

AGENDA
COMMON COUNCIL
JULY 7, 1982 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA SUMMATION
- III. MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEMBERS
- IV. MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR
- V. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
- VI. LEGISLATION FOR DISCUSSION/VOTE-SECOND READINGS
 - 1. Appropriation Ordinance 82-9 To Specially Appropriate from the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated by the City of Bloomington (Land Mover for Rosehill).
Committee Report: Do-Pass Recommendation 7-0.
 - 2. Ordinance 82-41 To Repeal Chapter 2.76 "Department of Public Transit" and to Create Chapter 2.76, "Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation" of the Bloomington Municipal Code.
Committee Report: Do-Pass Recommendation 5-2-1.
- VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING
 - 1. Appropriation Ordinance 82-10 To Specially Appropriate From the General Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated By the City of Bloomington.
 - 2. Ordinance 82-43 To Amend Chapters 15.64 and 15.72 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to Eliminate Two-Hour Parking Meter Enforcement.
- VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 16, 1982
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

In the Common Council Chamber of the Municipal Building held on July 7, 1982, with the Council President Pat Murphy presiding over a regular session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 7, 1982

Councilmembers present: Morrison, Towell, Porter, Allison, Murphy, Dilcher, Olcott, Hogan, and Service(7:35 P.M.).

ROLL CALL

Council President Murphy read the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Allison commended the City of Bloomington for its tree planting/replacement project.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Service, suffering from acute poison ivy, reminded everyone of the noxious weeds ordinance and the proper method of disposal.

Murphy announced vacancies on the EQCC and the Commission on the Status of Women boards and announced the dates of upcoming budget hearings reminding people that many of the decisions will be difficult ones but that the ultimate goal of what is good for Bloomington will be the major concern.

Mayor McCloskey said that the budget process was going very well and within the State Tax Control guidelines. He asked support for the Public Transportation Corporation saying that to let the transit die would be a tragedy and that the only way to generate funding is through the Public Transportation Corporation route. He continued by saying that three councilmembers and himself had met with I.U. President John Ryan and Vice-President Ken Gros-Lewis that morning and they pledged to keep an open mind regarding a possible Bloomington Transit/I.U. Bus System merger and that they were not totally committed to the ATE report.

MESSAGES FROM THE
MAYOR

Regina Miller spoke on behalf of the Arts Commissions' approved project to display various local art in the Council Chambers. All details regarding selection, display, mountings, and hangings have been worked out by the Arts Commission and Board of Public Works. Resolved by acclamation.

PETITIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS
re: Art in Council
Chambers

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 82-9 by title only.

SECOND READINGS:
APP. ORD. 82-9
RE: Landmover for
Rosehill Cemetary

Clerk Williams read the appropriation ordinance by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 82-9. Service read the legislative synopsis.

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

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 82-41 by title only.

ORDINANCE 82-41
To Amend the BMC
(Ch. 2.76) to Create
a Public Transit
Corporation

Clerk Williams read the ordinance by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 82-41. Service read the legislative synopsis.

Murphy established that there would be a five minute limit for comments from the audience. Many hours have been devoted to public input regarding the Public Transportation Corporation and in the interests of everyone concerned he requested that only new and pertinent comments be introduced.

Chuck Martindale was pleased with the somewhat favorable results of the day's meeting with I.U. officials. He said that the transit system was a good one and that it would be extremely unfortunate if it were dismantled.

Hogan asked if the I.U. system operated with a profit. Martindale said that it was subsidized by Charter Service by about 30%. Hogan asked if the city was not just taking on another liability.

Towell addressed the Herald-Telephone's editorial and agreed with several points but questioned a statement that the council wants to lift the lid on property taxes. He continued by saying that it seems to be taken for granted that the levy would be lifted and left unchecked thereafter. In fact the Common Council would approve the budget thereby eliminating the concern that the commission would operate as an autonomous body without any restraints. Towell pointed out that an excessive levy as an alternative to the P.T.C. is not available for a bus system.

Harriet Lipkin, attorney for the City of Bloomington, cited the various instances when a levy might be used: to pay for a mental health clinic, to pay for a municipality's share of court house costs, or to pay for emergency medical assistance. I.C. 6-3.5-1-12 was cited.

Olcott asked how the figure of .20 was arrived at, who determined what is an excessive levy was, and what if the amount is not sufficient.

Allison, in quoting the H-T editorial said that there was an unwillingness to deal with the problem of the transit's inefficiency; that Mr. Martindale had worked very hard to improve the system; that costs for everything has continued to rise yet the city is supposed to manage on a pittance; that everyone says they want a bus system but that no one wants to pay for it. She continued by saying that Indiana's tax rate is one of the lowest in the country and that if the taxpayers want a service some one has to pay for it. Parks and other governmental services are subsidized; we need a transit authority whether there is a merger with I.U. or not.

Hogan said that there were a number of issues to be addressed: What level of service is the city to provide? Are we actually obliged to provide a service and if so, how much? There is a need to define just what the city is obliged to provide and there is a possibility that the State Legislature will be looking into local option taxes within the next year.

Tom Dixon, a concerned citizen said that the bus system was necessary for the social good of the City of Bloomington and that this ordinance should be enacted.

Lou Moonshower, representing the Chamber of Commerce read a statement from the Chambers Board of Directors and said that the question was not one of whether or not Bloomington needs a transit system, but that it does not need a Public Transportation Corporation. He urged more thought and consideration of the problem and said that there was a lack of understanding of all the other possible alternatives or recommendations. Postponing action at this time would provide more time for study and input.

Don Davis said that he was in favor of a bus system but that services should be cut back so that the money available now can cover them. He also suggested a referendum on the November ballot.

Roy Smith said that the .20 increase must be excessive for 1983 if it was to cover 1984 and 1985, so in effect the city is providing a taxing base that is higher than it really needs.

Martindale said that the 1979-81 period was one of tremendous expansion and that barebone cuts were made to achieve this. He said that the .20 figure was not his tax rate, but that the State Tax Board had suggested it.

David Sleibaum asked if the tax-paying citizens could afford almost a million dollars in taxes in the next few years?

Phyllis Trinkle, CAP Director, said that CAP does not provide transportation for low income people. She continued by saying that the bus system is a convenience for some people and that it is a necessity for others.

Don Overbay said that the pro-ordinance councilmembers are not duly representative of the people. He requested a delay or post-ponement of the ordinance.

Martha Boison said that a healthy, active community needs a transit system.

Lowell Hannum, said that everyone is just waiting to raise their rents.

Naomi Grey, a Willow Manor resident spoke on behalf of the people in her housing complex that depend totally on the bus.

Morrison asked the Mayor if the city had the authority to have a payroll taxing authority-something similar to a hotel-motel tax.

Olcott read a letter from a property owner on a fixed income that pleaded with the council not to raise property taxes. He felt that there was no question but that the council would vote 9-0 for a bus system, but that there must be some other way to raise the money to finance the system.

Mary Lou Bynum expressed similar concerns of other property owners and urged councilmembers to work out a system with the monies available. Perhaps volunteer bus drivers would be a possibility.

Morrison said that there are too many unanswered questions and the elderly property owners on the west side do not want a corporation.

Dilcher said that the ordinance is not irreversible and that the corporation can be terminated. She also pointed out that the council was not voting in a .20 tax levy tonight.

Service said that a feasible alternative had not been presented; that this is the only means available at this time and that the bus system provides independence for many people. It is a social service similar to the parks. Not everyone uses the parks but everyone agrees that they are necessary.

Phil Jones said that a good transit system is a necessity.

Frank Enochs hoped that the transit would continue and was willing to take a pay cut to support the system.

Hogan moved that the ordinance be tabled. Morrison seconded the motion.

The motion was defeated by a roll call vote of Ayes:3, Nays: 6.

David Sleibaum spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

The motion to adopt the ordinance received a roll call vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 3 (Morrison, Olcott, Hogan).

The following ordinances were then introduced and read for first reading by title only after motions made by Olcott and seconded by Morrison.

FIRST READINGS:
APP. ORD. 82-10
ORDINANCE 82-43

Clerk Williams read the ordinances by title only and Dilcher read the legislative synopsis.

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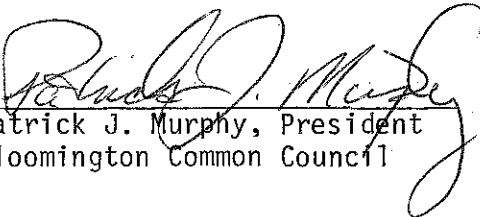
Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 1982, as submitted. Motion carried by an unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

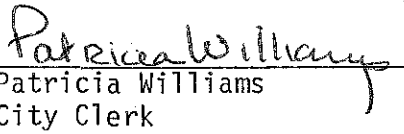
MINUTES approved this ²¹ day of July, 1982.

MINUTES FOR
APPROVAL
June 16, 1982
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:


Patrick J. Murphy, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:


Patricia Williams
City Clerk