

AGENDA

MONROE COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1984, 7:30 P.M.

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- IV. MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR
- V. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
- VI. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
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  3. Ordinance 84-23 To Increase the Homestead Credit
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  1. Resolution 84-11 To Initially Propose an Ordinance to Impose the County Option Income Tax  
Committee Recommendation: Do-Pass 9-0
  2. Ordinance 84-22 To Impose a County Option Income Tax  
Committee Recommendation: Do Pass 8-0-1
  3. Ordinance 84-23 To Increase the Homestead Credit  
Committee Recommendation: Forward without Recommendation: 9-0
  4. Resolution 84-10 To Reconfirm Resolution 84-9 Designating the NW Corner of 3rd and Walnut an ERA  
Committee Recommendation: None

5. Ordinance 84-12 To Amend the Bloomington Zoning Maps from RL to ML at 2400-2550 N. Curry Pike (Griner)

Committee Recommendation: Do-Pass 9-0

6. Ordinance 84-21 To Amend Title 15 of the BMC Regarding Various Parking Changes and to Designate a Loading Zone

Committee Recommendation: Do-Pass 9-0

VII. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READINGS -- None

VIII. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: April 18, 1984

IX. ADJOURNMENT

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Wednesday, May 2, 1984, at 7:30 P.M. at a Regular Session presided over by Council President Gross.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 2, 1984

Roll Call: Service, Porter, Register, Olcott, Gross, Mayer, Foley, Murphy, Young.

ROLL CALL

Gross presented the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Service called attention to the Persian Watercolors hanging in the Chambers. They are the work of Parvin Sepehr. Service also reminded the public of the City-wide spring pick-up.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Foley noted that it was good to be home. New York is a fun place to visit.

Murphy called attention to the PCB issue in Bloomington and the very serious nature of the problem as we face it in our community. He said there are only 10 states that produce more toxic waste than Indiana, there are 125 landfills in this state and only 5 EPA inspectors for the entire state. Various bona fide groups have petitioned the legislature for years and still, bills don't even make it out of committee never mind the floor of the state house. Individuals must become concerned about the local area and citizens must become concerned about the caliber of state officials we elect to deal with these local problems.

Gross presented an encomium for Tom O'Brien. Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that the encomium be adopted. It was adopted by a voice vote. (Volunteer of the Year Award)

ENCOMIUM FOR TOM O'BRIEN

Mayor Allison cited a recent area of cooperation between the City and the Town of Ellettsville regarding the hook-on at the Blucher Poole. This is going to be very advantageous for Ellettsville, better use of the underused plant and finally, Ellettsville can begin seeking grants to finance the "pipes" to Blucher.

MESSAGES FROM MAYOR

Mike Andrews passed out invitations to the Council to attend an information sharing meeting next Thursday, May 10, 1984, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION

David McCrae, representing the petitioners, said that the purpose of the inquiry is to establish if there is a causal relationship between PCB's and the various health problems experienced by workers exposed to PCBs. He submitted an affidavit of an individual who worked at Westinghouse from 1958-62. The reason for the document is to determine if there is that cause and effect relationship. The second document pertained to safe and toxic levels of PCB in the blood.

Mark Haggerty did not think that the City was encouraging active testing and if so, the reports were not readily available. He said Channel 3 has a video tape that interested people call request for viewing simply by calling the Library.

Pat Grey, 1611 W. Grey St, said his father ran a salvage yard and he accepted the capacitors from Westinghouse by the truckload for years. As a child he played in the yard and often the capacitors leaked or just 'popped'. They were valuable because of the copper content, often as much as 25# in one unit - so it was valuable and other people came and hauled them off as well. At the present time he has circulatory problems, respiratory problems, burning of the skin, itching eyes, skin rashes, numerous black moles that have been surgically removed and numbness of the lower extremities. Three of his four sons

were premature babies and have had multiple health problems since birth.

Bill Turner also worked at Westinghouse. He has heart problems, hypertension, arthritis, rashes, weight loss and his PCB level is eight times the normally accepted amount. "It's time to clean this up".

Sue Evans, 931 Wayne Lane, spoke on behalf of her husband Ralph who used to work at Westinghouse. At this time he is almost totally disabled with many of the symptoms mentioned by other speakers. Since he was forced to retire because of poor health, he has lost all of his retirement benefits, Westinghouse wants \$ 6,000 in back pay, he has had 17 major operations with 5 of them occurring in one year. Mr. Evans is in his 40's and there is no known medical reason for all the neurological and varied health problems he has.

Richard Groomer worked at Westinghouse from 1973-75. No precautionary measures were ever suggested and he worked on the PCB line

Warren Richardson said that someone should take care of the people who have these problems and maybe we should find out if PCB's are really bad -- after all fish live in creeks that are contaminated with PCB's but they can't live in our drinking water.

Jim Cartmel said that this was an EPA Superfund site and we need to do something now.

Matt Thompson recently purchased a house and as a mortgage provision had to have the water tested. He did not know what they found, but was told that the water was contaminated and he needed a chlorination system and a charcoal filter. He was concerned that they never told him what the contaminant was and that the charcoal filter was what was used for PCB filterings. He was also concerned that the Monroe County side of the Richland Creek did not have signs posted regarding contaminated fish and not to allow cattle to drink from the stream. Owen County has signs posted all along the creek.

Ron Smith, a City lab worker, said the well water from Mr. Thompson's well was tested for chlorform bacteria and that is the only criteria the State Board of Health uses for determining the safety of drinking water.

Service asked the lab fee for PCB water testing. Smith said the cost was \$ 50.

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that Resolution 84-11 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

RES. 84-11  
Local Option Tax

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that Resolution 84-11 be adopted. Murphy gave the Committee report.

This resolution was voted on at this time, but discussed in conjunction with Ordinance 84-22.

The resolution received a roll call vote of  
Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that Ordinance 84-22 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only.

Ord. 84-22  
Local Option Tax

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that Ordinance 84-22 be adopted. Murphy gave the committee report.

David Schleibaum said that he has never received a satisfactory answer as to why the PTC will receive monies from the Local Option Tax. Gross said that Mr. Schleibaum was told last week by City Attorney Lipkin that the PTC was eligible for funds and that it was indeed legal and that it happened when the PTC was incorporated.

There was no further discussion and the ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:9, Nays:0

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that Ordinance 84-23 be introduced and read by title only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only.

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*Ord. 84-23*

Service presented an amendment to the ordinance:

Section I shall be amended to read

CALENDAR YEAR	PERCENTAGE CREDIT
1985	4%

Section III shall be amended to read:

This ordinance expires on Dec.31,1985

This amendment amends the Homestead Credit to provide for a 2% credit in addition to the 2% provided for by state law for a total credit of 4% in 1985. The authorization for credit in 1986-1989 is deleted. Service said there is a great need for additional revenue just to maintain, never mind improve. All units are feeling the funding shortage -- the library has had to consider shorter hours and Sunday closings, the City has a long list of things that need improvement. "Start low with the Homestead Credit and then taper off."

Olcott said that he is swayed both ways. The Mayor came up with a good compromise. 4% is a happy medium and it will at least get us rolling.

The difference between the four and six percent may only amount to \$50 or \$60,000 dollars, Olcott said, and that could be a problem for people on fixed incomes, but the needs are there and we'll have options that we have not had for years.

Murphy said Olcott's comments were well taken and added that the \$ 60,000 per year difference make take care of a PSI increase that the City will/ or might have to face.

Young hoped the Mayor's priorities would be addressed. The City has had a great deal of money the last 10 years and some of the appropriations have not been very wise, for example, the drive up window in the Controller's office. "It isn't necessarily how many dollars we have, but how we are going to spend it - are they beneficial; are the legal departments increased expenses really necessary?" Young suggested going for the 8% rather than 4% and as far as builders are concerned (directed to Schleibaum), it really isn't the developer that benefits from the homestead credit, but the buyer.

Mayer also responded to the 8% credit as an aid for developers. The beautiful home can still be built and all the benefits in the world will not help if the city's infrastructure is collapsing around us.

The Service amendment failed by a vote of  
Ayes: 3, Nays:6.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of  
Ayes: 7, Nays: 2 ( Service, Young).

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that  
Resolution 84-10 be introduced and read by title  
only by Clerk Williams. Clerk Williams read the  
resolution by title only.

RES. 84-10  
TO RECONFIRM ERA FOR  
CLEM BLUME

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that  
Resolution 84-10 be adopted. Murphy gave the  
committee report.

Gross asked for public input on this resolution  
and there being none, the resolution received a  
roll call vote of Ayes:8, Nays:0, Abstentions: 1  
(Register is associated with the petitioner)

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that  
Ordinance 84-12 be introduced and read by title  
only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title  
only.

ORD. 84-12  
TO AMEND ZONING MAPS

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that  
Ordinance 84-12 be adopted. Murphy gave  
the committee report.

The ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes:9,  
Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that  
Ordinance 84-21 be introduced and read by title  
only. Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title  
only.

ORD. 84-21  
TO AMEND BMC REGARDING  
TITLE 15

Olcott moved and Foley seconded a motion that  
Ordinance 84-21 be adopted. Murphy gave the  
committee report.

There was no discussion and the ordinance received  
a roll call vote of Ayes; 9, Nays: 0.

There was no legislation for first reading.

FIRST READING

Olcott remarked that he was surprised that  
no one was here to discuss the local option  
tax.

The minutes of April 18, 1984 were approved  
by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams  
Patricia Williams, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

APPROVE:

Patricia A. Gross  
Patricia Gross, President  
Bloomington Common Council