between Moores Pike & East Rogers Rd, Dan Grossman, Petitioner.

Ordinance 91-45 To Amend the Outline Plan re: Winslow Plaza (NE corner of Winslow and Henderson. Kenton Robinson, petitioner.

Ordinance 91-46 To Amend the Bloomington Zoning Maps; Re; Prospect Hill District.

Ordinance 91-47 To Amend the Bloomington Zoning Maps: Prospect Hill #8

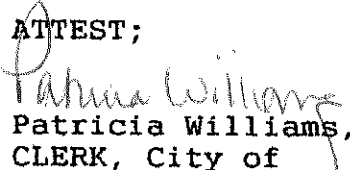
Ordinance 91-48 An Ordinance Reviewing and Modifying the budget of the Bloomington PTC.

There were no petitions or communications from the public. PETITIONS

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE;

John Fernandez, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST;

Patricia Williams,
CLERK, City of
Bloomington.