

In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on September 1, 1977, at 7:30 p.m., with the regular session being presided over by Councilpresident Middleton.

REGULAR SESSION  
September 1, 1977

Present: Councilmembers Blume, Middleton, Kinzer, Allison, Morrison, Olcott, Richardson, Towell, Young.

ROLL CALL

Approximately 15 others were present.

Councilpresident Middleton gave the agenda summation. For Second Reading: Resolution 77-18, To Approve the Short-Range Bus Transportation Technical Study for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Accepting Said Study as a Plan to Guide the Transportation System; Resolution 77-19, To Affirm Approval of Short-Range Bus Transportation Technical Study for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Accepting Said Study as a Plan, and Stating Intent to Provide Financial Support Therefor; Ordinance 77-67, Budget Transfer, re: Motor Vehicle Highway Fund; Ordinance 77-63, To Amend Title 15 of the BMC re: "Stop Intersections"; Ordinance 77-66, To Repeal Chapter 2.20 of the BMC, Entitled, "Fire Safety Commission"; Resolution 77-21, To Authorize a Meeting Between the Common Council President and County Officials to Discuss County Building Authority; Resolution 77-22, Concerning Discussion of Salary Increases for Police and Firemen. For First Reading: Appropriation Ordinance 77-17, To Appropriate Funds from FRS to Human Resources, Board of Public Works, and Parks and Recreation; Ordinance 77-65, Concerning Emergency Vehicle Lanes; Ordinance 77-68, Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officers and Employees, re: Utilities Department; Ordinance 77-69, An Ordinance Concerning Parking Downtown and Amending Chapter 15 of the BMC re: Fourth & Washington parking lot to four hour parking.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Mayor McCloskey came forward and introduced Dr. Harvey Phillips, faculty member at the Indiana University School of Music, who extended an invitation to everyone present to attend the concert to be given by the U.S. Army Field Band. Dr. Phillips performed "Indiana Home" on his tuba.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Councilmember Young urged the public to visit the basement of the Municipal Building to see the renovations, which have now been completed. He commented that the City did well in terms of acquiring a large amount of space for the money involved. He was optimistic about the future work of the new City Engineer and City Planner.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Allison spoke of her attendance at a seminar on Financing of Local Government sponsored by the Academy of Public Service. She spoke of sharing Bloomington's government, and noted that those who studied were impressed with its format, especially in its inclusion of departmental goals and programs.

Councilmember Olcott spoke of the availability of parking permits for residents along certain City streets for spaces in front of their homes. He gave his vote of confidence to all involved in the construction of a boat ramp at Lake Lemon, especially the City engineers.

Councilmember Richardson also expressed his pleasure with the renovations of the Municipal Building's basement, as well as his certainty that these new facilities would help the public and the City employees. He spoke of an upcoming County Council meeting at which an appropriation for the Youth Shelter Care Facility would be considered and urged the public to attend.

Councilpresident Middleton read a letter expressing the Council's gratitude to WFIU for its coverage of Council meetings.

Steve Smith, City Engineer, came forward to answer any questions from the Council regarding the Engineering Department's Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT  
Engineering Department

Councilmember Richardson asked of the current status of the Inspection Program.

Mr. Smith replied that the hiring of two housing inspectors is in process. In response to another question from Councilmember Richardson, he noted that it was too early for a comment on a recent letter from the Monroe County Apartment Association.

Councilmember Young asked if it was felt that a higher salary for inspectors would make them less likely to vacate their positions as rapidly as have past inspectors.

Mr. Smith answered that the salary for these inspectors should definitely be raised.

Councilmember Olcott asked if staff members are now qualified to do various parts of in-house inspections, including ramps.

Mr. Smith replied that such a condition is gradually being reached. At present some work is being done for the Redevelopment Department, and for the Parks and Recreation Department.

In response to a question from Councilmember Olcott regarding the possibility of the Engineering Department's inspectors working closely with Fire Department inspectors, Mr. Smith noted that the Fire Department issues occupancy permits before the housing inspectors go to work. Thus, the two departments have been working together on building inspections, but not in the area of housing inspections.

Mr. Smith was then asked to give his opinion of the report submitted on the drainage problem on Kirkwood. He felt that the proposed solution was a feasible one, and that the cost was reasonable. In view of the alternatives, he felt that this solution might be the cheapest. The condition of the Jordan River is terrible at the present time, contributing to the flood conditions in the area in question.

Councilmember Young felt that the proposal was not completely satisfactory, and that the Engineering Department should propose others. He felt that it would be impractical to bore through solid stone to remedy the problem. He hoped cheaper solutions would be proposed.

Mr. Smith mentioned that alternatives had been considered, but proved even more far-fetched. These were included in the report. He expressed his satisfaction with the report, where all the alternatives were examined with a high degree of professionalism.

After general discussion, Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to accept the Annual Report of the Engineering Department as submitted.

The motion was carried by a Unanimous VOICE VOTE.

There were no petitions and communications.

Councilmember Blume moved and Councilmember Olcott seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 77-18 in its entirety.

Clerk Dolnick read Resolution 77-18 in its entirety.

Councilmember Blume moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 77-18.

Councilmember Richardson was concerned with the discussion of Sunday bus service, mostly to transport people to and from church services. The possibility of subsidizing taxis on Sundays was mentioned in the report, and he gave his support to this. In regard to funding, he felt that a freeze on the fares is unwise in light of inflationary trends. He pointed out changes that needed to be made in light of the reorganization of the Board of Works.

Councilpresident Middleton asked the Council's opinion of whether this resolution should be referred to Committee for discussion.

PETITIONS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS  
RESOLUTION 77-18  
To Approve Transit  
Technical Study

Jim Wray, Coordinator of Department of Public Works, indicated that to delay adoption of the Resolution would not cause serious problems. He acknowledged the presence of the INTIP representative. He noted that there must be flexibility in the report, since certain proposals might not seem advisable in light of future developments. He pointed out that the City's eligibility for funds will increase when the 1980 census is taken, revealing a population over 50,000.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to table Resolution 77-18 until the next Committee meeting.

Councilmember Blume expressed his concern that to delay passage of this resolution might jeopardize the City's chances for obtaining funds through grants. He mentioned discussion a year ago of what was essentially the same report.

Councilmember Olcott concurred with Councilmember Blume's remarks.

Councilmember Allison spoke of her wish to discuss the Resolution in Committee because a large amount of FRS funding is involved.

The motion to table Resolution 77-18 until the next Committee meeting was passed by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 6 (Morrison, Middleton, Towell, Allison, Young, Kinzer); Nays: 3 (Blume, Olcott, Richardson).

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-67 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-67  
Budget Transfer  
re: MVHF

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-67 by title only.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 77-67.

Councilmember Blume read the legislative synopsis and gave the Committee Report, noting a DO PASS recommendation of 7 to 0.

Ordinance 77-67 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-63 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-63  
To Amend Title 15  
of the BMC re:  
"Stop Intersections"

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-63 by title only.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 77-63.

Councilmember Olcott read the legislative synopsis and gave the Committee Report, noting a recommendation of DO PASS, 7-0.

Councilmember Blume pointed out that a similar Ordinance had been tabled until the accompanying 90-day orders could take effect. He wondered if Ordinance 77-63 should not also be tabled so that some input could be gotten from the public.

Councilmember Olcott noted that in the tabled legislation the signs had only been up a very short time. Also, the signs which would be erected as a result of Ordinance 77-63 are important for the safety of the residents of the subdivisions effected.

Councilmember Morrison protested the erection of more stop signs in the city, saying that many of the stop signs now in place do very little besides slowing the cars down.

Councilmember Kinzer agreed with Councilmember Morrison's comments and added that the signs described in Ordinance 77-63 are needed for safety reasons.

Councilmember Richardson spoke of the value seen in neighborhood stop signs by residents, even when drivers find them a nuisance.

Councilmember Blume suggested that the ordinance be tabled for a period to give the residents of the area involved an opportunity to decide if a yield sign would be as successful in solving the safety problems as a stop sign.

Councilmember Olcott pointed out that many of the intersections involved in this ordinance are "T" intersections, and not suited to a yield sign.

Ordinance 77-63 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 8, Nays: 1 (Blume).

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-66 by title only.

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-66 by title only.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 77-66.

Councilmember Blume read the legislative synopsis and read the Committee Report, noting a DO PASS recommendation of 7-0.

Ordinance 77-66 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 77-21 in its entirety.

Clerk Dolnick read Resolution 77-21 in its entirety.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 77-21.

It was pointed out in discussion that the meetings which result from the passage of this Resolution would be for the purpose of deciding upon a date at which all members of both the County and City Councils would meet together.

Councilmember Richardson emphasized the importance of meeting with the County before any decision is reached regarding the downtown property purchase. He also stressed his opinion that growth should not be the only objective of these meetings.

Councilmember Towell moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to amend Resolution 77-21 to read "As the first step in the possible formation of a City/County Building Authority, the Common Council authorizes the Council President to meet along with the presiding officers of the Monroe County Council and Commissioners for the purpose..."

The motion to amend Resolution 77-21 was carried by a unanimous ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 77-21 as amended.

Resolution 77-21 was adopted as amended by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 77-22 in its entirety.

Clerk Dolnick read Resolution 77-22 in its entirety.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 77-22.

Councilmember Towell noted that the purpose of the present Resolution was to state whether or not the Council desired to discuss further the matter of giving raises to the Police and Firemen.

ORDINANCE 77-66  
To Repeal Chapter 2.20 of the BMC, Entitled "Fire Safety Commission"

RESOLUTION 77-21  
To Authorize Meeting Between Common Council President and County Officials to Discuss County Building Authority

RESOLUTION 77-22  
Concerning Discussion of Salary Increases for Police and Firemen

Councilmember Allison proposed that the most important question involved herein was not whether the Council had the authority to grant a salary change, but whether the salaries should be changed at all after a settlement had been negotiated and the budget published. She hoped that the Council and the City administration would not act as separate negotiating teams. She acknowledged the three months of negotiations which the administration carried out to reach a settlement. She urged the Council to look seriously at the ramifications of the raise if granted.

Councilmember Kinzer noted that her view has been similar to those of Councilmember Allison until she found that that salaries of the Police and Firemen had not been negotiated. She stated for the record that police and fire salaries were not negotiated.

Councilmember Morrison stated that he saw the Council as crucial in raising salaries for City employees over the past years rather than the Administration.

Councilmember Young felt that the proposed Budget overlooked Police and Firemen, and spoke in favor of allowing a raise of at least \$100.

After general discussion, Resolution 77-22 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 6 (Morrison, Towell, Young, Kinzer, Blume, Olcott); Nays: 2 (Allison, Middleton); Abstentions: 1 (Richardson).

Councilmember Blume moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to amend the agenda to allow for the introduction of Resolution 77-23.

RESOLUTION 77-23  
Conditionally  
Approving Salary  
Increases for  
Police and Firemen

The motion was passed by a unanimous VOICE VOTE.

Councilmember Blume moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 77-23 in its entirety.

Clerk Dolnick read Resolution 77-23 in its entirety.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 77-23.

Councilmember Blume stressed the point that by passing this Resolution, the Council would not be agreeing to negotiate further. He hoped to see a policy of equality for all City employees established. When the time comes to assemble next year's budget figures, he hoped that the police and fire salaries would reflect the standard raise given to all employees at that time, in addition to the increase recommended for this year.

Councilmember Richardson asked how much money would be involved if the Police and Firemen were ultimately granted the proposed increase. He wondered if the money for the raise could be taken from other line items in the budget.

In general discussion, it was concluded that it would be possible to find the money if the raise were approved.

Councilmember Young urged the Council to support the raise, and went on to say that a larger increase should be granted, especially since the Police and Firemen had been overlooked in negotiations.

Councilmember Towell disagreed with the line of reasoning being taken, since Police and Firemen are salaried employees, not paid by the hour. He too felt that the raise was inadequate.

Councilmember Richardson mentioned several city positions which have been vacated and not yet filled, thus leaving monies that might be used to pay the proposed salary increases. He also asked the Council to divide the question so that he could vote in favor of the raise for the firemen.

Resolution 77-23 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 8 (Towell, Young, Kinzer, Allison, Blume, Olcott, Middleton, Morrison); Nays: 0; Abstentions: 1 (Richardson).

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 77-17 by title only.

FIRST READINGS  
APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE 77-17  
From FRS To Human Res., BPW, and and Recreation

Clerk Dolnick read Appropriation Ordinance 77-17 by title only.

Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-65 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-65  
Concerning Emergency Vehicle Lanes

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-65 by title only.

Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-68 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-68  
Salary Ordinance re: Utilities Dept.

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-65 by title only.

Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-69 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-69  
re: Downtown Parking & Amending Chapter 15 of the BMC


Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-69 by title only.


Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

  
Thomas O Middleton, President  
Bloomington Common Council

  
Nora M. Connors, Dep. City Clerk

Approved upon this 6 day of October 1977.

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