

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Tuesday, January 2, 1990 at 7:30 P.M. with Council President Regester presiding over a Special Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
JANUARY 2, 1990

Roll Call: Kiesling, Foley, Olcott, Regester, White, Service, Fernandez. Young arrived late and Hogan was absent.

ROLL CALL

Regester gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of December 20, 1989 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

The first order of business was the election of officers for 1990.

Fernandez moved and Foley seconded the nomination of Iris Kiesling for Council President. It was approved by a voice vote.

ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS AND  
APPOINTMENTS

Olcott presented Regester with an engraved gavel to commemorate his term as council president. Regester thanked everyone for their support and assistance during the past year and for the opportunity to serve as president of the council. He thanked the Mayor and Department Heads for all their support and assistance as well.

Service moved and Foley seconded the nomination of John Fernandez for President Pro-Tem. It was approved by a voice vote.

Foley moved and Regester seconded the nomination of Lloyd Olcott as Parliamentarian for the Common Council. It was approved by a voice vote.

Regester moved and Foley seconded the nomination of Pam Service to the Utilities Service Board as the Council Representative to that board. It was approved by a voice vote.

Service moved and Foley seconded the nomination of John Fernandez to the Plan Commission. It was approved by a voice vote.

Fernandez moved and Regester seconded the nomination of Ron Foley to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). It was approved by a voice vote.

White noted that we are at mid-break for our terms and a lot has been accomplished and there is still much to do. He hoped that citizens would continue to keep an eye on us.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Service said that everyone has their own choices for what will make this a truly good new year. She wished for the Arts Center to be a reality, a new master plan for the city and that very elusive park along the Atwater strip.

Olcott said E911 is a special wish for our community. He congratulated Donna Robinson and Evelyn Powers for their efforts on behalf of the Arts Center fundraising. Foley wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Pat Williams for finding shelter on Christmas weekend for a person in need. He also shared his best Christmas present with us, a fiancée.

Regester said he too looked forward to 1990. He thanked Julie Creek at the H-T and shared his optimism about the Arts Center with the rest of the council. Kiesling hoped that 1990 would be an even greater year for recycling and that we can get all of our community on line for this effort

Mike Davis, Assistant to the Mayor, wished everyone a Happy New Year on behalf of the Mayor and thanked Jim Regester for his leadership on the council this past

MESSAGE FROM  
THE MAYOR

year and he thanked all of the councilmembers for their hard work and efforts on behalf of the City of Bloomington.

Leslie Lacey, a council appointment to the Human Resources Commission was removed by a voice vote by the common council. Repeated attempts to contact Ms. Lacey regarding her absence from commission meetings have proved futile. The Council office provided her the opportunity to respond to the removal process and no response was forthcoming.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Service asked Rosemary Miller to report on the Bloomington Area Arts Council fundraising project regarding the Arts Center.

Miller said that since last April when the Common Council passed a resolution supporting the Arts Center, the fundraising effort has raised \$755,001.07 to date with a million dollars as the ultimate goal. She outlined some of the highlights of the process, grants from Bloomington Restorations Inc., the fact that donations came primarily from individuals rather than corporations and that a pioneer Monroe County family has made a major donation and will be honored by having the center named after them. For the future she hoped for an endowment fund to continue to sustain the center and a state tax credit as part of the Neighborhood Association Program. She also thanked Evelyn Powers and Donna Robinson for their extraordinary efforts in this project.

There was no legislation for second reading.

SECOND READING

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.

FIRST READING

Ordinance 90-1 To Amend the Zoning Maps from RH to RS re: Lots 8 thru 25, Northcrest Addition (Richard Kieft and others, petitioners).

Ordinance 90-2 To Amend the Zoning Maps from RE to RS and to Grant Outline Plan Approval and Designate PUD re: Property located on the north side of Rhorer Road just east of Walnut Street Pike (Raymond Moore, Petitioner).

Ordinance 90-3 To Amend the 1990 Salary Ordinance for Utilities Employees of the City of Bloomington.

Jean Patton expressed surprise on the low appraisals for the Old City Hall building and concern about moving forward on a project with so many promises of loans and endowments. She also questioned just what passes for art and the numerous art works that different communities have finally succeeded in getting rid of. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize art world elitists' proposals that we must pay to house things which we don't feel taxpayers should subsidize, such as giving away the city hall. The Arts Council should buy the Western Sun building and pay their own way. It is gravely improper that the old City Hall should be given away.

PETITIONS

Service noted that the dollars raised by the committee does not include projected grant money. It is solid money that will be given within a two year period of time.

The meeting was ajourned at 8:10 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

*Iris Kiesling*  
Iris Kiesling, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

*Patricia Williams*  
Patricia Williams, CLERK  
City of Bloomington