

AGENDA
COMMON COUNCIL
AUGUST 31, 1981, 7:30 P.M.
SPECIAL SESSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on Monday, August 31, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. with Council-president Towell presiding over a special session of the Common Council.

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Councilmembers present: Allison, Towell, Olcott, Murphy, Porter, Hogan, Dilcher and Service.
Councilmembers absent: Morrison

ROLL CALL

Towell read the agenda summation, stating that this special session is being held to consider the 1982 Civil City budget.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Allison commended Bloomington Valley Nursery for donating flowers to be planted at Lake Lemon and Karst Park. She said the Smith Holden property improvements should be completed soon, and Rapps and Little Zagreb's will be fixing their sidewalks. She stressed the importance of the business community working with the city to make Bloomington more attractive, and she thanked the Herald-Telephone for their editorial urging such cooperation.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Olcott said he supports the concept of a Work Release Center in Bloomington, but he is not in favor of locating it at the sites currently under discussion. He said the BAC location would have an adverse effect on a rapidly developing residential area of Bloomington.

Service said she doesn't oppose the Work Release Center at any location, adding that she resents the attitude that there's something wrong with putting it in a neighborhood with owner-occupied homes, as opposed to rentals.

Towell said he doesn't understand the opposition to the Center and he wonders about the neighbors' motives in opposing it.

Mayor McCloskey said it would be good for Bloomington to have such a Center, but it is ultimately the state's decision over the location. He said there is a possibility that another site would be appropriate for the Center. Second, he said it was City Controller Pat Gross' last Council meeting before she joins the private sector. He said she is one of the most competent people he has ever served with, and he wished her well in her new endeavor. Third, several businesses are making significant property improvements, which the City is very thankful for. The Second Street sidewalk should be completed within thirty days if problems can be resolved with a few residents who are not willing to give right-of-way. The City hopes to repair more curbs and sidewalks next year, including the area in front of the new Older American Center. Fourth, he said that the City will once again fall within the confines of the 5% levy increase while allowing generous raises to city employees. The City will not have to file for an additional levy, and will also have some flexibility with federal revenue sharing funds. Fifth, he said he feels the City has been fair in their dealings with the County, adding that they still owe the City \$30,000 in parks contributions. He continued that the County has some financial flexibility with their large revenue sharing allocation, and Bill Hanna had agreed with him in the past that it would be unfair to charge the City for the operation of the landfill. Unfortunately, apparently the County can legally charge the City, even though it is unfair. He said a dual-fee system will be forthcoming for parks, adding that nine out of ten parks systems administer such a system. Finally, he thanked McDonald's for cooperating with the City in providing free french fries to people who ride the bus on Fridays.

Olcott said he understands that the County is also under financial constraints, but as a county resident he also pays county taxes to operate the landfill. He would be in favor of deducting the \$30,000 the County owes the City for parks from the \$50,000 budgeted for landfill user fees or instituting dual fees for animal control, etc.

Allison said county officials seem to forget that half of all county residents live in the city, and they should also be representing their concerns.

McCloskey added that the county instituted the fees rather quickly and there are no funds budgeted for '81. He said that they haven't received a bill yet, but the city will probably have to pay \$25,000 for the service this year alone.

Towell said he thinks it is unfair for city residents to subsidize county residents who make up 40% of the people who use park facilities.

There were no petitions or communications.

PETITIONS &
COMMUNICATIONS

Olcott moved and Porter seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 81-27 in its entirety.

SECOND READINGS
RESOLUTION 81-27
Encomium for
City Controller
Pat Gross

Clerk Connors read Resolution 81-27 in its entirety.

Olcott moved and Porter seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 81-27.

Allison praised Gross, stating that her career is a good example of the Mayor's practice of allowing people with common sense and intelligence to take jobs that they may not have specific training for, but prove themselves as they move up the ladder.

Towell agreed, adding that he felt his appointment of Pat Gross as Controller was one of his best.

Pat Gross thanked the Mayor for his faith in her, and praised her staff for their excellent work. She said it has been an honor to serve the community. The resolution was then adopted by acclamation.

Olcott moved and Murphy seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 81-8 by title only.

APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE 81-8
1982 Civil
City Budget

Clerk Connors read Appropriation Ordinance 81-8 by title only.

Olcott moved and Service seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 81-8.

Murphy moved and Porter seconded a motion to amend the ordinance under Mayor's Office to change the position of Deputy Mayor to Administrative Assistant and reduce the salary from \$23,000 to \$21,000, at the request of the Mayor. Motion carried by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Hogan moved and Olcott seconded a motion to delete \$30 for babysitting in the Women's Commission budget under Human Resources.

Allison said all boards and commissions should be provided this service or none at all. She said volunteerism is essential in these cases.

Service said all boards and commissions should be provided babysitting service so that people that can't afford babysitters can serve.

Olcott said he didn't think the City should pay for this type of volunteer work.

Allison said she would be happy to contribute funds to help pay for babysitters, but it shouldn't come out of tax funds.

Dilcher said she doesn't think babysitters should be paid for commission meetings, but it's possible that they would be more appropriate for workshops. She would not object to spending part of their workshop funds for this purpose.

Motion to delete the \$30 failed by a roll call vote of
Ayes: 4, Nays: 4 (Porter, Murphy, Towell and Service).

Discussion ensued concerning the Council's travel budget. Towell said he chose the figure of \$200 per Councilmember and the Council Administrator rather randomly, but since there is some opposition he would like to reduce the total budgeted amount from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

Dilcher moved and Allison seconded a motion to cut the line item for travel from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

Hogan said \$1,000 is still too much at a time when the Council is asking other departments to reduce their budgets. Conferences may be beneficial, but the Council's education should not be at the public's expense.

Murphy said one idea would be to limit each Councilmember to \$100 per year, which with the Council Administrator's travel allowance, would come to \$1,000.

Mayor McCloskey said he is disappointed to see this figure reduced, noting that it would probably be the lowest travel figure for most Councils in the state. He said the Council is short-changing themselves and the citizenry by not keeping up on the latest developments in the field.

Allison said it is to the public good to keep the Council informed, adding that each Councilmember is only as valuable as what they know.

Dilcher said Councilmembers are city employees, and other city employees are not expected to pay for their own travel expenses.

Service said these conferences are not "junkets", but very informative sessions.

Motion to cut travel to \$1,000 was then adopted by a vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Hogan).

Olcott moved and Murphy seconded a motion to delete \$50,000 under Sanitation, Contractual Services, for the landfill fee.

Towell said that he understands the Council's committee recommendation to delete the funds, but he argued that if it is deleted, then the City cannot tax for it and the funds would be lost for all practical purposes, and the administration's options would be narrowed. If the funds are left in the budget, it is possible that the City can find a way not to pay it, or perhaps the funds could be transferred.

Olcott countered that he wants the county to know that the city doesn't have the money in the budget and added that he is ready to take the heat that is sure to follow.

Allison said she objects to the city contributing to the county's \$280,000 contract for maintenance of the county dumpsters as well as the \$50,000 that the county is not charging Stanley Hawkins for dumping trash from the dumpsters at the landfill. If the county sees fit to absorb the cost of Hawkins' user fee, then they should also pay the city's user fee.

Olcott said he would go along with transferring the funds if they are earmarked for some other service, such as buying leafers. He added that there are some users who don't pay any taxes (such as I.U.) that perhaps should contribute more in user fees.

Porter said he doesn't think there is an equal tax burden on all county residents. He supports the amendment because he doesn't believe in the principle of double taxation.

Olcott and Murphy withdrew their earlier motion and moved that the funds be transferred within the department for purchase of new equipment. Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Service, who felt that the \$50,000 should be used for equipment other than leafers).

Murphy moved and Dilcher seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 81-8 as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Hogan).

The following ordinances were then introduced for first reading on motions made by Olcott and seconded by Dilcher. Dilcher read each legislative synopsis.

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Olcott moved and Dilcher seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 1981 as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this day of September, 1981.

APPROVE:


Patrick Murphy, President Pro Tem
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:


Nora Connors, City Clerk

FIRST READINGS
Ordinance 81-79
Ordinance 81-80
Ordinance 81-83
Ordinance 81-82
Ordinance 81-81
Ordinance 81-84

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ADJOURNMENT