

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, on Thursday, October 18, 1973 AT 7:00 p.m. with Council President Charlotte T. Zietlow presiding.

REGULAR SESSION  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,  
INDIANA

Present: Al Towell, Sherwin Mizell, Hubert Davis, Jim Ackerman, Richard Behen, Brian De St. Croix, Charlotte Zietlow; Wayne Fix arrived late.

ROLL CALL

Absent: Jack Morrison.

Martha Sims, Controller; Archie Walker, Director of Redevelopment; James Register, Corporate Counsel; Carl Chambers, Chief of Police; Paul Ballard, Transit Manager; Ted Najam, Assistant to the Mayor; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

About 25 people including members of the press.

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilman Ackerman moved that the minutes of the meetings of October 4, 1973 and October 10, 1973, be approved as distributed. Councilman Behen seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

10/4/73 and 10/10/73

Councilman Ackerman moved that the agenda be expanded to permit introduction of Ordinances 73-73 and 73-74 and Resolution No. 73-63. Councilman De St. Croix seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

EXPANSION OF AGENDA

There was no message from the mayor.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Sherwin Mizell reported on his work with the plan commission: As most of you know the big item for 1973 was the adoption of the new zoning ordinance. This was presented to the council on January 4, 1973 by the plan commission. The plan commission and the plan department worked with the council in drafting changes, modifications and so on as well as amendments to the zoning maps and spent quite a bit of time until it was finally adopted in June of 1973. In addition to that the plan department and the plan commission have been involved in a number of other projects which have not been as visible as the zoning ordinance but nevertheless which are just as important to the community. I would like to go over some of those at this time. One which is ongoing at this present time and has taken quite a bit of time on the part of Stuart Reller who is the senior planner is that of the development of a thoroughfare plan for Bloomington. The plan department is in the process of working on this in cooperation with Jim Klausmeier who is a consultant and transportation engineer from the consulting firm of Vogt, Sage and Pflum. At the present time the plan department is accumulating general information about the thoroughfares - the streets within the city - we have been collecting traffic volumes for all of the major streets in the city as well as street widths and other information about the condition of streets. This work is being done in cooperation with the Monroe County officials in an effort to develop a uniform and consistent thoroughfare study throughout the entire county. The plan department and the commission has also been involved in the workable program. This is a responsible activity which is being carried out in cooperation with an advisory committee which has been appointed by the city administration in an effort to update the city of Bloomington's workable program. In addition the plan department has been involved in cooperating

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Sherwin Mizell  
plan  
commission

with the central business district pac in developing their planning for the bloomington downtown area which includes the development of a semi-mall concept from the area of - on the area of Kirkwood between Walnut and Lincoln. In addition the planning director, Mr. Crossman, has been working on an extension of this concept from Lincoln to Indiana avenue. This project is currently under discussion and I am sure you have seen the public notice of it.

In addition to this the plan department is continuing contract work with the soil and water conservation district on a soil survey. This has been completed for the western portion of Bloomington and currently the remaining portion, the eastern part of the city is under study and we expect that this soil study will be complete for the entire city by the end of 1973. In addition I am sure that it will be welcome news to all the members of the council as well as the community at large that the long anticipated floodway study for the city of Bloomington has finally been initiated. This work is being done by the U.S. Geological survey and the planning department has also been able to negotiate expansion of the flood plain study to include not only the legal limits of the city of Bloomington but also the two mile fringe. So this will be a more comprehensive study of the floodway patterns in the whole Bloomington area. In addition to this the staff has been rounded out by employing two half time persons Hancey Jones and Mr. Rick Geshwiler have been employed, each at a half time basis. And in addition to that now these fill out the assistant planner spot - in addition to that Miss Kay Organ has been added as a planning technician. In addition there is an ongoing coordination effort between the various departments within the city administration and the with regard to development projects and the plan department is of course involved in that. Also as an on going procedure is the continuous conferences with developers in the community - these conferences go on for quite awhile before any of the petitions are brought forward to the planning commission itself. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes before these are brought up for action. In addition the plan commission and the plan department have revised their rules of procedure, taking into account the new site planning ordinance which was passed by this council and the mechanisms of implementing this as well as its general rules of procedure - the filing of zoning and site review applications and so on. In addition the plan department and commission are anticipating that when the on going work is completed we will go on with several other important facets. One is the developer's manual which we anticipate will be very helpful to developers in this community which will lay out step by step procedures for builders and developers in order to carry out projects within the bloomington jurisdiction. In addition we hope to very quickly get into a community facilities study which will prepare essentially for a long-range capital improvements program. And the preparation of a six year capital budget which should provide the city administration with information to make better decisions involving capital expenditures for the city of Bloomington which is obviously a procedure which not only involves the planning department but all departments within the city. And finally in the area of statistics the plan commission is still in the business of considering rezoning site plan applications, subdivision applications and so on. Since the first of the year there have been twenty one applications for rezonings. Four of these have been subsequently dropped, of the seventeen that remain, six were approved, three disapproved and there are still eight petitions for rezoning which are pending. Site plan revisions - most of the site plans, if they involve small sites, can be taken care of administratively by the plan department and the engineering department, however some do have to come to the plan commission because of the magnitude of the sites that are being considered. The plan commission has considered eleven applications, nine of which have been approved and two have been disapproved. Five subdivisions have been - subdivision plans have been presented, four approved, one is still pending. Of the total number of dwelling units that have been requested, they approximated one hundred and seventy - the same number have been approved. And that brings us up to the current affairs.

Council President Zietlow: May I ask a question - the assistant planner position - what functions do Hancy Jones and Rick Geshwiler carry out?

Councilman Mizell: Well, they are involved in a number of projects. Mr. Jones brings with us - brings to us expertise in the area of workable program, experience with HUD, he also has landscaping background. Mr. Geshwiler general planning expertise, some capital improvements program - experience in these areas.

Council President Zietlow: Thank you.

Councilman De St. Croix: As many of you probably know I have just returned from about a three week business trip vacation and it is just nice to be back in the city.

Brian De St. Croix

Councilman Ackerman: I just would like to report on one experience I had this past week which I think has implications for other people living in the city of Bloomington. It was just a very routine feeling of dissatisfaction with my home insurance policy and I went down and tried to get it renewed and I discovered that the rate of home insurance for people living in the city of Bloomington have gone down over one dollar per thousand dollars of value. But most of us are into computers - linked into computers which will continue to bill at the old rate. The computers do not know that as a result of the upgrading of the facilities in the utilities department and the increased efficiency of the fire department that we have qualified for a lower insurance rate. So I would urge the citizens of Bloomington to check with their insurance agent and get this decrease in rates which the efficiency of the city has created for them.

James Ackerman

Council President Zietlow: Thank you, that was a nice message!

Council President Zietlow: I have just a brief message. Later in the evening we have resolution 73-62, a resolution to endorse the formation of a women's task force by the council. I will be speaking more to it at that time but I do want to point it out to you know.

Charlotte Zietlow

Councilman Towell: I would just like to announce that the housing quality appeals board met this week for the first time. We have had a housing code that required such a board since 1967 or 68 and we finally have one. I think that shows an increased awareness of the importance of the housing code for the health and safety of the citizens of Bloomington. We didn't do too much - we elected a chairman - James Medlock will be the chairman of the board and looked over some proposed rules prepared by the staff of the engineering and redevelopment departments. But I think the feeling that we all had is that it is very important that there be a committee of citizens that you can appeal to if you feel that the administration of the code has been in any way prejudicial to you or in any way unfair in some way. And there now exists such a board. I think it is an important moment in the history of the city of Bloomington that now we are set

Alfred Towell

up to really inspect houses and make sure that they are safe and decent.

Council president Zietlow: Does the board exist to hear primarily people who have felt that the code has been unduly enforced or can people also come who feel that it hasn't been enforced strictly enough.

Councilman Towell: Yes either sort of thing. Any decision of the people who enforce the code can be appealed. And I am sure there is an attempt to make this convenient and to set up procedures so you know what to do, and that kind of thing - we were discussing such matters at the first meeting.

Council president Zietlow: And when people want to get in touch with the board how do they reach them?

Councilman Towell: Well, our secretary is Mr. Allen in the redevelopment department.

There were no further messages from Councilmembers.

Councilman Ackerman moved that Ordinance No. 73-68 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman De St. Croix seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES

73-68 - amending title 18, fire prevention of the city code

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-68 in its entirety.

Councilman Ackerman moved that Ordinance No. 73-69 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman Behen seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

73-69 - repealing section 7.16.060 noisy dogs, of the city code

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-69 in its entirety.

Councilman Ackerman moved that Ordinance No. 73-70 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman Behen seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

73-70 - repealing section 14.36.020 of the city code

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read ordinance No. 73-70 in its entirety.

Councilman Ackerman moved that Ordinance No. 73-71 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman De St. Croix seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

73-71 - repealing section 14.24 of the city code

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-71 in its entirety.

Councilman Ackerman moved that Ordinance No. 73-72 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman De St. Croix seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote. Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance NO. 73-72 in its entirety.

73-72 - sewer rate ordinance

Councilpresident Zietlow: There will be a special hearing - just a special hearing, there will be no voting on the sewer rate on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, for anyone who is interested in finding out more about the sewer rate ordinance we will have John Scott from Black and Veatch here at that time who will explain the reason for the recommendation for the increase. I think that people who want to find out about it and study it before the final hearing should come at that time.

public hearing on  
sewer rate ordinance  
10/23/73

The second reading of this ordinance by law has to come later than two weeks after the first reading and therefore we will have second reading of thesewer rate ordinance at a special meeting of the common council on Thursday, November 8.

special meeting  
for second reading  
November 8, 1973

Councilman Behen: If I may, I know we don't normally discuss ordinances until second reading but there has been an area of complaint on this and I just don't think that a lot of people really realize the importance of what this administration is attempting to do and what the tremendous problem that has got to be solved in the upgrading of the sewage system and this is only a small part of it and what we can gain overall long-range, it just seems to me that it is an absolute must.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Yes, I think that the session that is scheduled - the special hearing that is scheduled next Tuesday is to explain - you know to try to illustrate to the members of the community the reasons and the importance of this move. It is a big increase - nobody can doubt that. But we will hear the justification for it next Tuesday and certainly urge members of the community to come to get that information so they can get back to us their reactions to it before the final reading of the ordinance.

David Rogers, utilities attorney: I might add that not only will our explanations of the facts and figures behind the proposed rates be on file at the office of the city council, of the clerk treasurer and of the city utilities board, also the engineering plans which are the basis of the grant applications and eventually the financing by the city of the improvements to the sewer system will be on the file at those three offices for all interested persons.

Councilpresident Zietlow: For the record, this has been passed as we just read it by the utilities service board? and unanimously?

Mr. Rogers: Yes, unanimously.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Thank you.

At 7:35 p.m. the Council considered the item of scheduled business. Councilman Mizell moved that Ordinance No. 73-64 be advanced to second reading and read by the clerk by title only. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS  
second reading of  
Ord. 73-64 - personnel  
policies

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-64 by title only.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-64 be adopted. Councilman Mizell seconded the motion.

Bruce Wackowski, Human Rights Attorney-Director: I have been asked by councilmembers and other about the city personnel policy as the human rights commission has been working in various areas of personnel policy throughout the city and this is it, as far as I understand, and I think that Ted can speak for the mayor's office. I had some questions on this in regard to pregnancy and in regard to other aspects in regard to leave of absence and so forth and I believe those things are going to be covered more comprehensively not by this ordinance but by policies created under the central hiring office - the personnel officer that the council passed a budget for this past year. I don't know if Ted would like to speak to that later or not. So basically the second section of that will probably be dealt with by the personnel office in greater detail. I believe this is done - and Ted can correct me if I am wrong, with an eye toward getting this ordinance of personnel policies in line with the city union agreements. And the question I had for the council basically comes under section 2.64.020, vacations. I think there are a few people in the city - I am not sure how many are affected by this but who are in positions such as I am, working for the human rights commission, having a title of Director, but not quite sure whether I fall within the definition of department head. And before I took off two weeks without pay or scheduled anything for 1974 I would like clarification as to who is a department head, whether that be the statutory department heads under Burns over whether that includes such people who work for boards and commissions such as myself and perhaps EVE Berry and whoever else may be affected by this.

Ted Najam: Well, uh, Mr. Wackowski and I have had an opportunity to discuss the questions raised. I'd say first with regard to the second point raised, the mayor's office has asked the city Attorney, Larry Owens, to provide us with alternative ways of determining who is and who is not a department head and the alternative ways there are of interpreting that by statute or by policy or otherwise. It is an important question, given the proliferation of various positions in recent years - the establishment of commissions and so on. We are waiting for Mr. Owens for answer to that question - to propose different ways of looking at it. With respect to the rest of the ordinance itself it is certainly not comprehensive personnel policy. We have gone through the steps of implementing the work agreement with the union and by amending the ordinance as it relates to vacation pay and sick leave. I have a strong suspicion that when we get to the point of establishing a city wide personnel policy that it is not going to be in ordinance form. That rather it will be established with the advice and consent of the council or perhaps in resolution form but whereas changes would be made a matter of public record but an ordinance is really an awkward way of implementing each and every piece of personnel policy and that we may very well not have ordinances. That is an open question - the only point I wish to make now is that this is not any attempt to be a comprehensive ordinance. We are just keeping faith with our union agreement and that there are very many questions - pregnancy leave is one and many others of course that are yet to be answered and we will be working on resolving those and these matters will be brought before the council and will be fully discussed and debated as the policy is developed.

Councilman Towell: Would we be governed by the federal regulations since we have federal monies?

Bruce Wackowski: Title 7 of the 1964 civil rights act has been amended by the equal employment opportunity act of 1972 and now state and local governments having fifteen or more employees as all other employers are governed by the rules and regulations set down as interpreted in Title 7 by the federal courts and secondarily by guidelines of the equal employment opportunity commission.

Councilman Towell: And do they not include pregnancy leave - pregnancy regulations?

Mr. Wackowski: Yes, pregnancy is covered under the sex discrimination guidelines section of the rules and regulations of the EEOC.

Councilman Towell: Now, do we need then a further city statement?

Mr. Wackowski: Well, the guidelines of the EEOC prohibit in general areas. They don't demand or mandate employers to put up a certain system. They do regulate the kind of opportunities which are available under different kinds of systems so that the city would not be bound by a particular one way of dealing with a problem but would probably be in somewhat shady legal areas if their policies did not conform to the boundaries of the regulations set by the EEOC.

Councilman De St. Croix: so in other words what you are saying is that the EEOC sets down basic guidelines and it is the municipality's responsibility to flush those out with administrative policy.

Mr. Wackowski: Yes. Incidentally both the state civil rights commission and the bloomington human rights commission also have jurisdiction over city employment and would - it is our policy and I believe also state commission's policy to look to the federal guidelines for interpreting our ordinance's mandate as well as the state statute's mandate in this area.

Councilman Towell: Well I know that the university just got its house in order, I have been reading the Student about that. Would you say that we have a good deal of work to do here? In other words would we be in violation if we did not do some work?

Mr. Wackowski: Well, if the city - you run the risk when you don't have a policy established of people dealing with it on their own individual bases and most of the time people doing it without any sophisticated or even passing knowledge of federal regulations in this area and of course you run the risk of some people might just happen to be by chance following EEOC guidelines, some people won't and I believe that - as I know the mayor's office believes that the more structured we can have a personnel system geared to merit principles and equal opportunity considerations the safer the city will be within both our local ordinance and the state and federal statutes.

Mr. Najam: Just one more point. The consultant that is being provided free of charge to the city by the Lilly endowment through the school of public and environmental affairs is presently finishing work on an affirmative action program for the whole state of Indiana. He is working for the governor's office and he is about to finish that - and as soon as that program is finished he will be back with us on a more regular basis and we will be in gear in setting up a personnel office and giving it the kinds of considerations that Bruce is raising here.

Council president Zietlow: Is there a representative from the union here? Do you want to speak to the ordinance Mr. Sheppard?

Mr. Sheppard: I don't have any particular questions.

Council president Zietlow: Then the provisions of the ordinance do satisfy the union agreement?

Mr. Sheppard: But I understand from what he says that we are entirely satisfied with it.

Council president Zietlow: So if the question of maternity leave should arise in the next month - month and a half or something like that, what would happen?

Najam: Well I think Mr. Wackowski has indicated that although

we don't have what you might call an affirmative program that we certainly are - have specific constraints that are binding on the city and I guess that we would deal with each individual case on merit:

Councilpresident Zietlow: on merit?

Najam: I think we would, of course, immediately seek the counsel of Mr. Wackowski who has had a hand in working out the arrangement with Indiana University - is that not right?

Mr. Wackowski: Yes, we did have consultations with them and made suggestions that were adopted..

Najam: Well I guess the real answer to your questions Mrs. Zietlow is that it should the occasion present itself, we will present the matter to Mr. Wackowski for a definitive decision.

Councilman Towell: I am conscious of the fact that in a discussion like this we all tantalize everybody by not saying exactly what we are talking about and I think it is important that we be a little more explicit. I understand that what is required is that the same provisions be available for women who become pregnant as are available for men who, at their discretion, have an operation or something like that that's normally been covered by sick leave as a standard business practice and that this would be the case for pregnancy as well. Is that correct or substantially correct?

Mr. Wackowski: Well, the federal guidelines more or less indicate that unless you have a valid business necessity requiring special consideration for pregnancy and if you give sick leaves and allow them to accumulate and if you give temporary leaves of absence or leaves for temporary disability then pregnancies and post natal infant care should be given the same opportunities to make use of sick leaves - to make use of temporary leaves of absence on the same basis and on the same criteria using pregnancy and post natal infant care as a legitimate reason for use of sick days and for use of leaves of absence.

Councilpresident Zietlow: In other words, two work weeks if a person has been with the city for less than five years?

Mr. Wackowski: Well I don't know what leave of absence policies are now available but if leaves of absence are given then leaves of absence should be given for pregnancy on the same basis as other leaves of absence. If people use sick days for temporary disability and use them to their full extent after which they are not paid and after which another certain time passes they have to be discharged for lack of show or whatever, then pregnancies can be treated the same way. If you would like to have your baby on Friday and return on Monday and as long as you are qualified to do so, with a doctor's statement or whatever you need to return from a few days of sick leave, or any other reason, you should be allowed to do so.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Would you have to have a doctor's statement?

Mr. Wackowski: Well if you require a doctor's statement; somebody has broken their arm and they go back to work and you don't want to put them back on the job because you don't know whether they can perform because you don't know if their arm has healed and you want a doctor's statement when they come back to make sure their arm is healed, then the same thing might be required of a pregnancy - a doctor's statement to the effect that the pregnancy will no longer affect any working conditions, will no longer hamper a person from doing a normal job.

Councilpresident Zietlow: I did make a mistake - I didn't mean two weeks - it is one day per month.

Councilman Behen: I am a little bit confused because comparing broken arms with pregnancies just is out of my ball park. What I would like to know is what position



would the city be in say in comparison with your most celebrated of this year as to the length of time that a woman might be able to be allowed to work - is that involved?

Mr. Wackowski: I think according to that case the city is in about the same place which is no definite, no formal, no uniform policy. I believe it is handled by each individual department head as the occasion arises and certainly leaves room for problems if someone wishes to contest something that they think has not been equal treatment.

Councilman Behen: The reason that I pose that question is that I don't know the marital status of our women - our police women. But I can't for the life of me envision one who is eight months into a pregnancy still continuing to work. You know, and I don't know - is this what we are doing?

Mr. Wackowski: A question like that - it depends very much on similar - whatever analogous situations you can find, not necessarily - well, obviously you are not going to get pregnant men but you may have a situation where someone suffering under a stroke or something like that and accommodation has been made to give him a desk job for a certain period of time until they recover from a stroke and therefore a woman so far into pregnancy might be given the same equal opportunity to have a desk job for a certain amount of time until the delivery and whatever.

Mr. Wackowski asked: is there any idea of when Mr. Owens will come up with some kind of definition of department head?

Najam: No we have asked him to do it, I imagine he will provide this information reasonably soon and I am not sure that once we get the information we have to have it in ordinance form but I think that the matter should be resolved. There are some people who obviously are department heads - I think we are just talking about the borderline cases more than anything else.

Councilman Towell: Are you telling me that the paragraph that starts "all department heads" is part of the union agreement?

Najam: No, actually further down in that text there are provisions which relate to the union agreement and since amendment of part of the paragraphs was needed we simply just amended the whole section to read as follows.

Councilman Towell: And we just have two classes of employees then - we have department heads and we have employees and with department heads it is automatic that they get a months vacation and with others it is a matter of accumulation by seniority, is that right?

Najam: That is correct?

Councilman Towell: so it seems to be a fairly important question that has been raised.

Najam: oh yeah.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Mr. Najam, When do you expect to have some results of the personnel policy study?

Mr. Najam: Well, as I indicated Mr. Lavanchi is presently engaged in putting together an affirmative action program for the state government, working for the governor. He's got two projects - that one and ours. And he is about through with the affirmative action program for the state of Indiana and he will be devoting much more time to us and once we have him working on it I would like by the end of the year I would like to have a policy pretty well enunciated, have the council have had a chance to consider and discuss it - I don't think he needs to prolong it. He is a professional, he does know and is very familiar with this putting together a program and so on.

Councilpresident Zietlow: But you don't expect it until the end of the year?

Mr. Najam: Well I hate to give an estimate because I really don't know - I wouldn't want to commit Mr. Lavanchi who is available to the city for no charge. And to say when his project will be completed - he is indicating that the project will be stepped up significantly very shortly.

Councilman Towell: It is true at the university anyway that professionals accumulate as do other staff members - accumulate vacation leave - I am supposed to be in that category myself and I am aware of the rules - and I assume they apply to professionals at the very top as well as a little bit down. I just wonder if there is some support that can be given the idea that department heads should automatically be given a month's vacation. In other words do we have to have this kind of policy to compete? do we think it is just a good thing? I am just trying to see what rationale we have.

Mr. Najam: Well this is the ordinance as it is presently written. It doesn't represent any change in the situation as it is at present. All these questions need discussion to date, rationale and so on. the problem is really a pandora's box. We could sit here all evening and each of us think of half a dozen questions with regard to personnel policy and that is why we need a comprehensive approach to start off with. And the matter actually wouldn't be before us if we weren't keeping faith with the union agreement in amending the ordinance.

There being no further discussion, the vote was taken.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-64 WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

COUNCILMAN De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-73 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

introduction of ordinances - continued

Ord. 73-73 - bicycle paths

Grace E. Johnson, City clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-73 in its entirety.

Ordinance No. 73-74 was deleted from the agenda as no copies had been made available.

73-74 deleted from agenda - no copies available

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-62 be advanced to second reading and read by the clerk by title only. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

SECOND READING -  
ORDINANCES

73-62 - police and fire salaries for 1974

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-62 by title only.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-62 be adopted. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

Councilpresident Zietlow noted that the budgets for the police and fire departments for 1974 had already been approved so that this is really an ex post facto ordinance.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Have these salaries been approved by the Board of Public Safety Mr. Rumble?

Mr. Rumble: Yes they have and I urge their adoption. It is a unanimous vote from the Board of Public Safety and I think it is very necessary for the upgrading of our police and fire departments - there is some benefit to be seen from the insurance rates already. The Board of Safety doesn't take any credit for that but we would like to go ahead and make all of our departments here very professional.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Thank you very much.

Councilman Towell: I just have an inquiry as to procedure here. I am supposed to be an authority perhaps but right now I don't know. I understand that this salary ordinance is different from other salary ordinances, I wonder may we raise or lower, or simply lower if we make any change?

Mr. Register: These salaries weren't fixed before at all.

Councilman Towell: I understand that this doesn't come under the general rules for salary ordinances.

Mr. Register: No because these salaries were not fixed when you adopted the budget.

Councilpresident Zietlow: The jurisdiction over these salaries is different from the jurisdiction over salaries from other departments in the city as I understand it.

Councilman Towell: With the regular salary ordinance which applies to other departments the mayor proposes and we may lower if we wish, and I understand that the mayor has not been involved in the same role with this ordinance so I wonder do we have the option of going up or down, or simply going down?

Mr. Najam: There is a specific state statute - I think we have been over this ground earlier this year - which says that there is an obligation to appropriate sufficient monies to cover the salary ordinance, although at the discretion of the mayor salaries may be - lower salaries may be paid. That at least the appropriation has been made. So I would assume that if you follow that logic, that unless there is an appropriation sufficient to cover higher salaries than those presented that an increase in the salaries would be anullity.

Councilman Towell: YOU are fleshing out my question. That particular law applies to the other salaries. I am asking, since this is not included under that law, what are the rules for this salary ordinance. I am sorry - I am perfectly willing myself to vote for it as it is but I just wondered what our options were.

Mr. Najam: Well, at the break I would be very happy to get a copy of Burns statutes and look at it, I don't want to give an off the wall judgement and I am sure Corporate Counsel register doesn't either.

Councilman Towell: I don't really think that is necessary but it would be nice to have it.

Councilpresident Zietlow: The salary ordinance does designate a new category of emergency medical technician in the fire department which was in conjunction with the fire department's taking over the ambulance service which I think is a very good move on the part of the board which I really heartily endorse.

Councilman Ackerman: I remember a year ago Chief Chambers spoke to us on sort of a new philosophy that he was applying in working out the salaries and I was just wondering is anything new - any new approach being tried this year or are your goals closer to realization. Or, do you have any statement to make on these salaries?

Chief Chambers: This structure that you have before you is based on the new goals and the new salary structure... (voice faint on tape) ... this is part of the study we have been conducting for several months in the police department.... (too faint to transcribe).

Mr. Najam: Jim, by next year we anticipate we are going to have step grades of pay within each rank and that various other changes will be implemented. The phasing in terms of our budget process is such that this year they could not be incorporated because we had these statutory deadlines to meet in terms of the budget.

Councilman Towell: I would just like to say that I don't think that this bettering of the situation for our policemen and firemen goes far enough but I will vote for it.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-62 WAS ADOPTED  
BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7,  
NAYS 0.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-63 be advanced to second reading and read by the clerk by title only. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-63 by title only.

73-63 - amending  
title 2, human  
rights commission,  
of the city code

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-63 be adopted. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

Bruce Wackowski explained the terms of the ordinance: I think the council members all received as much of an explanation as I had at the time - August 31 - as to why certain members of the human rights commission's terms expired - seven members were up for expiration in 1976 and I have since discovered that all of the people who are slated to expire in 1975 under this ordinance were all scheduled to expire in 1976 under the old ordinance - they are scheduled to expire in 1976 under this revision and I believe that will be a correct running of the time that they should be human rights commissioners since they were all appointed in 1972 - for some reason they received letters and it was given to the commission secretary information that they would be expiring in 1975, thus having four year terms and both the old human rights ordinance and the new one - the 1970 ordinance and also the 1972 ordinance - both had three year terms for the commissioners. For some reason a mistake was made and three of those four people were given four year terms anyway and there would be confusion as to when their terms expire without this ordinance since at one point the ordinance allows three year terms and at the other point they were given four year terms. So the only changes that are being made are in the terms of Borchertmeyer, Gilliam and Smith, all who were appointed in 1972 and all who would expire in 1975 correctly for three year terms. The only other change is that each commissioner's term will expire March first. There were two reasons for choosing that date - first of all the commission has its election of officers in April therefore it would be nice to have a full commission so that we knew who all the officers were so that all the people who were going to be voting for officers were already sitting - seated on the commission and had an opportunity to attend at least one meeting prior to having a vote on officers for the year. Secondly a lot of business comes before the mayor's office at the beginning of the year and

since the mayor is in charge of determining his recommendation to the council as to whether to retain a commissioner or to appoint new commissioners this gives the mayor a little breathing space up until March to decide whether or not he would recommend the retention of a commissioner and if not who to recommend in place of a commissioner. So actually the two changes are three terms are now correct whereas before they were in limbo and the March first date will be the new expiration date for all commissioners, thus altering by a few months the terms of some commissioners. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to insert a plug that on most of these same stations tomorrow night at nine thirty the human rights commission will be on "Your Turn" and for any councilmembers who are interested in that.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-63 WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

Councilman De ST. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-65 be advanced to second reading and read by the clerk by title only. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

73-65 - amending title 15, parking regulations, of the city code

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-65 by title only.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-65 be adopted. Councilman Towell seconded the motion.

Mr. Najam: Councilpresident Zietlow there are quite a

few, or at least some citizens who are here I am sure are here to speak to the matter of the west fourth street lot and since there are several items in this ordinance that need attention - that need to be discussed, I know Councilman Behen is concerned about this, in the last week or ten days our office has received and I am sure the council has received quite a bit of correspondence expressing concern over setting aside the west fourth street lot for the exclusive use of police and fire personnel. You will find this on the second page - section 15.68.130, paragraph (b). The mayor's office in discussing with the wage committee, particularly of the police department, the matter of parking came up and it appears to be a matter of great concern to both the policemen and firemen, particularly during the daylight hours and it was our recommendation that this lot be set aside for the exclusive use of police and fire personnel. Now we may continue to maintain that position but in the interests of seeing everyone be heard and since there are a number of persons who are upset about the prospect we recommend that this particular section of the ordinance be deleted from tonight's discussion, in order that the other provisions which pertain directly to the park and shop program be decided upon and that this matter be deferred for two weeks or so so that everyone has an opportunity to participate. We are still very much committed to provide space for police and fire personnel but we do want to make certain that anyone and everyone who is or could be affected by this have an opportunity to express viewpoints and make suggestions.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-65 be amended by deleting section 15.68.130 paragraph (b). Councilman Behen seconded the motion.

Councilman Behen: There are a number of people who are concerned with the lack of parking in their positions, whether they are shoe salesmen, gasoline station attendants, or bankers or what have you and I have the same degree of concern whether they are shoe salesmen or gasoline station attendants or bankers or what have you. And I have the same degree of concern

for our policemen and our firemen but we simply cannot afford, in my opinion, to provide parking for all segments of the community free of charge.

Councilman Towell: Well, an alternative would be to furnish a squad car per man, which would make the cars last longer and then they would just simply drive the squad car to work - that would take quite a capital investment to begin with but would not, I think, in the long run be any more costly. So I think this was actually the proposal of the wage committee and that the proposal we have before us is considered to be an interim solution to the parking problem. Interim in some sense - at least I think the mayor's office has communicated to me that they would like to find another long-term solution. I think that that is part of the information you need to address the situation.

Councilman Mizell: Before we voted on this I wondered if there were people in the audience who came specifically to speak to this point and if it would be possible for these people either to be heard tonight or to be assured of a time when they can be heard.

Councilpresident Zietlow: I think now would be the perfect time.

Councilman Behen: I just thought Councilman Towell was asking me to repeat old jokes. From these chambers I have made mention of the fact that if we are going to provide policemen with their own vehicles and the firemen with their own vehicles we will be overrun with public vehicles and parking places will be a problem then in the residential areas rather than in the downtown area perhaps.

Councilman Towell: Then you consider that to be an absurd suggestion then?

Councilman Behen: I most certainly do with the number of policemen that we have on the force.

Councilman Towell: I will be glad to communicate that to sheriff Thrasher - he has done that for the county.

Councilman Behen: It is a limited number of people on the county sheriff's department, councilman Towell.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak to this motion to delete the dedication of the lot.

Mr. Rumple: I think that this is a problem that we are going to have to face sooner or later. Now, some of the other employees of the city of Bloomington are provided parking spaces and especially on the afternoon shift, neither your shoppers nor your other employees are faced with penalty if they are late in getting to work, which our patrolmen are. They do not have a place to park and have to search all over the area and then they face a penalty. so, if it is not faced tonight, I think that it is going to be faced in the near future.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Has this been discussed in the Board of Public Safety?

Mr. Rumple: ONLY superficially.

Councilman Behen: I would just like to reply to Mr. Rumple's remarks - that simply is not so sir, that many firms regard tardiness as a reason for dismissal so there is some degree of

I mean they are penalized in other areas of work. People don't show up for work fifteen minutes late on any job repeatedly without some disciplinary action being taken. So the same thing would apply to a local shoe salesman or a bank clerk just as it does to policemen and fireman.

Councilman Ackerman: When we were having the budget hearings in June and July there was a spokesman from the police force and I understood that in the bargaining that took place with the police force that this was one very crucial item and I just wondered the extent to which the city had committed itself to that in that bargaining. The spokesman was a representative of the police force.

Najam: That was officer Ed Wulven who was one of five members of the police department wage committee and in our discussions with the wage committee, the mayor and I did discuss this at some length. Although we did not commit ourselves to a specific solution we did say that we felt that there was a legitimate problem and, believe me, in discussing the matter with the downtown merchants, in putting together the park and shop program - they think it is a problem - and we committed ourselves to a resolution of the problem - some kind of resolution that was more satisfactory than the present arrangement.

Councilman Ackerman: So it wasn't this parking lot that was at issue - it was the general resolution of the parking problem?

Najam: Well at that time we thought about the west fourth street parking lot and there was a legal question about the bond as to whether the lot could be set aside for a certain class of persons and have a bonded indebtedness outstanding and we referred the legal question to Corporate Counsel Register who examined the matter, who examined the ordinance under which the bonds were issued, and state law, and the financial situation of that particular bond issue and said it could be done. And when we found out it could be done then the attractiveness of the west fourth street parking lot increased. So I would say that although we are not specifically committed to this lot we are committed to finding a solution to the problem and we very strongly support the case made by both police and fire personnel for some kind of parking accommodation.

Councilman Behen: Council has dealt with matters involving many many dollars at many given different times and we are talking about a trivial amount of dollars and cents here when we are talking about eight hour days - that is the number of hours that the meters are in force and we are talking about a minimal amount of personnel, maximum twenty five policemen a day and approximately ten firemen in the downtown area per day and we are talking about less than twelve dollars worth of parking revenue per day and I would far rather see those people be given some kind of decal or something that would enable them to park - and I think they would use discretion and not use prime parking areas than to take one lot away from a total neighborhood - regardless of which lot you're talking about - and let them park indiscriminately someplace and be exonerated from the parking meter regulations. We are only talking about fifteen or sixteen dollars a day maximum.

Council president Zietlow: Would that probably not end up with a lot of parking on Walnut or College?

Councilman Behen: I would imagine that the fire chief and the chief of police would urge discretion in the immediate that the most people who work in the downtown area try if they can to get down on Martin Street or at distant points and they do walk three and four blocks to their jobs.

Najam: Well, what we propose to do rather than attempting to investigate and examine each and every parking space in the city of Bloomington at a council meeting is that we defer this and explore the alternatives and work out some kind of accommodation and then come back to the council and say this is what we have worked out and this is preferable or this is - this can be

accepted. It is possible to turn around and come back with the same proposal and then the council will have to bite the bullet on parking lot number four and decide what it wants to do. But what we are saying is that since there are obviously people concerned about it we are willing to investigate it further. We have talked to Chief Chambers about it and he is willing to listen to it further. So, I would just suggest that we defer it and unless somebody has discussion from the floor that we continue with other parts of the ordinance.

Councilman De St. Croix: Having offered the amendment to delete the section I think that Mr. Najam's point is well taken - it is a serious problem and we are going to have to work it out. Mr. Ruple has indicated that the board of safety hasn't really dealt with this question in substance. As the supervisory board for the police and fire department I would hope that they would look into it in greater detail and perhaps function as a catalytic or negotiating agent between the administration and the police and fire departments to see if we can work out a solution. It may very well be that with the new city bus system that we can even consider a holding lot for police and fire cars to move from the downtown area and if the scheduling of the buses is matched appropriately with the times of the shifts that may work out. I don't know but I would hope that the board of safety would look into it on a more than cursory manner. I would like to call for the question.

Chief Chambers: I would like to make some comments in reference to this situation. I think Councilman Behen is laboring under a concept that I am asking for special treatment for my officers in a public place. And this isn't quite true. As an administrator of the department I am confronted with businessmen who are requesting to us to remove our cars from the parking lot - that we are taking up spaces for the customers. Okay. I am requested that we do not park on the street because we take up spaces there. Now I for one used to walk from anywhere I could park on Indiana Avenue in. This is not possible because the campus does not allow.....(voice not clear) . Now these problems are forcing us to park in the streets, to park in the parking lots... We are willing to do what we can - I am not asking for anything to be given as a favor to either the police or the fire department. We have to come in without pay for court. I have a court baliff who is using his truck to serve subpoenas without pay. He doesn't have parking provided - he has to hunt for it. There are several things that haven't been brought out, that we do for the city without pay. I doubt that your salesmen do it for you.

Councilman Towell: It seems we have opened up a thorny issue and perhaps it needs more consideration.

Someone from the audience spoke: I am not sure whether this is anything new or different to say and I find myself in somewhat the same dilemma as I did when we found ourselves in the position of proposing special education for the alternative school. As most of you know our office is located in that innocuous area called "around the square" and I can think of probably about twenty employees who must secure parking facilities for around that area - they do come from throughout the county. But this is going to work a serious injustice on them - at best I could probably not get away with less than urging that that be given a piece of chalk for marking cars ... (tape not clear).. Parking is, as I am sure it is for chief chambers and other people, a very serious problem for all of the people in the downtown area. The parking lot itself - and that is a problem - in my office, as Mr. Behen said, I cannot have and do not want to hear, either I am fifteen minutes late because I could not find parking or could I be excused from the meeting because my two hours is up. I must be able to depend on the staff to be available for a full day and I am not in the position of teaching at this point - I am simply saying that it is a very critical issue for us. There are no immediate alternatives we do not have city stickers for parking - and it is a basic assumption of the program that, inherent in your accepting employment is your responsibility to get there and to pay



for it yourself..... So, I have nothing new and novel to say other than that closing that lot to the general public will work a serious injustice on many of my employees and it would certainly create a general problem in terms of clients of the agency. I'm Fred Horning from community action program .

(The Council took a five minute break at this point in business.)

THE MOTION TO DELETE SUBSECTION b FROM SECTION 15.68.130 OF ORDINANCE NO. 73-65 WAS APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

In voting, Councilman Towell said: I would like to state that I am certainly in favor of finding a solution to this problem that the police have with parking. I think that the particular proposal in the ordinance needs to be thoroughly discussed so I'll vote yes to delete for tonight.

In voting Councilman Mizell said: I assume that it is implied that this question will be restudied and will come back to the council at some date not too far off in the future.

Councilman Behen: In voting yes I would like to make the remark that if I implied to anyone in these chambers that I have any particular group of people in mind that I was opposed to as to what is best for their benefit as to the things that they are depriving themselves of, I did not mean that but I still vote yes.

Councilman De St. Croix, in voting: I would like to reiterate my request to Mr. Rumble that the board of safety see if they can deal with this matter and come up with a solution, I vote yes.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-65, as amended, be adopted. Councilman Behen seconded the motion.

Mr. Najam: I have quite a - I have several recommendations to make in connection with this ordinance. First of all, let me say that this ordinance is the basic historical city of Bloomington ordinance which has been put together over many years in an ad hoc fashion and in reviewing this specific title I was amazed at the inconsistencies and the incongruities and in drafting this ordinance I attempted to iron as many of them out as possible. I do think, however, and I do think certainly Councilman Davis could speak to this that the whole question of the city's collection of parking and related ordinances could bear some review in that many of them were put together piecemeal. I have attempted to iron at least these sections out to the point that they correspond with the park and shop agreement and reflects some continuity and some logic. There are, however, several changes, which I think should be made since I made this original draft. First of all there is a typographical error at the bottom of what is the first page should read "Applicability of Section 15.64.010" That should be changed.

COUNCILMEN DE ST. CROIX AND BEHEN WITHDREW THEIR MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 73-65 AS AMENDED.

Council President Zietlow: This is not a matter of substance and that change can be agreed on. (No one from the Council objected to correct the numbering on page one.)

Mr. Najam: Okay, now we get into a little bit more fundamental questions. First of all, parking lot number one no longer exists - there is no longer a parking lot number one which was formally known as central parking lot and is presently owned by Tom O'Daniel and is on the west side of college - everyone is familiar with that lot. You will notice on the first page of the ordinance where it says Seciton 15.64.020 is hereby deleted. Excuse me it is the second page where we are dealing with parking lots where the sections 15.68.010 through 100 inclusive pertaining to central parking lot are deleted. Okay, that leaves us without a parking lot number one. So we start with parking lot number two. We have a new city parking lot which is at the northwest corner of dunn and fourth streets and the city intends - I think Mr. Wray has communicated to you - intends to pave this lot and to place parking meters on it. This is the lot directly behind Dunkirk Square. So I propose to the council that we substitute and that we designate that parking lot number one since we are presently without a parking lot number one and that section 15.68.120 which is not contained in this ordinance but which is contained in the original - the present ordinance - that it be amended to read as follows: That municipal parking located at the northwest corner of East Fourth and Dunn Streets shall be named and referred to as Municipal Parking Lot Number One. That would become paragraph (a) of that section. That solves two problems - we need a parking lot number one and we have a parking lot that doesn't have a number.

Council president Zietlow: I don't understand - where would that be in the ordinance.

Najam: Well, you don't see it in the ordinance here - actually what it is is part of the existing ordinance - all you would have is a - I mean I can give you this all typed up, as long as it is just a matter of the principle I think that is involved here is naming that parking lot municipal parking lot number one.

Council president Zietlow: Yes, but if we are going to vote on the amendment we are going to have to have wording.

Najam: Okay, well it should read section 15.68.120 is hereby amended to read as follows: (a) The municipal parking lot located at the northwest corner of East Fourth and Dunn Streets shall be named and referred to as Municipal Parking Lot Number One. Now in addition to that, in order to make this all consistent, we have to change the subparagraphs in that section - and I am going to read this to you but I don't know that it all has to be copied down - I can give you the typed copy later. Simply it would say subparagraph a shall become subparagraph b, subparagraph b shall become subparagraph c, subparagraph c shall become subparagraph d, subparagraph d shall become subparagraph e, and subparagraph e shall become subparagraph f. All you are doing is just moving the paragraph designation down by one.

Council president Zietlow: We have to end up with F, right - okay.

Najam: So you have subparagraphs a through F, the first paragraph referring to our new municipal lot number one.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No 73-65 be amended by adding the following section: "section 15.68.120 is hereby amended to read as follows: (a) The municipal parking lot located at the northwest corner of East Fourth and Dunn Streets shall be named and referred to as Municipal Parking Lot Number One, and subparagraph (a) shall become subparagraph (b), subparagraph (b) shall become subparagraph (c) and subparagraph (c) shall become subparagraph (d) and subparagraph (d) shall become subparagraph (e) and subparagraph (e) shall become subparagraph (f).

Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

THE MOTION TO AMEND WAS CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

Mr. Najam: I have one more amendment that would bring this up to date. If you will refer to what is the second page under parking lots, under the section hourly charge - that is 15.68.130. The motion would be that 15.68.130 be amended to include lot number one and lot number four. Now you notice that there has been no lot number one because there wasn't a lot number one. Lot number four was excluded because it was set aside for police and fire personnel. Now we know we are going to come back and confront this problem before the year is out but it is necessary that should that lot stay metered that it be the same rate as all the other lots in the city.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-65 be amended by including municipal parking lots numbers one and four in Section 15.68.130 (a). Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

THE MOTION TO AMEND WAS CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

Mr. Najam: I have no more amendments but I just want to point out a couple of things. One is that these meters that we are talking about will be calibrated so that someone could park for a half an hour for a nickel. That is, no one is compelled to pay the full hourly rate and all these meters will be calibrated at the same rate. One other thing is being changed here there has been a different rate schedule for fines when you park for over two hours in a two hour zone and a different rate schedule for those persons who receive tickets and have tickets outstanding. What this ordinance does is it creates one uniform rate schedule whether the offense be for parking in excess of two hours or for parking beyond having the meter run out and continuing to park without having money in the meter. It creates a unified system. Actually the previous ordinance read that if you were ticketed for parking in excess of two hours and you got more than three tickets in six months - well of course keeping track of whether someone has a ticket over time is much more difficult of whether there is a ticket outstanding and unpaid. So what this does is create a uniform system for the whole schedule of fines and makes it much more simple to administer.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance

Councilpresident Zietlow: Wait, there is just a little tiny thing left - that since subsection b was deleted, subsection c needs to be relettered. The Council concurred that this should be corrected as a typographical error not requiring a motion.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-65 be adopted as amended. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

Councilpresident Zietlow: This essentially, then, will make possible the park and shop arrangement for downtown.

Mr. Najam: It also brings up to date the actual economic facts of life in the downtown area. The present ordinance reads that there shall be no enforcement on Wednesday afternoons. This goes back to the times when most stores closed on Wednesday afternoons. So what this does is

it creates enforcement on Wednesday afternoons. It makes the long day of enforcement Friday which is the night that the downtown merchants stay open late and it makes all these things uniform as between the street parking and the parking lot parking. Theoretically the parking lots we've got now are twenty four hour a day parking lots but of course they are not enforced in the evenings. So what this does is really reflect the actual enforcement.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Does this mean added personnel for Wednesday afternoons?

Najam: We are making provision in the parking meter budget and in our hiring the traffikettes to cover the responsibilities for enforcing this. Yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-65, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

At Nine O'clock p.m. the Council asked if there were any petitions and communications from the audience. There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman De St. Croix moved that ordinance no. 73-67 be advanced to second reading and read by the clerk by title only. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ord. 73-67 - regional planning

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 73-67 by title only.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Ordinance No. 73-67 be adopted. Councilman Mizell seconded the motion.

Councilpresident Zietlow: This then would be the council endorsement of the regional planning agreement which has already been signed by the mayor, is that right?

Mr. Najam: That's right it has been signed subject to the approval by the council and that is what this endorsement is.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-67 WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-10 be advanced to second reading and read by the clerk by title only. Councilman Towell seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-10 - indigent health care and well baby clinic

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-10 by title only.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-10 be adopted. Councilman Mizell seconded the motion.

Councilpresident Zietlow explained that this would appropriate funds from the revenue sharing trust fund to the board of public works for the remaining period of 1973

for indigent health care and the well baby clinic.

Fred Horning, CAP: for purposes of the record I would like to note that the last time that we dealt with this issue Mayor McCloskey discussed with me and we discussed with the council the possibility of deleting what was at that time a recommendation of the mayor because it was not an accurate representation of the total need. I have had no substantive communication from the mayor yet I find that this ordinance includes only the monies for the current year. For the record I would like to have an explanation of what went on in August.

Mr. Najam: Well, I can explain that - there is a six thousand dollar revenue sharing appropriation for indigent medical care, included in the city's basic budget - the one that will go into effect January First. What we have done is that this appropriation deals with the last four months of 1973. Early next year there will be another appropriation ordinance which will have two figures in it. One is the difference between the six thousand already appropriated for next year and the eight thousand figure - I don't know the exact figure but the eight thousand something which you gave us to cover indigent medical care for all of 74 plus an additional figure to cover the well baby clinic for 1974. So we decided to just leave that in - the six thousand dollars already appropriated and we will have another special appropriations which will cover the balance of that. The reason was that originally as these estimates came in they were not split between 73 and 74 and for contractual purposes - for budget purposes and accounting purposes, we decided we wanted to split it and of course you came back with your clear recommendation. I really - I think that the conversation that you had with the mayor and the agreement at that time will be taken care of.

Council president Zietlow: Mr. Najam, is there any problem in the appropriation of these revenue sharing trust funds for - with the state enabling legislation that we are contracting with these private agencies?

Mr. Najam: In my opinion, none whatsoever. I have done the legal research on that and I have given to controller Martha Sims the statute that deals with that - the city does have the authority by implication it has the authority to contract for whatever it may do by itself in house and it is not residual legislation - it is not a residual clause that says all other rights not enumerated belong to the city. There is a specific clause covering the provision of health care such as this for both the well baby clinic and for indigent medical care. So I see no legal problem whatsoever.

Councilman De st. Croix: The question has come about because of Attorney General Sendack's opinion number five this year in which made a ruling regarding the allocation of federal revenue sharing funds by county government to non governmental not for profit corporations. The research that I have participated in would indicate that the home rule provision of state law 1320, I believe it is - Public Law 250 - puts municipal government in an entirely different situation than county government and that opinion would not apply.

Councilman Ackerman: While we are on that point - Miss Trinkle is it true that the county has not funded this program - the well baby program - or has cut back on their funding?

Miss Trinkle: That is correct. They have not, so far. (she was not near microphone and so was not clear) but Mr. Rogers said they will be considering it in November. We are expecting them to appropriate money.

Councilman Ackerman: Would you be able to make use of the city funds irregardless of the county funds or will this just mean an ending of the program - a curtailment of the program throughout the year or an ending of the program half way through.

Miss Trinkle: With just city funds it is my understanding we would just be able to help people in the city.

Mr. Najam: In terms of accounting for the expenditures of revenue sharing monies it is important, and it will have to be written into our contract that it is clear and the money will be spent for city residents - it is just a matter of fundamental law that the city cannot spend money - revenue sharing money or tax base money for other than city residents. So separate books will have to be kept and accounted for - for county patients and city patients in order to maintain a pure audit trail for the federal government in the use of revenue sharing money.

Mr. Horning: This in a very real sense has been almost a year long question for us - we put the question to the council last January and I would only say that despite the lags and miscommunications in several instances the appropriation before you is a very important one for us --- (Mr. Horning was not at the microphone and is not very clear)..

Councilpresident Zietlow: If this money is appropriated now is this sufficient for the rest of the year or can you immediately start functioning with this - is the well-baby clinic operating right now?

Mr. Horning: The well baby clinic is not and our particular program has a very unique question - the figure now before you is a figure which I computed from the last meeting (not clear). I have not discussed with Ted or with the Mayor what constraints will be placed on us - if we in fact must utilize that money up to and only to December 31 then we might have some expenditures sorts of problems - it will in fact provide a considerable amount for those residents who are in the program this year.....(not clear)...

Councilpresident Zietlow: As I understand it all appropriated funds from the revenue sharing trust fund that are not expended by December 31 will revert to the revenue sharing fund.

Mr. Najam: That is correct but once you have entered into a contract the city has paid this into another account - the money is spent as far as the city is concerned. So there isn't any problem at all.

Mr. Horning: So additionally then, in responding to your question, I would assume that this particular - since we have incurred no costs since August and now - we have simply been unable to provide sufficient (?) care. I would suggest that this money carry on for the rest of this year and perhaps carry over to next year (not clear, again, not at microphone).

Councilpresident Zietlow: What about the wellbaby clinic - when will that begin to function?

Mrs. Claire Gregory spoke from the back of the room in favor of the appropriations ordinance - she said both the city and county would have to fund the wellbaby clinic and was glad to see the city taking first step.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 73-10 WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 7, NAYS 0.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Resolution No. 73-61 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

73-61 - transfer of funds

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 73-61 in its entirety.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Resolution No. 73-61 be adopted. Councilman Towell seconded the motion.

Councilman Towell: Part of this had to be brought back to this meeting because there were some questions that were unresolved and in the meantime I have had a chance to peruse a memo from Archie Walker, the director of the redevelopment department, concerning the item of transfers from salaries to various items. My question at that time - actually I had two questions and one of them was able to be answered - my other question was how we could be transferring from salaries to take care of other expenses when certain people in the department had had their salaries cut and in fact had been informed of these cuts after the fact - after part of a month in which they were to be paid at a higher rate had gone by. I would like to say right now that I don't think that whatever situation there is involved here is basically Mr. Walker's fault and I am not trying to criticize him in any way. I think that what happened is that the city made some commitments in their workable program to fair contractual practices and to relocation services for people affected by contracts and that sort of thing. And then placed those positions in a department even though the responsibility was general and then in the course of the years and changes of administrations lost sight of that fact and allowed positions which I think are essential along those lines to be cut and programmed them to be terminated actually when in our workable program we are going to have to make similar commitments again. The discussion that I have heard in the citizens committee about the workable program indicates that we will be wanting to again, when you consider all the federal requirements for money and so on, as well as our responsibility - our ethical responsibilities we are going to have to do things in those areas again. So I think most of this happened, I say, with a lapse of time from when the commitments were made in the workable program and the change of administration and also a change of directors in the department, with an interim director and that a misunderstanding arose that these positions were responsible only for work that was being done in connection with federal programs administered through the redevelopment department but actually they were commitments on behalf of the whole city and of all city programs. And then my other concern was for the individuals working for the city that they had made plans that they - certain commitments had been made to them and then revised and I still feel very strongly about that, so I want to state what my concerns were and to state that I generally don't think Mr. Walker has been at fault - at the same time I think he was the victim of the same kinds of misunderstandings that were general in the city when these things were done. And it is important I think for everyone to understand what our commitments were and to try to carry them out. I don't consider that the memo that we received since the last meeting has done very much to state new facts or to clarify the situation to me. I still feel very strongly about the points that I made and I feel that if we had money in salaries we probably shouldn't have been cutting salaries, even if the money was in the city budget and the salaries being cut were in the federal budget. The redevelopment department is a department of the city and it carries out policies of the city - also policies of the redevelopment commission which administers federal funds. But in general it is a reflection of what the citizens of Bloomington, through their representatives want to go on in the city and it has to be, otherwise I think we might as well be without it. So I still feel very strongly about all these points and now I have said them again and I guess I am going to give up and vote for this transfer of funds but simply say that I think it has been a very unfortunate series of events that brought us to this pass, especially the misunderstandings about our responsibilities to these functions throughout the city programs. And then the slicing off of these positions. I will have to say that I think there should have been more leadership from both the council and the administration in preventing this kind of situation. Again, I would like to say that this is not intended by me to be a reflection on Mr. Walker - exonerate him in most respects.

Mr. Walker: I would like to apologize generally to the Council for having prematurely left the meeting two weeks ago. What in all probability appeared to be a discourtesy on my part was in reality an error in assessment of the extent to which the discussion had been completed. When I left I was under the impression that the discussion had been completed. In response to Councilman Towell's comments just generally I would like to emphasize that the redevelopment department has just as much commitment as Councilman Towell and I am sure the rest of the council has with respect to the positions that were alluded to. I would hope that the positions could be funded - of course the budget cuts occurred some time ago due to the anticipation that we would not have federal funding and we didn't really know where we would find the funding. I think I went over that ground before and I just would like to conclude by saying that if there is anything that the department can do to insure that those positions will be in the redevelopment department or in the city anywhere that we would certainly do our utmost to see that that is done.

(Councilman Fix arrived during consideration of RESolution No. 73-61)

RESOLUTION NO. 73-61 WAS APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 8, NAYS 0.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that resolution No. 73-62 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman Mizell seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

73-62 - women's task force

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 73-62 in its entirety.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that RESolution No. 73-62 be adopted by acclamation. Councilman Towell seconded the motion.

Councilpresident Zietlow: I want to give a little brief history of the drafting of this resolution. It is simply that in this community - in Monroe County I have never thought that we needed any sort of a women's task force but we do have the lowest mean income in the state in Monroe county - about fifty percent of the work force are women - we have a lot of very active women in the community but there is a stronger and growing feeling that many of these women would like to be employed in ways that they are unable to find a position to be. There is a growing sense among the women I think probably even stronger than among other members of the community that some sort of economic development has to take place here. We have an economic development commission to promote this - the chamber of commerce has an economic development committee to promote this. That is just one of the many areas in which I hope a women's task force or a women's commission could become active but I pretty much by acclamation I have written this resolution - I have talked to a number of women in the community and they want to become active in some community wide effort to improve their own status and thereby the status of everybody in the community because I think as we know from other situations where we've got a second class citizen in the community, all the other people in the community are second class citizens - everybody suffers when women are underpaid, men are underpaid and so forth. This is just a beginning - it is just a sort of signal but I would like to urge the endorsement of the council for this move.



Councilman Mizell: I need some help I believe from the council in the interpretation of this last paragraph. I think it may be subject to a misinterpretation - the last phrase "the enhancement of the status of women would be an enhancement of the people" - I don't know if you meant to infer that women are not people. I think that enhancement of the status of women will be an enhancement of the city of Bloomington.

A voice vote was taken on Resolution NO. 73-62.  
RESOLUTION NO. 73-62 WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that Resoluton No. 73-63 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

73-63 - transfer  
of funds

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read RESolution No. 73-63 in its entirety.

Councilman De St. Croix moved that RESolution NO. 73-63 be adopted. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

Councilman Mizell: Is there a justification accompanying this resolution?

Councilman Ackerman: There is none, this was done very recently. The reason for the switch in these line items was because in the early part of this year part-time labor from the salaries item were over-expended, leaving the full-time employees of the animal shelter running out of funds in that line before the end of the year. Therefore it is necessary to transfer into salaries and wages twelve hundred dollars to complete the salary commitment made by the city in salary ordinances - they are being taken out out of funds for, I believe, insurance, and also funds for improving the shelter equipment. And the one hundred and fifty dollar item, I believe, is for the private use of the shelter manager's car to perform city tasks and the telephone bill.

Councilman De St. Croix: councilman Ackerman, do you anticipate that we will be hearing from the animal shelter again this year or are they - if I just might express a personal frustration. It seems that about a year ago we dealt with the dog and people problem and came up with all sorts of wide-eyed statements from friends of animals who said we were criminals and whatnot and that we should do what they said and we did and they said there would be no problems and they've messed up and I wouldn't be so upset except for some rather sanctimonious remarks brought forth in the past. Is this going to clean them up for the year or are we going to have to put up with this some more.

Councilman Ackerman: Councilman De St. Croix, we are still in the process of negotiating a contract -

Councilman De St. Croix: Oh, I understand - that is for next year, but are they going to come trouping back in here, admitting to their errors again for more budget changes and whatnot?

Councilman Ackerman: Well, it seems to me that transfers of line items are common...

Councilman De St. Croix: I think this is just symptomatic of the management.

Councilman Tewell: Well, they don't have to be a major crisis.

Councilman Ackerman: Right, I hope that these can be done in the

future without precipitating major crises.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-63 WAS ADOPTED  
BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 8, NAYS 0.

NONE.

REPORTS FROM STANDING  
COMMITTEES, SPECIAL  
COMMITTEES, OFFICIAL  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Paul Ballard, General Manager, Bloomington Transit System addressed the Council:  
Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you tonight. I believe you will be pleased with the results of our transit system operation todate. You should all have a hand out which I prepared and I will comment on that in a moment or two. To date Bloomington transit has carried over one hundred andsixty six thousand passengers on its four routes - this is since we began the system on March 23. We are operating thirteen hundred and thirty-one miles per day - that's three hundred and sixty-six miles per year. Our passengers carried per day figure has climbed steadily to a september average of one thousand one hundred and fifteen passengers per day, while expenses have remained constant since we added the two additional buses in July. A joint agreement between Indiana University and Bloomington transit system has been formulated which will permit the passenger from one system to ride the othersystem in one continuous trip and direction for an additional dime. This system should be in effect by mid november pending the arrival of the necessary transfers and punchers. Our marketing effort in these recent weeks have consisted of a nickel day where Saturday patronage was doubled to 1800. Thiswas on September 27 - it was in conjunction with the arts and crafts festival and the old fashioned days downtown. We would like to use this method of differential pricing in the future to see how it affects our ridership and patronage. For nickel day we used newspaper advertising as well as TV and radio coverage on news reports . We have had excellent coverage in the local papers of allitems of news interest concerning Bloomington transit - we have had and will continue to have good coverage by television stations of Bloomington transit - at the present time channel six in Indianapolis is preparing a special on mass transit which will include BT. We are just beginning to prepare radio commercials promoting Bloomington Transit. I hope to secure the cooperation of the I.u. radio and tv department in this endeavor. New schedules will be out by November first and our new full color maps by December first. Bus stop signs and route markers will be delivered the first week in November and installed shortly thereafter. Oneother development that will be of interest to you is that after careful study of our bus pass system we are revamping this to better serve the needs of the community. Our ten dollar monthly pass will now be nine dollars per month. We shall be instituting a youth pass for five dollars per month - these both entitle the holder of the card to unlimited use in a thirty day period. These two passes will replace the present fifteen dollar family pass which did not receive a significant use - also it has presented a significant problem in that we were unable to tell how many members were actually in a family. Someone could say I have eight members in my family and we would simply give them out eight passes. And this did provide amethod where we could lose a considerable amount of money. The weekly passes will also be eliminated simply because they had not been used at all. I know Mr. Ackerman uses the family pass extensively - we trust you but there are problems with is. Our senior citizens pass will be combined with a handicapped pass which willprovide reduced fare rides at 15 cents for those that are eligible. This is in keeping with federal guidelines that have been set up and I think this is a good step for

REPORTS FROM CITY  
OFFICIALS AND  
DEPARTMENT HEADS

Paul Ballard,  
General Manager,  
Bloomington Transit  
System

us. At this time I would like to answer any questions that you have on the handout or any questions in general concerning the operation of the transit system. There are three pages on the handout - the last one is a graph - it is basically for your information - it tells you what the type of ridership - what the peak periods are for the transit system. For instance, you will notice between say two and five o'clock we have a high usage of the system. Also in the morning our peak periods are between five and eight. There is a list of our route mileages for your information, some figures on the performance of the equipment - fuel mileage, mileage per quart of oil and things like that. The patronage trends are also listed on the first page.

Councilman Ackerman: Mr. Ballard, we just finished discussing - voting on park and shop in cooperation with the downtown merchants - on that nickel day was there a noticeable increase in downtown shopping - would the local downtown PAC be interested in exploring some kind of cooperative venture with you in a bus downtown program or something?

Mr. Ballard: I am sure there is a good potential there and I think that we did double our average Saturday patronage from 900 to 1800 and I am sure a significant number of those people were shopping in the downtown area so I think that is definitely something that we can explore.

Councilman Ackerman: That's a good idea.

Council President Zietlow: I would certainly want to encourage that.

Councilman Mizell: I am kind of curious as to what one might expect as to oil economy in a Mercedes bus.

Mr. Ballard: I have been told that the average is two hundred miles per quart and we have been getting considerably better than that - it is - I think it was 393 miles per quart - I just talked with the Mercedes Benz representative today and he said that was exceptional.

Councilman Mizell: Why is it that they burn so much oil?

Mr. Ballard: That is per quart - in other words, for each quart of oil we add to the coach - we receive three hundred and ninety three miles, which is an exceptional figure.

Councilman De St. Croix: That is all stop and go traffic.

Mr. Ballard: Right, the average is two hundred for a Mercedes Benz and for a coach in general it is much less than that - less than two hundred per quart.

Councilman Mizell: How about the cost of repairs?

Mr. Ballard: Well, this figure reflects all charges that we have had in repairs - it does not reflect some that will be returned to us for warranty work. I would say a rough guess is that twenty five percent of this will be returned to us, through submitting the applications for warranty work to Mercedes Benz. In other words, we performed the work - they will reimburse us.

Councilman De St. Croix: Have we been having trouble with brake linings?

Mr. Ballard: Not particularly - we are getting 8000 miles per set of brake linings, which at the beginning was a problem because we didn't know what to expect for mileage. Now we have a brake check program every 6000 miles we pull them in and completely check them out. We really do not have a problem at this time.

Councilman Mizell: If these figures continue we will essentially be buying two buses every year in the form of repairs. Is that correct? We spend \$3000 per month on repairs.

Mr. Ballard: Right, but say we will get back about 25% through warranty work. I think that something else that should be pointed out is that the buses are still relatively new and the mechanics do have to spend more time than is necessary perhaps to determine exactly what the problem is. As time goes on they can - for example a certain symptom will appear and as time goes on the mechanic can say, okay, I know what that is and it is going to take less of his time which of course is reflected in this because we pay a certain charge per hour to the fleet maintenance department.

Councilman Mizell: What sort of repairs. You are keeping records of these things - what is the most common repair item?

Mr. Ballard: We have had some problems with the clutch - we have been working with Mercedes Benz on that - they hope to have an improved part to us which will solve that problem. We did spend a considerable amount of time and effort on the brake shoes problem - those are really the two major problems we have had. Right now we are spending some time on the auxiliary heaters at the rear of the bus - getting those into shape, not having worked all summer. It is a special heater for the bus - it runs off the diesel fuel.

Councilman Mizell: But it has never operated has it - it's a brand new unit, isn't it?

Mr. Ballard: Well it was operated for a while back in March when we started the system, but over the summer, I guess not having any use we are going to have to spend some time getting it into shape. I don't know exactly what the problem is.

Councilman Mizell: Well these repair charges represent - what - eighty percent would be for labor?

Mr. Ballard: No, we shouldn't be that high - Mercedes parts don't come cheap. It would be difficult for me to say exactly what the percentage is for labor. Probably I would say a rough guess would be 35 to 40 percent would be labor but I really would have to do some checking to come up with an accurate figure as to what the exact breakdown is as far as labor and parts.

Councilman De St. Croix: How satisfied are you with the equipment?

Mr. Ballard: I am very satisfied with the equipment - I think that operating thirteen hours a day, six days a week it is performing quite well, especially in comparing it with other equipment of its size that is available, I think it is holding up quite well.

Councilman De St. Croix: Do you have similar cost figures for other equipment - other systems that are operating?

Mr. Ballard: I don't have anything with me for a cost figure though I have seen some. For example one city was operating the small twin coach and I think they were paying around three dollars per mile in maintenance costs.

Councilman De St. Croix: Do you think it would be possible for you to get some comparable figures so the council could look at these expenses in relation to other systems. I think that, as one council member, that would give me some kind of comparison basis.

Mr. Ballard: Certainly.

Councilpresident Zietlow: And one question about scheduling. I noticed there are - I had some trouble about two weeks ago when there was a holiday and there - at least it was a city holiday and it wasn't a holiday for a lot of people and the buses didn't run. Could you explain that?

Mr. Ballard: Well, that's - all the bus drivers are city employees and as such it was a city holiday. So, of course, if they were to run I believe it is double time and a half that they would have to be paid, first of all.

Councilpresident Zietlow: I just wondered what your feedback on that was. It seemed to me that when we are establishing a bus system that one of the main factors that we have to get into people's minds is that this is going to be a reliable system - something they can really depend on and I think most people didn't understand that it was a city holiday - I wonder how many people waited for the bus.

Mr. Ballard: Well, I don't have any figures on the number of people who waited. I did receive a few calls at the office but I didn't think that it was a great number of people. I don't know - perhaps the councilmembers received comments I don't know. But at the present time that is our policy is to observe city holidays.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Was there notification on the buses?

Mr. Ballard: Yes, it was in the newspapers and on the radio. No, there was no notice posted on the bus per se. The bus drivers were mentioning it to the passengers that there would be a holiday.

Councilpresident Zietlow: I would think that we would want to discourage that as much as possible because we do want to build up the dependability of the system in people's minds.

Councilman Fix: Of course the city does take holidays that most of the other working public does not take and I do think that on those days when business is going on as usual except for the city we should try to get transportation.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Yes, and I noticed that there were people standing and waiting and waiting for buses and that doesn't help.

Mr. Ballard: No, I don't imagine that would help too much. But I think most people understood and accepted it once they were aware of it.

Councilman Fix: I was going to ask what the possibility was of making some Sunday afternoon trips down around the reservoir and particularly in the autumn color season.

Mr. Ballard: Well I think our problems there would involve our operating authority. At the present time it is my understanding that we are restricted to operating within the city limits, by Indiana law - in other words we could not operate basically a charter type service - we can really not operate a charter type service outside of our legal service area at this time.

Councilman Fix: Do we have a limit on how far away from city limits we can go?

Mr. Ballard: Not really; if our regularly serviced area included that area we could do this.

Councilman Fix: In other words to do this you would have to regularly schedule a trip every Sunday to this area?

Councilman Towell: Or how about regularly scheduled every year?

Mr. Ballard: I would have to look into that.

Councilman De St. Croix: Has any thought been given to exploring the idea of perhaps a city bus system relieving a downtown congestion by running from holding lots perhaps, outside of the downtown area or running from holding lots to high concentration areas such as factories or the university or whatnot - similar to the white lot express that the university had?

Mr. Ballard: This is certainly to be considered down the road. This would be somewhat like the university runs their white lot express from the stadium in to the campus. I think this is probably a little bit too early to get into that area. I think that at the present time we should concentrate on running the fixed route system and studying the technical study which I believe you have copies of and exploring the - that is mentioned in the technical study as a future alternative and that is something that we can discuss later on.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Getting back to what I was talking about before I wondered if you project some sort of a holiday schedule?

Mr. Ballard: Running on Sundays and holidays - I think that is really something that would have to be discussed and recommended by the city council, by the mayor's office and by Mr. Wray before we would get into that.

Councilman Towell: The technical study seems to show that we have a bigger system - not only do we provide more service but we come out better on subsidy - we are subsidizing the system right now - do you agree with that and what plans are there for increasing the size of the fleet?

Mr. Ballard: Well, if you are asking me to comment where we should be going as far as expansion, it is really too soon for me to say. I know that my self and Mr. Wray will be meeting with members of the council on the twenty-sixth to discuss just that subject and I think it would be too early at this time for me to discuss this.

Councilman Towell: Well, on something that I am sure that you have experience of - are there times of the day that we don't have the capacity for what demand you have. In other words I understand you have on the east side sometimes the bus will not hold all the people who want to ride the bus.

Mr. Ballard: Well, to the best of my knowledge we have not had to turn anyone away yet. On nickel day we did have that problem - we did have some peaking problems. At the present time we do operate some runs - in particular on the east side where people are standing up on the busses. RCA is also a very good trip - we do capacity trips coming in from Highland Village in the morning and the bus coming from downtown to RCA and again in the evening, we are operating twenty - twenty-one people per trip with a nineteen passenger bus.

Councilman Towell: So we do have indications that we don't have enough equipment.

Mr. Ballard: Yes, the indication is there.

Councilpresident Zietlow: The ridership isn't broken down into routes is it?

Mr. Ballard: I can tell you what that is. Route one which starts at Bloomington High School North and goes through downtown and travels east accounts for approximately 40 per cent of our total system passengers carried. Three buses operate on that route. Route number two accounts for approximately 20 per cent which is the route that goes south to willow manor and then back. Route number three is probably another 22 or 23 per cent, and the remainder would be on route four which only has one bus, which I think should be about 17 per cent.

Route four is the highland village line.

Councilman Fix: The parks and recreation department always gives us figures on how many people are utilizing and taking advantage of the parks and community service and everything and I am just wondering whether you might check with Bill Wilson and see how effectively we can promote this idea that one hundred and sixty thousand people use the bus system.

Councilman Ackerman: I just wanted to remark on a letter to the editor about a week ago from someone out of state who had used the buses here and they were remarking on the extraordinary courtesy of the bus driver - it was on either route one or three. I would say that that has been exactly my feeling about drivers on route two -

Mr. Ballard: That bus driver is here tonight.

Mr. Ackerman: Right, Mr. Axson. I think that the buses are - that the bus drivers are just extraordinarily polite and courteous and friendly and they are sort of to the Bloomington community what the railroad engineers used to be for my day - you know, they wave to all the kids on the way and they know everyone and everyone on the whole route seems to relate to them very well. I don't know do you stress that in training them or what -

Mr. Ballard - that is probably the most important requirement when we are looking for bus drivers is how they will handle people.

Councilman Ackerman: I think they are wonderful representatives for the city.

Councilpresident Zietlow: So far I am personally impressed with the functioning of the bus system. It seems to me we are really on our way.

Councilman De St. Croix: Earlier in this meeting the council was discussing another problem which relates to transportation - and that is the problem of police officers have and Councilman Fix has just made a suggestion here that they have with parking - and firemen do too - perhaps your department and chief Chambers could get together and talk about some alternatives such as free passes for police and firemen during duty hours and then perhaps if they ride the bus they won't have to look for a parking space.

Councilman Towell: do you collect a fare from a policemen that gets on the bus?

Mr. Ballard: We collect fares from everyone that gets on the bus.

Councilman Towell: I am surprised.

Councilprsident Zietlow: Thank you very much for bringing this report to us.

Grace Johnson: I have a report about the small claims court commercials - if you hear them you may wonder how we are paying for them since you didn't appropriate any money for them. They are coming from New York and they are sponsored by a national association that is promoting small claims courts and does a lot of things. Our court has membership in it by virtue of supplying them with information about what we do and in return for that we get such things as free radio commercials in our city that tell people that they can come into small claims court. It refers them to the courthouse instead of the police station but the people at the courthouse are having no difficulty referring them on. I just thought you might wonder if you heard them how it was that it happened.

GRACE JOHNSON

Councilman Mizell: perhaps Grace could pass out bus schedules when people come into pay parking fines.

Grace Johnson: We do that.

Councilman Behen moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ackerman and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT  
10:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlotte T. Zietlow  
Charlotte T. Zietlow, Council President

ATTEST:

Amy G. Mann  
Amy G. Mann, Secretary



RESOLUTION No. 73-61

October 18, 1973

BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, that the City Controller of said City may adjust the appropriations of the following budgets, to-wit:

ROSEHILL CEMETERY

FROM: #42 - Street, Alley & Sewer Materials \$ 102.00  
TO: #64 - Gross Tax \$102.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FROM #11 - Salaries \$1,100.00  
TO: #21 - Communication & Transportation \$1100.00.

REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

FROM #11 - Salaries \$3,560.00  
TO: #26 - Other Contractual Services \$3,000.00  
TO: #252 - Equipment Repairs \$300.00  
TO: #212 - Postage \$200.00  
TO: #37 - Supplies \$60.00

passed by  
Council

10/18/73

Charlotte T. Zietlow  
Charlotte T. Zietlow, Council President

approved by  
Mayor

10/22/73

Francis X. McCloskey  
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

RESOLUTION NO. 73-62

WHEREAS it is the goal and policy of the City of Bloomington to advance the general welfare and economy of the community; and

WHEREAS growth and development of the community require that all citizens enjoy equal opportunity to develop their contributions to the economic, social, political and cultural progress of the City; and

WHEREAS in the nation, in the state and in the community there is growing awareness and documentation that women play a vital role in the economic, social, political, and cultural progress of their communities and country; and

WHEREAS there is in the nation, state and community a growing awareness that obstacles existing against women impede the full utilization of human resources of the community and country; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the City of Bloomington to promote full utilization of human resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, does hereby endorse the formation of a Council Task Force on Women in the City of Bloomington, with the basic realization that enhancement of the status of women will be an enhancement of the people of the City of Bloomington.

passed by  
Council

10/18/73

Charlotte T. Zietlow

Charlotte T. Zietlow  
President  
Bloomington Common Council

approved by  
Mayor

10/22/73

Francis X. McCloskey  
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

RESOLUTION No. 73-63

October 18, 1973

Budget Transfers

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, that the City Controller of said city may adjust the appropriations of the following budgets, to-wit:

ANIMAL CONTROL

FROM	#50-Current Charges	\$550.00
	#72-Equipment	\$800.00
To	#11-Salaries and Wages	\$1200.00
	#21-Communication and Transportation	\$ 150.00

Approved by Council 10/18/73

Charlotte T. Zietlow  
Charlotte T. Zietlow, President  
Common Council, City of Bloomington

Approved by Mayor 10/22/73

Francis X. McCloskey  
FRANCIS X. McCLOSKEY, Mayor  
City of Bloomington, Indiana