

Zoning Session - Common Council - March 13, 1973

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m., with Council president Charlotte Zietlow presiding.

Present: Councilmembers Ackerman, Behen, Fix, Mizell, Towell, and Zietlow.

Absent: Councilmembers De St. Croix, Davis, and Morrison.

City officials present: Tom Crossman, Grace Johnson.

Others present: About 15 people including members of the press.

Councilpresident Zietlow announcedthat the next zoning session will be on Monday, March 19, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. She also announced that those petitions concerning the maps which have not yet been considered by the Council will be considered after the Council has gone through the text.

Councilpresident Zietlow said that they would proceed through the text of the ordinance, section by section.

Councilman Towell said that he felt there should be a section in either the purpose or the necessity section which would express the statements of the state planning law to the effect that one function/purpose of the city's zoning ordinance is to provide services and utilities at the least cost.

Councilman Ackerman suggested that another subsection be added in the necessity section, to read as follows: "to enable the City of Bloomington to provide utilities and services at the lowest possible cost."

Councilman Towell moved that Section 20.01.03.01 be changed to read "Provide for the most appropriate use of land." Councilman Mizell seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a ROLL CALL VOTE OF Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Councilman Towell asked Tom Crossman to draft a subsection for the Purpose section concerning neighborhood preservation.

Tom Crossman suggested that it might be appropriate to add a purpose subsection: "To Implement the general plan of the city of Bloclmington."

Councilman Towell moved that section 20.04.01.19 be changed to read "a building designed for occupancy by one family." Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, Nays 0.

Councilman Towell suggested, and the Council concurred, that similar changes be made in sections 20.04.01.20 and 20.04.01.21, i.e., that in those sections, the word "used" be deleted and "designed" be inserted in its place.

It was the consensus of the Council that, in order to make the text consistent, the planning department should use the term "single family dwelling" throughout, as appropriate - eliminating the confusion caused by the use of that term and the term "one-family dwelling". The Council also concurred in having the planning department make consistent the use of the various terms for "multiple dwelling" and "multi-family dwelling".

Councilman Ackerman moved that section 20.04.01.26 be changed by changing the number from six to four, and adding, at the end of the section, the phrase "or as specifically permitted by the housing code". Councilman Behen seconded the motion.

Councilman Fix moved to close debate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ackerman. The motion was carried by a ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 5, Nays 1 (Nay: Zietlow)

The question was called on the motion.
Councilman Ackerman's motion FAILED by a ROLL CALL
VOTE OF AYES 4, Nays 2 (Nay: Towell, Zietlow.)

Councilman Behen moved that consideration of the definition
of family be tabled until more members of the council can be
present so there can be more discussion of the subject.
Councilman Mizell seconded the motion.

The Council then heard from members of the audience concerning
the definition of family.

The motion to table was carried by a ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 5, Nays 1
(Nay: Ackerman)

Councilpresident Zietlow asked Mr. Crossman to prepare a
definition of garden apartments for possible inclusion in the
definitinns section.

Representatives from the League of Women Voters pointed out
that the complete defintion of a street, 20.04.01.48 is not
included in the copies of the ordinance. Mr. Crossman said
he would get these for the Council.

(The tapes of these meetings will be kept on file in the
Council office for one year and are available for anyone
wishing more detail on the meetings than is presented in these
minutes.)


Amy Mann, Secretary