

In the Conference Room of the Utilities Service Center on May 22, 1980 at 8:50 p.m. with Councilpresident Allison presiding over a special session of the Common Council. The special session was preceded by an executive session of the Council and Utilities Service Board at 7:30 p.m. on PCB litigation.

COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MAY 22, 1980

Councilmembers present: Allison, Service, Murphy, Morrison, Towell, Hogan, Dilcher, Porter and Olcott.  
Councilmembers absent: None.

ROLL CALL

Councilpresident Allison gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 80-13 by title only.

RESOLUTION 80-13  
To Approve the  
Hiring of Joseph  
Karaganis for  
PCB Litigation

Deputy City Clerk Lamb read Resolution 80-13 by title only. Allison read the synopsis.

Towell explained that immediately preceding the special session, a discussion concerning Resolution 80-13 was conducted. He said that the discussion brought forth the need for a good representative to come to an agreement with Westinghouse, Inc. Towell expressed his support for the hiring of Karaganis, and said it was the Council's responsibility to the citizens to correct the PCB problem.

Murphy pointed out that Resolution 80-13 has not decided the course of action to be taken by the Council, but merely the Council has decided there is a need for other expertise in the area of PCB's. He said that the Council would rather pursue a non-litigation path unless absolutely necessary. Murphy said that the executive session prior to the special session was frank and open with a free exchange of ideas.

Olcott expressed his negative feelings toward Resolution 80-13. He said the City has a tremendous concern and has suffered financially and other ways from an industry in the community. He said that he strongly feels that nothing should be done in a negative way to hurt the present industry, potential industry or people connected with those industries in Bloomington. Olcott said that he feels Westinghouse, Inc. knows their responsibilities and obligations from the damage that has been done to Bloomington. He expounded on everyone's desire to see the situation corrected and corrected in a viable manner. Olcott remarked that he feels local attorneys can accomplish the desired results if given the opportunity. Olcott expressed his view that the Chicago attorney--Joseph Karaganis--would simply come into Bloomington and make a name for himself. Olcott said that in consultation with Tim Mitchell, former Economic Development Coordinator, they arrived at some positive alternatives. Olcott reiterated his opposition to Resolution 80-13, and stated that he was voting against it. Olcott went on to say that he knows everyone has sat around too long on the PCB problem, but he wants to see the situation rectified with Bloomington coming out with a good image for Bloomington industry.

Tim Mitchell briefly explained the potential solutions for the PCB problem. Mitchell summarized the attractiveness and positive points of the "Blue Water Gas" project, which involves burning PCB's and other solid waste.

Olcott said that there exists positive solutions, and not only negative solutions to the PCB problem.

Morrison stated that he had been researching the problem for the past eight or nine months with various engineers. He said that as a businessman of the community, he would have to vote against Resolution 80-13.

Resolution 80-13 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 2 (Morrison and Olcott).

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

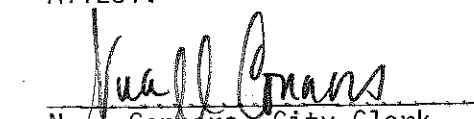
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



K. Dilcher, President Pro-Tem  
Bloomington Common Council

  
Nora Connors, City Clerk  
APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE, 1980