

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on August 3, 1978, with Councilpresident Richardson presiding over a regular session.

COMMON COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 1978
REGULAR SESSION

These minutes are a summary - tapes are available in the Council Office in the Municipal Building.

Councilmembers present: Richardson, Towell, Young, Allison, Kinzer, Blume, and Middleton. Absent: Morrison and Olcott. ROLL CALL

Richardson gave the agenda summation. He announced that Ordinance 78-56, To Amend Housing Code, has been withdrawn and will be on the August 23 Committee agenda for further discussion. For second reading, Appropriation Ordinance 78-8, To Appropriate Funds from Federal Revenue Sharing to Board of Works - Contractual Services; Ordinance 78-51, Traffic Amendments; Ordinance 78-58, To Amend Chapter 17.20 of the BMC, Entitled, "Housing Quality Appeals Board;" Ordinance 78-51, To Amend 1978 Salary Ordinance; and Resolution 78-20, To Support the Mayor's Challenge of the Proposed P.S.I. Rate Increase. For first reading, Ordinance 78-55, To Amend Zoning Maps; Ordinance 78-59, Thoroughfare Plan; Ordinance 78-60, To Amend BMC re: Signs, Signals and Markers; Appropriation Ordinance 78-9, To Appropriate Funds from the Cumulative Capital Fund for Older American Center Air Conditioning; and Ordinance 78-62, 1979 Salary Ordinance for Police and Fire Officers and Employees. Also, the minutes of July 6, 1978, are to be approved. AGENDA SUMMATION

Young said that he was sorry to miss the budget meeting on Monday. He noted that the City may have too many employees, and these employees are probably not paid enough.

Blume said Young will have his chance to vote on the budget on August 28.

Richardson read a letter from the Mayor praising the Council for their work on the budget. For the first time, they have worked as partners in the decision-making process.

There was no Message from the Mayor and no Petitions and Communications.

MESSAGE FROM
MAYOR - PET. &
COMMUNICATIONS

Allison moved and Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 78-8 by title only.

APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE 78-8
Funds from Fed-
eral Revenue
Sharing for
Econ. Devel.
Coordinator

Deputy Clerk Connors read Appropriation Ordinance 78-8 by title only.

Allison moved and Blume seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 78-8.

Richardson read the legislative synopsis and read the committee report, noting a Do Pass recommendation by a vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Blume said it would be wise to be more specific about channels of communication between the Mayor and Economic Development Coordinator. The City is paying part of the salary and they should be getting something back for this, at least a weekly meeting between the two. He continued that if the Chamber knows of any businesses thinking of moving to Bloomington, the Mayor should be informed and welcome them accordingly.

Young said this person could report to the Economic Development Commission. He also said that many businesses are secretive about moving plans.

Kinzer said she is not sure if it is a wise use of revenue sharing, and secondly, she did not know if it is appropriate to fund a private organization that has traditionally not actively sought new businesses for the community.

Allison said she had thought this was connected with the EDC. She said she is in favor of this position, stating that it needs to be a full-time person with supervision of the Chamber so that they can get projects going.

Middleton said the City would in effect be contracting for a service from the Chamber. He said this person should be in close contact with the Mayor on a frequent basis. Also, he suggested the Council look at the ordinance creating the EDC.

Kinzer moved to table the ordinance, but there was no second.

Blume asked for a resolution that would ask for an assurance that this person will work closely with the Mayor and keep him informed of possible new business prospects.

Towell said it is obvious that the City lacks in this area even though there are many important functions that should be performed by this person. He said the Council should be willing to allocate funds for this position.

Young said that this position will be tried on an experimental basis for one year. If the Council is not satisfied with the results, they don't have to fund the position next year.

Kinzer said she is still skeptical about funding a position with tax funds over which the City will have no control.

Middleton moved and Blume seconded a motion to table Appropriation Ordinance 78-8. Motion failed for lack of majority by a vote of Ayes: 4, Nays: 3 (Towell, Young and Richardson).

Appropriation Ordinance 78-8 was then adopted by a vote of Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Kinzer).

Allison moved and Middleton seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-64 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-64
Traffic Amend-
ments

Connors read Ordinance 78-64 by title only.

Allison moved and Middleton seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-64.

Richardson read the legislative synopsis. There is no committee report since the meeting was adjourned due to a tornado warning.

Jim Dorr of the Traffic Commission explained that Century 21 requested restricted parking and the Traffic Commission thought it was a logical extension of the present parking pattern in the area. With the no parking request for the north side of 12th Street, he said the street is very narrow and with parking on both sides, it is difficult for emergency vehicles to get through. The north side was chosen for no parking because the residences are on the south side and secondly, there is nothing on the north side but the railroad track. He said this would eliminate about three blocks of parking.

Towell said there are houses on the north side but agreed that it is a narrow street and he would agree that a no-parking zone would be appropriate in this case. He also said that this street has been used as a truck route by businesses in the area.

Young moved and Towell seconded a motion to delete the "No Parking Zone" section of the ordinance. Motion failed by a vote of Ayes: 2, (Young and Richardson), Nays: 5.

Kinzer moved and Blume seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-64. Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Allison moved and Middleton seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-58 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-58
To Amend BMC re:
Housing Quality
Appeals Board

Connors read Ordinance 78-58 by title only.

Allison moved and Towell seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-58. Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Richardson explained that the ordinance did not go to committee, but added that the only changes are in removal of members for cause and to expand the membership from five to seven with three of these appointed by the Council. With three appointments to make the Council will be more conscious of the functions that the HQAB performs.

Towell said he had served on the HQAB before, and that he believes the changes in the ordinance will help open up the Board to a wider range of opinions. He then briefly described the functions of the board.

Young asked that the Council take a close look at their appointments, as this is a very important board in the housing area.

Ordinance 78-58 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Allison moved and Towell seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-51 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-51
To Amend 1978 Sala
Ordinance re: Housi
Code Officer

Connors read Ordinance 78-51 by title only.

Allison moved and Young seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-51. Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Richardson reminded the Council that the Council recommended that the salary be raised to \$11,000 this year and to \$12,200 for 1979 during the recent budget hearings.

Ordinance 78-51 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Allison moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution 78-20. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 78-20
Support Mayor's
Challenge to PSI
Rate Increase

Allison moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 78-20 in entirety.

Connors read Resolution 78-20 in entirety.

Allison moved and Towell seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 78-20. Richardson read the legislative synopsis, and explained that this resolution does not ask that there be no increase, but lets it be known that the Council is concerned that rates are going up while the tax base does not. Cities do not have the money to pay these large increases.

Blume said they have not had a rate increase since 1976, and perhaps they need one now (similar to the City's situation with water and sewer rate increases). However, he did say that the utility has been receiving increased funds through the fuel adjustment clause.

Young said they are not allowed to add on costs not related to fuel costs. He said that everyone will have to start using less fuel, and this could be done with little inconvenience.

Towell said the fuel adjustment tax takes a lot of the risk out of the business. If the utility has a difficult year, this should be part of the risk they take.

Allison said she is in favor of the resolution since PSI needs to make a careful accounting to the people of why the increases are necessary. The only way they will do this is if enough people question the increase.

Resolution 78-20 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Middleton moved and Blume seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution 78-21, Concerning Cooperation Between the City and the Economic Development Coordinator.

RESOLUTION 78-21
Concerning Cooperation Between City & Econ. Development Coordinator

Kinzer asked that the resolution be read before being introduced. Connors read Resolution 78-21 in entirety.

Kinzer moved and Richardson seconded a motion to hold off action on the resolution so that the wording can be looked at. They thanked Middleton for drafting a resolution so quickly.

Motion to amend the agenda failed by a vote of Ayes: 3, Nays: 4 (Towell, Young, Kinzer and Richardson).

Allison moved and Towell seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-55 by title only.

FIRST READINGS
Ordinance 78-55
Amend Zoning Maps

Connors read Ordinance 78-55 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Allison moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-59 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-59
Thoroughfare Plan

Connors read Ordinance 78-59 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Allison moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-60 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-60
Amend BMC re:
Traffic Signals

Connors read Ordinance 78-60 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Allison moved and Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 78-9 by title only.

APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE 78-9
From Cumulative
Cap. Fund to OAC

Connors read Appropriation Ordinance 78-9 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Allison moved and Middleton seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-62 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-62
1979 Salary Ord.
Police & Firemen

Connors read Ordinance 78-62 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Allison moved and Blume seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 1978 as submitted. With one addition (add that tapes are available in the Council Office), the minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous voice vote.

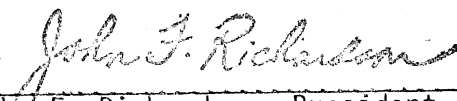
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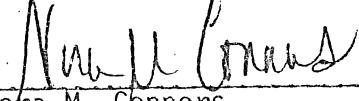
The meeting was then adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:


John F. Richardson, President
Bloomington Common Council


Nora M. Connors
Deputy City Clerk/Council

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 7 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1978.