

In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on February 2, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. with the regular session being presided over by Councilpresident Middleton.

REGULAR SESSION
COMMON COUNCIL
February 2, 1977

Present: Councilmembers Blume, Kinzer, Middleton, Olcott, Richardson, Towell and Young. Absent: Morrison, De St. Croix.

ROLL CALL

City Officials Present: Marilyn Patterson, Redevelopment Department; Debbie Mantell, Mayoral Aide; Bill Finch, Personnel Director; Mayor Frank McCloskey; Jean Strohm, Executive Secretary of the Board of Works; Stu Reller, Planning Department; M.C. Russell, Street Inspector; Sandy Friedman, Human Resources Department; Steve Richardson, City Attorney; Jim Wray, Transit Director/Developmental Liaison.

CITY OFFICIALS
PRESENT

Councilpresident Middleton began the meeting at 7:40 p.m. with the agenda summation. For second reading; Ordinance 77-5, To Amend Zoning Maps re: Whimples of Walnut Street, 527 N. Washington & 110 E. Tenth Street RH to BH; Ordinance 77-7, To Amend Zoning Ordinance, re: Allowing Furniture and Appliance Stores in BL Zone; Ordinance 77-6, To Amend Zoning Maps re: 800 W. 11th Street from RS to BL (for furniture store). First Readings to be presented (agenda amended).

AGENDA SUMMATION

Councilmember Towell reported that the Downtown Committee had met on the evening of February 1, 1977. He said that the committee discussed and resolved a choice of a site for the building of a parking garage as a first project before looking into long-term goals.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Young urged patience on the part of citizens with frozen pipes and similar problems, asking that they bear with the Utilities Department. He assured individuals with frozen pipes that their problems would be attended to. He advised the City's consideration of people in low-income brackets who are being asked to run their water continuously to avoid freezing. He suggested that some adjustment be made in their water bills for this reason. He recommended that water pipes be placed deeper in the ground in the future, and questioned the further use of plastic pipes, as they freeze more easily.

Councilmember Kinzer commended the Street and Water Departments for their round-the-clock work during this cold winter.

Councilmember Blume asked that consideration be given in the use of Community Development Funds to areas outside of the Miller Drive and Westside, which have been given preference in the past. He noted that in District 4, there are problems such as low water pressure, deficient street lighting and a lack of sewers in some areas.

Councilmember Olcott asked Councilmembers to consider areas in their district that might require on-street parking, as set out by Ordinance 25 in the past. He added that a substitute ordinance is in the process of being drawn up.

Councilmember Richardson reiterated commendation for the Street and Utility employees, and stated his concern about the Ordinance 25 situation. He also mentioned that he was pleased with the improvements in the Housing Enforcement program; reported that he had requested the Plan Commission to submit a progress report on possible zonings for adult bookstores and similar establishments and finally stated that the Youth Shelter Program Report has been delayed once again. He anticipated that the report will be submitted by Ed Howell, new director of the Human Resources Department, to the Mayor's Office on Monday.

Councilpresident Middleton remarked that he had been working closely with the Mayor on preventing emergencies due to the inclement weather.

Mayor McCloskey then made several comments about the winter weather situation: keep taps running, locations of relief centers in the City, turning down thermostats to 65°, hats off to the Street and Utility Departments, etc. He also stated that the previous evenings' Special Council Committee on the Downtown meeting was one of the best run meetings in City history (Councilmember Towell chaired). He expressed his support for the Committee's recommendation for a parking garage at the corner of Fourth and Washington Streets. He mentioned impending developments on the Sixth and Washington property and the NW corner of the Square.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to approve the 1976 Common Council Annual Report as submitted. Unanimous approval of the Council.

ANNUAL REPORTS
Common Council

Councilmember Towell moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to approve the Personnel Department Annual Report as submitted for 1976. Unanimous approval of the Council.

Personnel Department

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-5 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-5
Amend Zoning re:
Whimples of Walnut
RH to BG (for parking
lot)

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-5 by title only. Councilmember Olcott read the synopsis and gave the committee report, noting that the committee recommended the zoning be changed to BL, as BG provides for far wider use, adding future construction could be wide open in a BG zone.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 77-5, with the committee's suggested recommendation.

Ordinance 77-5 was then adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Olcott seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-7 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-7
To Amend Zoning Ordinance to Allow Furniture Stores in BL Zone

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-7 by title only.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 77-7.

Councilmember Olcott read the committee report and the synopsis. The Committee recommended Do Pass, by a vote of Ayes: 4, Nays: 0.

Mr. David Kramer, President of the Park Ridge Association, then spoke against the ordinance. He noted that if the ordinance is adopted, it would affect all BL zones. He said he was particularly concerned about East Third Street east of Smith Road out to the City limits. He contended that furniture stores are not in compliance with a BL zone, adding that BL businesses are designated for daily use, which a furniture store is not.

Councilmember Kinzer agreed, noting that she would prefer to consider the cases on an individual basis.

Rona Jenkinson noted that apartments can be built on top of BL businesses, and that with trucks coming in and out, it would be dangerous for children living in the apartments.

Councilmember Young agreed with Ms. Jenkinson and suggested that perhaps more businesses should be taken out of the BL zone rather than being put in.

Further discussion followed, one point being that the Plan Commission did recommend that the ordinance be passed.

Ordinance 77-7 was then defeated by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 4, Nays: 3. Nays: Young, Kinzer, Middleton.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Towell seconded

ORDINANCE 77-6
To Amend Zoning
800 W. 11th St. RS to

a motion to table Ordinance 77-6, since Ordinance 77-7 had just been defeated.

Ordinance 77-6 was then tabled by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Councilpresident Middleton then called for PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Will Dunn, Director of the Group Foster Home, spoke to the Group's request for Community Development Funds. He read a letter stating that Group Foster Home will not be eligible for Title XX money, as had previously been believed. He stressed that it is now more important than ever that the Group receive funding from the City. Without it, they may not be able to continue.

Sharon Chandler, a foster parent, spoke to how much the Foster Home has impressed her. She reported on the incredible progress of her daughter since she has been involved with the Group Foster Home, noting that she now makes good grades, feels secure in her home life, and is a very happy person. Her daughter spoke briefly.

Councilmember Richardson commented that he has worked with juveniles for some time, and is thoroughly convinced of the effectiveness of the Group Foster Home. He urged the Council to allocate funding generously for the home when the Community Development Resolution comes before them on February 17.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to amend the agenda to introduce first readings, and that Ordinance 77-9 be introduced and read by the Clerk by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-9
To Amend Zoning Maps
1507 W. 3rd MG to BA

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-9 by title only. Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-10 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-10
To Amend Zoning Maps
225 N. Johnson Ave.
RS to RL

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-10 by title only. Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-11 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-11
To Amend Zoning Maps
1709 W. 8th RS to RL

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-11 by title only. Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-12 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-12
Amend Zoning Maps
503 Woodcrest as a
Planned Commercial
Development (PCD)

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-12 by title only. Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-13 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-13
To Amend Zoning Maps
NE corner of S. Henderson & Thornton Dr.
RH to BG/BL

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-13 by title only. Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 77-3 by title only.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 77-3

Clerk Dolnick read Appropriation Ordinance 77-3 by title only. Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 1/3 and 1/20/77 as amended (Councilmember Olcott corrected a vote on a resolution). Unanimous approval of Council.

MINUTES 1/3 & 1/20/77

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Thomas O Middleton M.D.

Thomas O Middleton, President
Bloomington Common Council

Nora M Connors

Nora M. Connors, Deputy City Clerk