

In the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Thursday, February 3, 1972, at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T., with Council President, Charlotte Zietlow, presiding.

REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,
INDIANA

Members present:

ROLL CALL

James Ackerman, Richard Behen, Hubert Davis, Brian de St. Croix, Wayne Fix, Sherwin Mizell, Jack Morrison, Alfred Towell, Charlotte Zietlow.

Members absent: None.

Mayor Francis X. McCloskey, Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk; Martha E. Sims, City Controller; Lt. Col. Carl Chambers, Chief of Police; Tim Hodenfield, Administrative Aide; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer; Russell Parks, Director of Public Safety.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Approximately 100 including members of the press.

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilman Brian de St. Croix.

INVOCATION

Councilman Morrison moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting of January 20, 1972, be approved as submitted. Councilman Towell seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

None.

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

See attached pages.

MAYOR'S SPEECH

Councilman Towell moved that the new form of Agenda be accepted by the Council. Councilman Jack Morrison seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADOPTION OF NEW AGENDA

Jim Wray, Transportation Administrator presented and read a report on the Topics Program, a copy of which is attached and made a part of the Minutes.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS
AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jim Wray-Transportation

Councilman Ackerman asked about the rephrasing of the stop light at College Mall Road.

Mr. Wray said currently it is a four phase light which means that everybody stops for all left turns, for example to show how inefficient this is there are about 28 or 30 cars an hour that turn left when they are coming inbound on 3rd St., South on College Mall Road, with regular signalization most cars could get through without holding up all the east bound traffic which is a waste and is something that should be taken care of immediately, but from what he has heard the State is not willing to do anything until the City does something. He said he had talked with some of the officials of the State Highway Department and they do have plans to go ahead and four lane their part of it outbound, but the City of Bloomington has to commit themselves to some form of a project on 3rd Street before they do the simple function to alleviate it without spending any money.

Councilman Behen spoke about the Voight, Sage & Phlum proposal on East Third concerning five lanes of traffic east and west and asked what areas they were really talking about of their proposal, "what part of whose land are we taking if we are to consider that particular aspect of third street. Are we talking about again connecting Atwater and 3rd Street at High Street?"

Mr. Wray said this is where the four year plan would come in, that he couldn't recommend that we do it at High or that we don't. "We have to decide where we are going to connect Atwater, the problem is the Third Street right-of way narrows at High some place is a logical cut, we have to buy access on the sides between High and Mitchell or we have to buy access to run a new street over." The \$647,000.00 is from High Street to the Bypass. "What we do from Atwater and Third is a decision that we are all going to have to make." Mr. Wray said there would be public hearings on the Topics Program within a few weeks.

Councilman Morrison asked about the old overhead bridge on Rogers Street which he thought was one vital link and a death trap.

Mr. Wray said there was a plan in the program for this bridge of \$147,000 for improvement of the bridge without interruption of traffic.

Mr. Hidbrader said that contrary to belief Report of Jim Hidbrader Utilities were not subsidized by taxes. Utilities Consultant The utilities is owned and operated by Bloomington and consists of two corporations, one Water and the other Sanitation. Utilities deal in a product and a service and operates in the terms of profit and loss. Since our Bloomington utilities are operated by the city government and since it is a multi-million dollar operation, Mayor McCloskey and his administration has decided to operate in a more businesslike manner necessary in dealing with business conditions and expansions we are facing in the 70's. They have a new organizational chart showing the chain of command outlining the duties of each of the superintendents, they have made space requirements in the service center to readjust to the present demands and growth and now have a copy machine which they are renting for a two month period on a trial basis only for the use of the Service Center and Utilities. They found in their survey in the pricing of the copy machine that the present machine being used by the city of Bloomington is costing more than the charts indicated and Xerox is presently giving them a breakdown on a possible credit. They have at this time completed a perpetual inventory and location of all parts and equipment of the utility department. They are presently working on a certification program for all operators and assistants in their two sanitation plants and the two water plants. They have set a tentative date of January 1, 1973 for certification of all their plant operators. They are presently studying the feasibility of remodelling and redecorating Griffey water plant and the possible expansion of the plant.

They are presently studying the needs of the South treatment plant as to whether they should expand the present facilities of Winston Thomas or bypass part of the flow to a new plant. They have run into another area of the previous administration of what is called stand-by pay. The previous administration had a stand-by program which on week-ends during Saturdays and Sundays a person that was on stand-by would be paid for eight hours on Saturday and eight hours on Sunday on staying at home or being within telephone range, and for this they were paid and if they were called out for overtime pay, were paid an additional amount. This was based 1971 time figures and based on 1972 pay scales there was increase of four percent, the stand-by time paid for individuals staying at home during 1972 would be approximately \$18,244.00 plus an actual stand-by overtime of \$3,187.58 or a total of \$21,431.00. This went into effect February 1, they continue to have a stand-by, but with no pay unless called. If an individual or employee is called he will be paid on a 1 and a half times the normal pay with the minimum flat time of two hours. This program only involves the water maintenance, water sanitation and the pollution and maintenance division and the estimated savings from this program would be \$16,000.00.

They have one new department and that is a director of personnel and purchasing. All applications for employment in city utilities are made through this department. The interviews and investigations and processing of all new employee records are done in this department. This department also regulates all outside purchasing. They have instituted interdepartmental requisitions for purchase orders. Under this office they have a central supply room which has a total inventory in excess of \$100,000.00. They can now control their purchasing needs. The purchasing is done once each week by a parts man and director of purchasing or when needed in times of emergency. In the past there had been no person in charge of the supply room. They have taken approximately \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 worth of parts out of trucks which were in deteriorating condition. Some were cleaned and put in the stock room and many of them had to be thrown away. In the past there had been no one in charge of purchasing. Through a control purchase system and having parts available when needed, it will represent an astronomical savings in dollars and loss of man hours.

They have also discontinued a loaning procedure which has been a part of the previous administration whereby a utility loans supplies and materials and equipment. They are presently working on a system for their meter reading department. They are working on the feasibility of an IBM system for computerizing their entire utility department, starting with the accounting and going into perpetual inventory, utility billing, etc.

Mayor McCloskey said there was extensive discussion of the IBM computerizing this afternoon at the Board of Works. He thought that we do on going on any massive consideration of this type, we have to look to all

possibilities, service operation and that they would be talking to county officials. He stated the IBM people said such a system was handling everything for the entire county, and he thought they might do it on a joint mutual sharing basis.

Mr. Hidbrader said there was a possibility of leasing the IBM Equipment for a couple of years to see how it worked out. That this program is being used in Columbus, and Lebanon, Indiana.

Mrs. Zietlow reported that Danny Dalton was ill, but she had talked to him about the Dust Mill, and he had told her it was to be decided by the Board of Works what should be done.

Mayor McCloskey said the matter would come up at the next Board of Works meeting, but there was no reason that it couldn't be taken care of the next day.

Councilman de St. Croix said he believed it was indicated by Mr. Fulton at the last meeting that the building had previously been condemned by the City and, if so the Indiana Calcium Company has the responsibility of either removing the building or sealing it up, and he thought the building should be sealed up immediately, and requested that some action be taken immediately before some child is hurt playing in that area.

Report of Geoff Grodner

Geoff Grodner spoke about the Work Study Program which the City was instituting with Indiana University. The Work Study Program is a program whereby the University or the Federal Government assumes eighty per cent of the salary of students at Indiana University and Universities around the country to work for non-profit organizations such as governments, university offices, etc. The students are chosen by financial need and scholastic performance in the past. He reported there were a lot of eligible students, but there was a limited amount of funds. Therefore, since they are joining the Work Study Program late in the year, they have to find students who are presently enrolled in the program, eligible and receiving funds. There are a lot of eligible agencies, university offices and other government organizations. The priority for hiring by these organizations is by pay, therefore, the higher the paying job, the more recommended students, the University Scholarship office will send down to apply for the job. The number of Work Study students is limited, so they can spread around to more agencies and offices. The Work Study office has granted five students providing they can find them who are presently eligible. To get the five, they have to pay high wages, but with the twenty per cent requirement of the city, most of the students are going to get from the city is 60¢ an hour. The federal government assumes which would be total of around \$3.00 an hour. So far they have hired one law student to research legal matters and have hired one secretary researcher. They plan

to hire three more as soon as they can go through the applications. They also have a number of classes who are donating student researchers. These are students Professors are assigning to research projects within the city area and work closely with the councilman and city offices in a way that will be beneficial to the city. The two professors who are working with this program are Ed McFaren in the Political Science Department and Jesse Vonocur in the Division of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Tim Hodenfield said the administration proposes a community calendar for the city to be located in the lobby. It will be a three week community calendar. All the committees, commissions, task force of the council and sub-committees are to send to the Mayor's office notice and location of meetings, listing the name of the organization, when, where and for what purpose. He also said he had presented to the council a report made by Thomas Canada on Clean Gas who will present it later in the evening.

Mrs. Zietlow said they would be having various reports within a month from the Boards and Commissions and suggested the various Boards and Commissions submit their reports to the Council.

None.

Councilman Davis said there would be a public hearing on the Parking problem, February 16, 1972, at 8:00 p.m., at the Monroe County Library Auditorium. There will also be a meeting of the Task Force Wednesday at his home to make plans for the public hearing. He has received a lot of input from persons on the bicycle task force which is in the process of being activated.

Councilman de St. Croix gave a report on the Manpower Study program and submitted the following names to the committee. Union Representative, representative to Trades Council of the AFL-CIO IUE#826, R. D. McKenzie, industry representative, who is in the Industrial Relations Department of RCA, Mr. Robert Campbell, Chamber of Commerce is yet to name their representative, two citizen representatives, Mrs. John E. Rice, Mr. Frank Barnhart, Mr. Michael Conley from the Middle Way House, Mr. Dan O'Laughlin from Community Action Program, there will be a senior citizen representative to be named by the Senior Citizen's Organization, two student representatives from Indiana University, Reverend Ernest Butler, representing the Township Trustees, Mr. Richard Cummings, or his appointee to represent the County Welfare Department, and as yet unnamed a representative from the Monroe County Community School Corporation Work Experience and Pre-Year Experience Program which is a work program High School and Junior High School students, also two council members, Mrs. Zietlow and Brian de St. Croix. The Committee will deal with such problems as to the Manpower needs of today, manpower needs of tomorrow, kinds

Report
Tim Hodenfield

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS

REPORTS FROM STANDING
COMMITTEES

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL
COMMITTEES

Transportation

Manpower Study

of training programs to look to for the future manpower needs of this community, how to provide jobs for the young people growing up in community, so as they are not forced to leave this community, to compete for jobs in other communities, how the city can take a leadership roll in the provision of the apprenticeship training programs in the employment of marginally skilled people, underemployed people, disadvantaged people, minority groups, etc. He stated the task force would probably be making recommendations to the council quite likely for the formation of a Commission of the council to have official responsibilities as granted by the council.

Councilman Towell said the Housing Committee has had one public hearing. He said the next Wednesday was the next meeting of the Housing Committee, that the last group was mostly landlords, and he hoped that other people who have interest in this will come to the next hearing. He said that a Committee can make a recommendation to the Council it does not require a second, it is automatically on the agenda of the Council, and that it was a very important way to bring something before the Council.

Housing Committee
Alfred Towell

Councilman Fix stated the extension of the Trash and Garbage Contract would give them a chance to actually get a study going, of finding out of not only the problems of paper collection, but also the marketing problems they might have, so they could have some concrete data to go with the contracts. He said we need to find out the effect of volume, that's going out to sanitary landfill now, how it might effect future contracts, also we need some manner of enabling the people outside the city collection area now to bring papers and magazines to some central point so that they too can be entered into the recycling program. He reported fairly good records were being kept on volume going into the landfill, that each truck is weighed, so we do know how much volume is going in, so as we project this over a period of time to see the relationship between what we do between the interim of the city picking up the papers and magazines might effect to the overall contract with the collecting. He stated that some of the possibilities that we could get into on recycling is the City might continue with its own men and own trucks in collecting even after the long term contract is let or that it could be that would be part of the overall trash collection contract or it could be separately, with the division of the city into districts, etc.

Recycling
Wayne Fix

Councilman Mizell said he had looked at the various official boards and commissions of the County and the City and the times at which they met. He said the best possible day to have a meeting without a conflict would be Friday, that the worst time would be on Thursday. That the Monroe County School Board meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. He said there were other days on which Council could meet, such as Mondays, second and fourth, Monday,

Time of Meetings
Sherwin Mizell

First and fourth Tuesday, they wouldn't conflict with any group of if they met on the first and third Wednesday of each month there would be no conflict.

Councilman Towell moved that the Council meet on the first and third Wednesdays. Councilman Mizell seconded the motion.

Councilman Morrison said there would be a few Wednesdays he would not be able to attend due to business meetings.

Councilman Davis also said it would be an inconvenient time for him to attend.

Mrs. Grace Johnson, City Clerk noted that WTU has a Questionnaire program on Wednesday nights, and would not be able to televise council meetings if we were to continue televising of meetings.

Councilman de St. Croix said as well as the importance of the television broadcasts, we should consider the fact that the first and third Thursday of the month is well established in people's minds of the community as being the general meeting night of the Council and if the conflict with the School Corporation could be resolved after the June termination we should go along with continuing the meetings on the first and third Thursday.

The above motion was withdrawn by Councilmen Towell and Mizell.

Councilman Zietlow announced there would like to call a meeting for next Tuesday night to discuss the method in which they would commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King.

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

Mr. Register, attorney reported that the City of Bloomington, through proper legal channels had been served with a notice by Mr. Willis Hickam, attorney from Spencer, Indiana, that a deposition of Mr. Ray Long, City Engineer would be taken on Friday, Feb. 4, 1972, in connection with the Webb case which he and Mr. Owens, City Attorney were seeking to have dismissed. He said Mr. Owens and he had worked with Mr. Long who had given unlimited cooperation in preparation of plats, copies of ordinances and other data that that will be important in this case, which they expect to be dismissed by Court order.

Annexation

None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Morrison asked that proposed Resolution No. 72-5 be introduced and read by the Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 72-5
Investment of Funds

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 72-5.

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed

Resolution No. 72-5 be adopted.
Councilman Towell seconded the motion,
and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Morrison asked that proposed
Resolution No. 72-6 be introduced and
read by the Clerk.

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No.
72-6.

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed
Resolution No. 72-6 be approved.
Councilman Behen seconded the motion,
and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed
Resolution No. 72-7 be introduced and
read by the Clerk. Motion seconded by
Councilman Towell.

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No.
72-7.

Councilman Towell moved that proposed
Resolution No. 72-7 be adopted. Councilman
de St. Croix seconded the motion, and it
carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Behen presented the following
resolution:

Be it resolved that the Common Council of
the City of Bloomington urge the General
Assembly of the State of Indiana to success-
fully complete action on and pass the Senate version of the
Responsibility Act of 1972 as sponsored by
Mr. David Rogers of Bloomington. This
Council feels that the 18, 19 and 20 year
old citizens of Indiana should be given
the rights and responsibilities of the
adults.

Councilman de St. Croix moved that the
Resolution be adopted. Motion seconded by
Councilman Behen, and it carried by unanimous
voice vote.

Councilman de St. Croix requested that the
Council send written communication to the
General Assembly regarding this action.

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed
Ordinance No. 72-5 be read by the Clerk
by title only. Councilman de St. Croix
seconded the motion, and it carried.

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No.
72-5 by title only.

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed
Ordinance No. 72-5 be adopted. Councilman
de St. Croix seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes 9, nays 0.

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed
Ordinance No. 72-6 be introduced and
read by title only. Councilman de St. Croix
seconded the motion. Motion withdrawn.

Councilman Davis asked that proposed
Ordinance No. 72-6 be read in its entirety.

Resolution No. 72-6
Transfer of Funds

Resolution No. 72-7
Flood Plain Insurance

Resolution No. 72-8

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING
Ordinance No. 72-5
Amending Sect. 2 of Ord.
No. 71-39 creating Commission
on Environmental Quality, etc.

Ordinance No. 72-6
Traffic Ordinance

Councilman Behen spoke in opposition to the no parking zones as established by the ordinance, also the wording as to the various "stop streets" was not clear.

Councilman Morrison said he agreed with Councilman Behen, also he did not see why there should be no parking on the south side of 14th Street, when the street was not heavily travelled that much.

After a discussion between the Council members and Lt.Col. Chambers of the Police Department Councilman Towell moved that Ordinance No. 72-6 be referred to the Committee on Transportation for further study. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

None.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Suzanne Ziemer of the Rogers School PTA Safety Committee read a report to the Council in regard to constructing sidewalks along High Street between 3rd and Moores Pike. A copy of the report is made a part of the minutes.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Davis said that on the special recommendation they would have to involve the Board of Works, and his department (Traffic) would do the analysis and would work with them on that part.

Thomas Canada presented to the Council a report on a new gas called Methane Gas and discussed its advantages with reference to the betterment of environment and sanitation department.

REPORT ON NEW GAS
Thomas Canada

Councilman Fix suggested this report be referred to the Environmental Commission for help in getting more information, including cost etc.

Geoff Grodner read the following report from Mr. Kenneth R.R.Gros Louis Associate Dean, Department of College of Arts and Sciences:

Report from
Kenneth R.R.Gros Louis
Associate Dean

"During the past two years, the number of individual or team faculty and student research projects which focus on the city of Bloomington or problems pertinent to the city has increased significantly. This trend is apparent in course proposals to the College Curriculum Committee and its Experimental Curriculum Committee, in faculty grant applications, in Independent Learning Program projects, in innovations in basic introductory courses, especially in the Social and Biological Sciences, and in accounts of student projects in departmental annual reports.

Most of the faculty and students using Bloomington either for specific field work or to illustrate aspects of investigations of state or national scope are not, I suspect, aware of the large amount of research relevant to the City being done across the College. More importantly,

the results of the research projects are rarely made available to the appropriate city officials.

The City Council has indicated that much of this information can be of value to City planning. I am writing, therefore, to request information on studies or projects which you may be -or may have been- involved with which you believe the City could benefit from. You need not take the time to write a lengthy memo- an indication that you are doing research of this kind individually or in a course will be sufficient. I will get in touch with you for further information. Many thanks."

Mrs. Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk read a letter from Dan O'Laughlin, of the Monroe County Community Action Program, in reference to The Monroe County Community Schools and the Monroe County Community Action Program participating in an alternative curriculum school for the year 1972. Students with particularly low achievement records will be participating in the school. The objective is to initiate or renew the students interest in learning. Copy of the letter is made a part of the minutes.

Letter from Dan O'Laughlin

None.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nond.

UNFINISHED AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlotte T. Zietlow
Charlotte T. Zietlow, President

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Van Hook
Secretary

MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
441 South College
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

January 21, 1972

Phones:
339-3447
339-4128

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgwaters
President

Dan O'Laughlin
Executive Director

Dear Madam and Sirs ,

The Monroe County Community Schools and the Monroe County Community Action Program are jointly participating in an alternative curriculum school for the year 1972. Students with particularly low achievement records will be participating in the school. Most will come from low income socio-economic backgrounds. Briefly stated, the school's objective is to initiate or renew the students interest in learning.

One curriculum area we intend to devote much time to is community centered learning. In this area the businesses, institutions, organizations and governing bodies of the Bloomington Community will serve as our classroom and people involved in the organizations and institutions will serve as "teachers." This letter is intended to make you aware of our program, anticipating the possibility that our students might want to talk to you in order to gain a better understanding of the particular area you work in and of the community as a whole. If you are contacted we will probably request one or more of the following:

1. That you or a knowledgeable representative come talk to the students at the school
2. That we be able to visit you at your place of work at your convenience (i.e. we will try to make an appointment to see you)
3. That you assist us in seeking further resources in the community-other organizations and knowledgeable people.
4. That your office provide us with any informational materials readily available.

NSN:DC:pk

MONROE COUNTY
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441 South College
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

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Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgwaters
President

Dan O'Laughlin
Executive Director

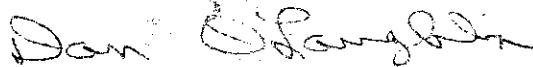
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The students themselves, under our guidance, will be making the initial contact and arrangements. Speaking for the educational component staff of the school, it is hoped that, within the limits of your schedule and work demands, you can respond to our students' contact with enthusiasm and interest. I cannot over emphasize the positive impact your response can have on them. I hope the information this letter provides will prove helpful to you if you are contacted.

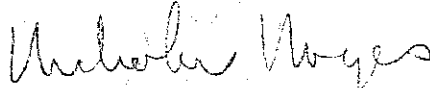
Thank you.

Sincerely,

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.



Dan O'Laughlin
Executive Director



Nicholas S. Noyes
Director, Educational Component

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

TO: Faculty Members
DEPT. College of Arts and Sciences
SUBJ. Projects Pertinent to City Planning

FROM: *Kenneth R. R. Gros Louis*
Kenneth R. R. Gros Louis TELEPHONE 7-2761
Associate Dean
DEPT. College of Arts and Sciences
DATE. January 27, 1972

During the past two years, the number of individual or team faculty and student research projects which focus on the city of Bloomington or problems pertinent to the city has increased significantly. This trend is apparent in course proposals to the College Curriculum Committee and its Experimental Curriculum Committee, in faculty grant applications, in Independent Learning Program projects, in innovations in basic introductory courses, especially in the Social and Biological Sciences, and in accounts of student projects in departmental annual reports.

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KRRGL/naa

February 3, 1972

Bloomington City Council
Bloomington, Indiana

Subject: High Street sidewalk situation.

On behalf of the Rogers School P.T.A. Safety Committee, I am asking the Bloomington City Council to consider improvement of the sidewalk situation along High Street between Third Street and Moore's Pike. From a safety standpoint, we would like to see as a minimum improvement; a curb and gutter, buffer strip between curbing and sidewalk, and a 5 foot cement sidewalk constructed in place of the present asphalt path on the east side of High Street. We feel that this should have your serious attention since High Street is a heavily traveled main North-South artery and there are hundreds of school children walking this route to St. Charles Elementary, Rogers Elementary, and Binford Junior High Schools.

Last month the attached Sidewalk Opinion Survey was delivered to all property owners along High Street, and a favorable response was obtained for the improvement of the present east side sidewalk. We, as a committee, would be willing to assist you in any possible capacity in order to implement this request.

We also request the City Council to establish a public Sub-committee hearing with your transportation study, the subject of this hearing being sidewalks. We would at this time present a more detailed report on the High Street sidewalk situation. I know of two other groups in addition to ours, who are gathering information on sidewalk problems with regard to school areas. Mr. Charles Stickels, 914 West Fourth Street, Chairman of the PTA/PTO Advisory Council's Safety Committee, is directing a sidewalk survey for all the MCCSC schools. This survey will pinpoint needs and problems around each school in the system. The League of Women Voters School Study Committee, Mrs. Richard Rose, Chairman, 1227 Southdowns, is finishing a study made of school transportation areas where, if sidewalks were built, school bus routes could be eliminated. These reports will be completed by late March 1972 and thus a hearing date at that time would be most beneficial.

Sincerely yours,
Rogers School P.T.A. Safety Committee
Suzanne Ziemer, Chairman
1918 Ruby Lane, 2-3450

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the area wide TOPICS PROGRAM along with some very general comments of my own.

TOPICS is an acronym for TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PROGRAM to INCREASE CAPACITY and SAFETY. By definition the program is designed to improve existing streets by making both physical and functional corrections. In most instances, the improvements must be made within existing rights of way because TOPICS funds can't be used to purchase land.

The authority and funds for TOPICS programs is provided by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968. The authorization recognizes the need to have a continuing program to ease congestion within designated boundaries of urban areas.

Under this program the Federal Government matches state and local funds. (50--50)

Before moving on to the Bloomington study, I hope the above history of TOPICS and its limitations make it clear that this program is not intended to be a cure-all for transportation problems. The Bloomington TOPICS programs should not be followed to the letter but there are certain sections of the report that do have merit, and in my opinion should be implemented as soon as possible.

The total cost of all recommended construction is \$4.256 million. Needless to say this is out of the realm of possibility for Bloomington so priorities must be established.

The Bloomington TOPICS program is a systematic study of five (5) Major Travel Corridors:

1. Third and Atwater Corridor
2. First and 2nd St. one way couple and improvements
3. College Ave. and Walnut Couple
4. Seventeenth Street
5. Rogers Street

Also two (2) spot projects:

1. Hillside Dr. & Henderson Intersection
2. Woodlawn underpass at the R.R.

The Third and Atwater corridor is the most heavily traveled of our city and one of the most congested at various points. For these reasons I think it should be given top priority, starting at the 3rd and bypass intersection. Under Vogt, Sage, and Pflum proposal, 3rd street will be widened to five (5) lanes: Two (2) east and two (2) west bound and a storage lane for left turns. The intersection itself would allow for easier right turns due to the widening of College Mall Road. In order for our development of 3rd and College Mall Road to be successful the state must implement their current plans to widen 3rd out bound, further improve the bypass and rephase the current signal lights. The report and state do have complete traffic counts of the intersection that do show the proposed improvements would move cars thru this area more rapidly.

The total cost estimate of this project from High Street to the Bypass is \$647,200. This does not include changing the terminal end of Atwater.

In order for this or any of the expenditures to be of value we must form a program preferable 4 years in length to continue

to improve the entire corridor in a systematic fashion to do otherwise will merely move the congestion from one point to another without solving the problem. Unfortunately it is impossible financially, based on current information and impractical due to traffic needs to revamp the corridor at one time. The study should be complete before work is begun to insure success of the projects.

Either the extension of College to first or the improvement of 17th between Dunn Street and Walnut Street should be given our second consideration. 17th Street and Walnut had 13 accidents in 1970 to tie for 4th place with 17th and College, being 1st with 23. From these figures I think you can see one reason to give this corridor strong consideration for improvement. Total cost of this project is \$381,000 for improvements between Kinser Pike and Dunn Street. With increased use of the Assembly Hall the need for this improvement will be greater than before even with completion of the West bypass.

The extension of College ties into the 3rd corridor I would like to talk about. Without plans included in the 4 yr. program to couple 1st and 2nd street in a one way pattern the extension of College will merely move the current problem one block south. The couple should run no further east than a terminal with Washington and Lincoln, but 1st Street should be completed to the Bloomfield Road. ~~Regarding~~ I can not personally justify dividing a mature neighborhood with two one way streets that will in all probability move the congestion to 2nd street and the intersection of 1st and High without giving relief to the 3rd street area.

On Rogers street there are a number of changes that can be made

easily after consulting with a traffic engineer that are relatively inexpensively. I recommend that on this corridor Ray Long, Jess Inman, and myself study the street with TOPICS in mind and institute some new practices regarding striping, parking, signs and signalization as soon as possible.

Financing, without floating a bond issue -- there is money in the Transportation Department budgets to allow projects totaling \$584,000.00 as follows:

Matching Road & Street Fund	\$73,000.00
Amount Released from Rd. & St. Fund	<u>219,000.00</u>
Sub Total	292,000.00
Matching Funds TOPICS	<u>292,000.00</u>
Grand Total	584,000.00

Cost of 3rd from Atwater Terminal to Bypass (Take jog out of 2nd Street)	647,200.00
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Current Balance in Rd. & St. Fund is accumulation of approx. \$10,000.00. The money must be used for construction of improvement of streets and must be matched 1 to 3 with local funds. Maximum use requires an increase in Street General Fund from \$73,000 to \$113,909.49 which would then allow projects totaling \$911,275.94 without a bond issue.

Total Cost of all TOPICS recommendation with high priorities is defined by demand-service relationships. Accidents-Geometric and structural adequacy. For current and future transportation needs is 2,029,900.00.

The recommendation deals largely with the transfer of the

traffic engineering function from the Police Dept. to Engineering or Transportation departments. It also points out the need to hire a licensed engineer to continuously update the transportation network by recommending installing, constructing, maintaining, and evaluating traffic control devices for improvements in the interest of public safety.

Another recommendation that I feel should be implemented immediately is that of plotting each accident on a reproduceable city map. This would allow us to immediately evaluate dangerous areas and try to correct them with something other than a 4 way stop.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-5

February 3, 1972

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS OF CITY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, that the City Controller of said City is hereby empowered to invest into Government Securities yielding the highest rate of interest obtainable, consistent with safety, the following funds:

PROJECT TEMPORARY LOAN REPAYMENT FUND \$75,000.00

to mature June 30, 1972.

Charlotte T. Ziefrow

Charlotte T. Ziefrow, President
Common Council of the City of
Bloomington, Indiana.

Frank Mc Closkey

Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington, Indiana

Adopted February 3, 1972

RESOLUTION NO. 72-6

February 3, 1972

BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, that the City Controller of said City will adjust the appropriations of the PLANNING DEPARTMENT as follows:

FROM Item 213 - Traveling Expenses \$200.00
TO Item 32 - Garage and Motor

FROM Item 725 - Other Equipment \$200.00
TO Item 25 - Repairs

That said City Controller will also adjust the appropriations of the PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT as follows:

FROM Item 26 - Other Contractual Services \$ 8.00
TO Item 56 - Premiums on Official Bonds

FROM Item 26 - Other Contractual Services \$90.00
TO Item 23 - Instruction

Francis X. McCloskey

Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington, Indiana

Charlotte T. Zietlow

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

Adopted: February 3, 1972

RESOLUTION NO. 72-7

CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR
FLOOD PLAIN INSURANCE UNDER THE FLOOD PLAIN
INSURANCE ACT OF 1967


WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has acknowledged its commitment to the orderly growth and planning of the community, to the end that development proceed in the best interest of the present and future population of Bloomington and with minimal detrimental effect on the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commissioners of the City of Bloomington have requested a resolution from the Common Council preparatory for application to participate in the HUD Flood Plain Insurance Act, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has a recognized flood plain problem in the Jackson Creek Basin and the area generally known as the sinkhole area on the west side of Bloomington.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bloomington, acting under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Code 197, Title 18, Article 7, Chapter 7, (formerly Ch. 174, Acts of 1947 as amended) and Indiana Code 197, Title 18, Article 7, Chapter 4 (formerly Chapter 138, Acts of 1957 as amended) shall follow and concur with all requirements governing adequacy of the land-use and control measures for flood-plain areas designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as a result of a study authorized by them, delineating the flood-prone area.


Charlotte T. Zietlow, President


Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington, Indiana

RESOLUTION NO. 72-8

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Bloomington urge the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to successfully complete action on and pass the Senate version of the Responsibility Act of 1972 as sponsored by Mr. David Rogers, of Bloomington. This Council feels that the 18, 19 and 20 year old citizens of Indiana should be given the rights and responsibilities of the adults.


Charlotte T. Zistlow, President
Common Council