

In the Common Council Chambers, held on 20 May, 1976, at 7:30 p.m., with Councilpresident Blume presiding.

REGULAR SESSION
COMMON COUNCIL

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

ROLL CALL

City Officials Present: Pat Gross, City Controller; Michael Corbett, Mayoral Aide; Debbie Mantell, Mayoral Aide; Karel Dolnick, City Clerk; Jean Strohm, Executive Secretary, Board of Public Works; Bill Finch, Personnel Director; Leo Burke, Human Resources Director; Bob Schmuhl, President, Utilities Service Board; Steve Richardson, City Attorney; John Komoroske, Council Administrator.

CITY OFFICIALS

Agenda Summation: At Second Reading, Resolution 76-20, Budget Transfer for Animal Shelter; Ordinance 76-28, To Amend Vehicles and Traffic regarding Downtown Parking; Resolution 76-18, To Define the Relationship Between the Common Council and the Utilities Service Board; Resolution 76-19, For the City's Joining PERF; Appropriation Ordinance 76-10, to Appropriate Funds for the Old Library Renovation from Federal Revenue Sharing. At First Reading, Ordinance 76-31, Amend Zoning Maps for 1401 W. Kirkwood RL to BA; Ordinance 76-32, To Designate Century House a Historic Site; Ordinance 76-33, To Repeal Licensing Fortune Telling.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Michael Corbett then appointed Ronald Boehm and Betsy Kline to the Telecommunications Council. He then asked the Council's consent to two appointments to the Environmental Commission; reappointment of Richard Loftman and Lynn Grainger. He requested that Appropriation Ordinance 76-10, for renovation of the Old Library, be tabled at the Mayor's suggestion. He said they would like to postpone it until the second meeting in June so that the administration could get more detailed figures and answers to the questions that were brought up at the U/PF committee meeting.

MESSAGE FROM
THE MAYOR

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to accept the Mayor's appointments to the Telecommunications Council.

There was then general discussion regarding the appointments.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Environmental Commission under divided question.

Richard Loftman and Lynn Grainger were then appointed to the Environmental Commission by a vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: . Nays: Middleton, Olcott. Absent: De St. Croix, Towell.

Ronald Boehm and Betsy Kline were then appointed to the Telecommunications Council by a vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Absent: De St. Croix, Towell.

Councilmember Richardson remarked that he is very reluctant to vote on appointments that have not been publicized, noting that many citizens do not realize when the appointments are open.

Debbie Mantell answered that ads were run in the paper, but they received only two applications for the Telecommunications Council and one for the Environmental Commission, adding that if the positions are advertised, and they get no reply, there is not much more they can do.

Councilmember Olcott responded that it is the duty of the administration to go out and recruit good members.

Councilmember Young remarked that the people in District 3 are grateful that they are getting some action on the Smith Road repairs, noting that it is the only road that runs north and south east of the Bypass. He added that he is a little disappointed in the slow progress on the bicycle path by the railroad tracks.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Kinzer said that there is an opening on the Telecommunications Council for a Common Council appointment. She said the job would be to oversee cable television in Bloomington, and to establish guidelines and recommendations along with other functions dealing with public access and community access for radio and television.

Councilmember Richardson noted that there was a meeting at Elm Heights School regarding the Plan Commission meeting on May 24. He said there has been much discussion surrounding the rezoning of certain properties on Atwater and Third Streets between Jordan and Swain. He added that there were over sixty people in attendance, and that the enthusiasm was high, and that it is a strong neighborhood association. He said he hoped the Plan Commission would approve the Elm Heights proposal along with the Plan Department's proposal to rezone the area.

Councilmember Blume announced that the last Council appointed Charlotte Zietlow to the Southern Indiana Mental Health Foundation as a representative of the Council, with her term expiring in 1977. He said she would like to have her status clarified, as to whether she is still the Council's representative.

Councilmember Kinzer moved that Charlotte Zietlow be reappointed to the SIMHF.

Councilmember Middleton moved that Councilmember Kinzer be appointed, adding that he felt strongly that the Council should appoint a Councilmember to the position.

Councilmember Richardson remarked that this is the first time he has heard of this, and that he would like to have the appointment opened to the public, and moved to table the appointment.

The appointment was then tabled by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 4, Nays: 2. Absent: Councilmembers De St. Croix, Towell.
Nays: Councilmembers Olcott, Blume.

Councilpresident Blume then read the letter to Carl Chambers to put a 90-day parking order on W. Morton Street, bypassing the Traffic Commission.

The Council then approved the letter by a unanimous voice vote.

Julie Lundin of the Bicentennial Commission then announced that the U.S. Armed Forces Bicentennial Band will be playing on May 26, and then gave free tickets to Councilmembers for the performance.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to read Resolution 76-20 in entirety.

RESOLUTION
76-20 Budget
Transfer for
Animal Shelter

Clerk Dolnick then read Resolution 76-20 in entirety.

Councilpresident Blume then read the legislative synopsis for Resolution 76-20.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 76-20.

Councilmember Richardson then gave the committee report from Public Safety/Policy & Legislative Oversight. He said they gave the resolution a Do Pass recommendation.

Resolution 76-20 was then adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Absent: Councilmembers De St. Croix, Towell.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Middleton seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 76-28 by title only.

ORDINANCE 76-28
Downtown Parking
Amendments

Councilpresident Blume then read the legislative synopsis for Ordinance 76-28.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Olcott seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 76-28.

Councilmember Richardson then gave the committee report from Public Safety/Policy & Legislative Oversight. He said the committee gave the Ordinance a Do Pass recommendation, noting that there were four amendments suggested, all approved by the committee. One was to delete Section 1, regarding chalk marking of cars, one was a "grandfather clause", and the other two to add phrases regarding enforcement of the ordinance only while the parking meters are in operation.

Councilmember Richardson moved and Councilmember Olcott seconded a motion to adopt the four suggested amendments made in committee.

The amendments were then approved by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Absent: Councilmembers Towell and De St. Croix.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to add the words "for the duration of the permit" to the end of Section three, as a friendly amendment.

The friendly amendment was then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Richardson moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 76-28 as amended.

Mr. Ed Tjardis, a downtown merchant, remarked that the downtown merchants felt that the ordinance would increase the turnover in downtown parking, noting that some employees take the best parking places every day.

Councilpresident Blume remarked that he does not agree with the idea that by lowering the

finesthat people would pay them sooner.

John Komoroske explained that you can get two violations on your car as it is, you can park it for eight hours a day, and if the meter runs out that would be one violation and if you park in a two hour zone for more than two hours, that is a second violation, adding up to \$7.

Councilpresident Blume noted that parking fees should be raised, to encourage people to park further away from downtown, adding that there are plenty of parking spaces, but they are not being used correctly.

Ordinance 76-28 was then adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 6, Nays: 1. Nay: Blume. Absent: Towell, De St. Croix.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 76-18 in entirety.

RESOLUTION 76-18
Defining Powers of
Council/USB

Clerk Dolnick then read Resolution 76-18 in entirety.

Councilpresident Blume then read the legislative synopsis for Resolution 76-18.

Councilmember Kinzer then gave the committee report for Resolution 76-18, noting that the committee gave the Resolution a Do Pass recommendation.

Resolution 76-18 was then adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Absent: Towell, De St. Croix.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 76-19 in entirety.

RESOLUTION 76-19
For City's Joining
PERF

Clerk Dolnick then read Resolution 76-19 in entirety.

Councilpresident Blume then read the legislative synopsis for Resolution 76-19.

Councilmember Kinzer then gave the committee report from U/PF for Resolution 76-19. She explained that the committee gave the resolution a Do Pass recommendation. She noted that there were two mistakes in the resolution, in the third whereas the figure should be 4.60% instead of 4.6% because it needs to be accurate to the nearest 100th, and also a word in section four, "portions" should be "positions".

Pat Gross explained that the resolution is the standard form that PERF furnishes, but remarked that the exceptions have been rewritten for eligibility for PERF.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Olcott seconded a motion to adopt Pat Gross' amendment in the form of a motion.

The three amendments were then adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Absent: Towell, De St. Croix.

Councilmember Morrison remarked that with the city's contributing 4.6%, that the citizens had better be prepared for an increase in taxes.

Councilmember Olcott answered that this resolution is a commitment made by the city for city employees in negotiations for this year's salaries.

Duane Conkey, President of AFSCME Local 2487, requested that Resolution 76-19 be tabled for two weeks, noting that the union has become aware of a few things in the last two days, and they would like time to investigate the situation and then come back with some recommendations on PERF. He said the City's 4.6% contribution was for all city employees, excluding policemen and firemen, when what they negotiated for was for coverage of union employees only. He said the Council still has six weeks to work something out before the July 1 deadline set in the wage agreement. He continued that Bill Murphy of PERF, informed them that the City Council determines who will or will not be covered by PERF. He said during negotiations last year, their fundamental commitment was to PERF, which he felt was essential, but they did not negotiate for clericals, technicals, elected employees, etc. He said the present resolution is not responsible in terms of the overall economic structure of the City of Bloomington.

Councilmember Middleton moved and Councilmember Richardson seconded a motion to table Resolution 76-19 for two weeks.

Bill Finch, Personnel Director, answered that the city was trying to meet their contractual commitment under Article 10, which states that the city shall secure PERF effective July 1, 1976. He continued that Bill Murphy had informed him that the city cannot join PERF unless the entire city joins PERF.

Resolution 76-19 was then tabled by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 6, Nays: 1. Nay: Blume. Absent: Towell, De St. Croix.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Kinzer seconded a motion to table Appropriation Ordinance 76-10, as per the Mayor's request.

APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE 76-10
To appropriate
Funds for Renovation of Old
Library

Appropriation Ordinance 76-10 was then tabled by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Absent: Towell, De St. Croix.

First Reading
ORDINANCE 76-31

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Young seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 76-31 by title only.

Clerk Dolnick then read Ordinance 76-31 by title only.

Councilpresident Blume then read the legislative synopsis for Ordinance 76-31.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Young seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 76-32 by title only.

ORDINANCE 76-32

Clerk Dolnick then read Ordinance 76-32 by title only.

Councilpresident Blume then read the legislative synopsis for Ordinance 76-32.

Councilmember Morrison moved and councilmember Young seconded a motion to introduce and read

ORDINANCE 76-33

Ordinance 76-33 by title only.

Clerk Dolnick then read Ordinance 76-33 by title only.

Councilpresident Blume then read the legislative synopsis for Ordinance 76-33.

Councilpresident Blume then asked for the Annual Report from the Board of Public Works.

ANNUAL REPORTS
Bd. of Works
Environ. Comm.

Jean Strohm, Executive Secretary of the Board of Public Works then explained that she had prepared the report, which the Board had approved. She then asked for questions.

Councilmember Middleton moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to accept the Board of Public Works Annual Report as submitted.

The Annual Report for the Board of Works was then accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Richardson noted that a member of her staff had done a study on bicycle parking, and asked Jean Strohm to give the status of the study to the Council.

Jean Strohm noted that they have prepared a manual of different styles of bicycle racks, how much they cost, where to order them, etc., for merchants and others to look at. She said the city will install the racks if they will pay for them. She said a map has been prepared for areas that would benefit from bike racks, such as the library.

Councilpresident Blume then asked for the Annual Report from the Environmental Commission.

Edward Bair, Chairman of the Environmental Quality and Control Commission, then gave the Annual Report for that Commission, giving a summary of the submitted report.

Councilmember Richardson asked if there will be a need for additional staff since there is an increase in work load due to the filing of environmental impact statements from departments.

Edward Bair answered that the staff will be increased, but will be funded from other sources in their budget.

Councilmember Young asked how much the budget was for the Environmental Commission this year.

Edward Bair answered that it was just over \$3,000, with most of it going to pay staff.


Councilmember Middleton moved and Councilmember Morrison seconded a motion to accept the Environmental Commission Annual Report.


The Environmental Commission's Annual Report was then accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Morrison moved and Councilmember Olcott seconded a motion to accept the minutes of 20 May, 1976. MINUTES 20 May, 1976

The minutes were then accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was then adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

APPROVE: 
Clem J. Blume, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST: 
Nora M. Connors
Deputy City Clerk