

In the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Thursday, October 21, 1971, at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T., with Council President, Ralph L. Johnson, presiding.

REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,
INDIANA

Council President, Ralph L. Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

ROLL CALL

Robert L. Clegg, Jr., James Clendening, Clyde T. Day, Harry G. Day, Charles J. Faris, Richard W. Fee, Robert E. Gray, Ralph L. Johnson, Jack Morrison.

Members absent: None

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr., Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; Howard A. Young, City Controller; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer; Marián Tardy, City Clerk, James East, Chief of Police; Tom Greenwood, Director Planning Department; Danny Fulton, Director of Redevelopment; Pat Patterson, of Planning Department.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Approximately 50 including members of the press.

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilman Harry G. Day.

INVOCATION

Councilman Harry G. Day moved that the Minutes of October 7, 1971, meeting be approved as submitted. Councilman Faris seconded the motion and it carried.

Also Councilman Faris moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 12, 1971, be approved as corrected.

Councilman Clendening seconded the motion and it carried.

Note - Corrections follow the minutes of this meeting

None.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

Councilman Johnson announced that Ordinance No. 71-49 would not be brought up for second reading in view of the fact continuing studies were being conducted.

ORDINANCES--SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 71-49
Jitney Bus

Councilman Clegg moved that Ordinance No. 71-50 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

ORDINANCES--INTRODUCTION

Ordinance No. 71-50
Zoning 3 lots at Northwest corner of Adams and 7th Sts.

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-50.

Councilman Clegg moved that Ordinance No. 71-51 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-51
Zoning land at 1515 South Rogers

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance NO. 71-51.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance NO. 71-52 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-52
Zoning Lands located on East side of State Highway #37 about 435 feet North of State Highway #46 By-Pass

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-52.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Ordinance No. 71-53 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-53
Requiring Inspection of Multiple Dwelling Units Within City of Bloomington

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-53.

Rights Commission."

Councilman Faris seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Fee announced there was a class of Bloomington High School students engaged in the activities of City Government and Council present in the audience.

Councilman Johnson asked that they introduce themselves and submit any questions they might have to the Council.

Councilman Morrison introduced Mr. Paul Crafton, President of West Side Association; Chalmer Sloan, President of PAC Committee; Mary Pryor, Zola White, and Curtis Jackson. These people are studying the NDP Program.

Councilman Clyde T. Day moved that the claims for October 22, 1971, payrolls October 20, 1971, and Pensions, October 29, 1971, be allowed and approved. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

CLAIMS

Mayor Hooker gave the following recommendation to the Common Council of the City of Bloomington:

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

Recommendation to
Recognize PAC Committee
West Side Area

"Just to go back into and fill in some background, firstly, this Council, the majority of which are seated here in front of you this evening, and myself, seven and a half years ago were faced with the problem of evaluating an urban renewal project. We felt at that time as a result of the evaluation, that the project should go on, but also we felt that there were some things that possibly a new or different approach should be made, and this basically was having people more directly involved. This was in having the people of the area proposed to be effected by a federal Mass Urban Redevelopment Program, to have almost the final determination or say. If their property is to be taken, if their property is to be changed in the shape and character other than what they have been used to, or if their neighborhood character and shape is to be changed other than they have been used to, we think this is fundamental; and even back in 1963, during the campaign eight years ago, many members of the Council and myself, said that we believed if there is to be massive urban renewal in an area that the people of the area should have the right to express their feelings on the final plans through a referendum. This is the people of the proposed effected area. Now as an extension of that, we know that there possibly are areas within the community that need a great deal of work to be done on them. We feel this, many members of the Council feel this, and of the City Administration feel this way, such as improved park conditions, sidewalks, federal water distribution system, better sanitary sewer system or even first time sanitary sewer system, the development of greenbelts, the improvement of property, development of neighborhood or mini-parks and others. Now because that we feel this way, does not necessarily make it so, or say that the people of the area necessarily feel and see this way. We started a new approach in the field of redevelopment, many of you remember over a year ago, and this

Danny Fulton, Director of Redevelopment said that the City of Bloomington has heretofore enacted the municipal code and this ordinance will help enforce present inspection regulations in the interest of safety for the occupants.

"The Redevelopment Department has for sometime since early part of 1969 been inspecting multiple dwelling units, specifically those around the University and older apartments and older rooming houses which have been converted. They have inspected probably 2000 to 2500 units.

"We feel that students coming in from out of town should have the opportunity of knowing that the apartments or rooming houses are meeting the housing codes set forth by the City. We have found the property owners are very happy to have their property inspected. We have found bad wiring and fire hazards, etc., which if not corrected at some future time could cause the loss of property and even loss of life." This ordinance is further assurance that will enable our Department to make property owners come to us for permit so we can schedule an inspection."

Councilman Fee asked that the Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-29.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 71-29

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-29. Investment of Funds

Councilman Fee moved that proposed Resolution NO. 71-29 be adopted. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Fee asked that the Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-30.

Resolution No. 71-30
Transfer of Funds

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-30.

Councilman Fee moved that proposed Resolution No. 71-30 be adopted. Councilman Harry G. Day seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Harry G. Day reported as follows: "I as a representative of the City Council on the Human Rights Commission, would like to present a name of a person who I recommend for the replacement of Professor Trubitt who has been serving on the Commission, but as you know has submitted his resignation and is leaving the campus for a year. The person who I propose for his replacement which would be for the rest of his term which would end the first of March, 1973, is Mrs. Michael Simkowitz of 3422 Morningside Drive. She and her husband have resided in Bloomington since 1966, when her husband came here as a member of the faculty of School of Business, and all investigation I have engaged in, and I have consulted several persons, and they all recommend her highly as qualified for the kind of personality, kind of attitude and kind of dedication that is required for the kind of work on the Human

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

was with the firm of Voight, Sage & Phlum of Cincinnati, which was selected and the finalist in the reviewing and consideration of several consulting engineering firms to work on an area newly annexed to the City of Bloomington, namely the Miller Drive section. At that time the Federal Government officials told us that the way to go of the many programs that are offered through HUD is through the survey and planning program, this was the thrust of HUD at that time. So the consultant was engaged and we developed a concept of the people of the area through their neighborhood Association Miller Drive which would become in a sense a co-partner with the City administration in helping to develop and shape this project in its application, and this was done working side by side through long and many hours, and the people of the Association voting at public meetings that were held for members of the Miller Drive area, and only the members voting on the total aspect of the survey and planning application, and that recommendation was then made to the Department of Redevelopment and other governmental bodies of the City of Bloomington. We felt that was a very successful approach, this joint venture, this partnership of a neighborhood Association and the City government of Bloomington. We are still waiting the outcome of the survey and planning application.

Now then this late Spring, actually it was early Summer, HUD changed its thrust and they moved from one of their many programs or many drawers that they have on their desk from survey and planning to another program which is called NDP. So we felt that using NDP which is a more direct type of program, it is a program that is funded and terminated and has to be executed within one year though it may or may not be renewed, but they are projects within the program that must be completed within a years time as versus the survey and planning, which is a long range program involving initially 12 to 24 months of just planning of what you're going to do with no construction being basically done. So since the Federal Administration through the Secretary, Governor Romney, and through the Regional Office in Chicago said that their new thrust is using NDP, we naturally have to recognize and respect this; so we came up with what we feel a very possible potential area of assisting people, that is in the West Side sector of our community, and the downtown our central business core sector of our community, and we came up with the new approach and to our best knowledge is the first time it has been used by any governmental agency or city in the State of Indiana, and that is that we would not be initially involved, we would let the people of these areas initially make their first determination and they would simply have a consultant who has been engaged on a day to day basis meet with the people without myself or any city administration personnel, department head or staff; and that these people would say if they even wanted to consider initially the NDP program. This was done in August and there has been a great number of meetings and there has been long hours and there has been a lot of confusion, there has been misunderstanding, there has been a great deal of involvement and all of this is natural and I think to be expected, and I think in the long range is good and beneficial, so the City government administration was not involved; meetings were simply arranged by the people of these areas with

the consultant and the consultant's roll is simply to provide the technical information of what they have to do and how to go about it, not what they should do or how they should arrive at their decision, so this was established in August. The central core area got together and through the principal help of the greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, and its executive vice-president, Mr. Stroh, assembled and have had repeated meetings with the people of the central core area, business men, property owners, residents of that area, and they have moved and they have determined what they want their first year project to be. The people of the West Side have held meetings and they have assembled through the West Side Neighborhood Association and it has evolved that the West Side Association has decided to form a proposed PAC Committee. The PAC Committee would be the official group that would do the planning, they would really be the workers that would do the leg work and spend the long hours and they would help, with the aid of the consultant to prepare the application after they have determined and only then people of the area; residents of the area through the PAC Committee determines what projects they may want to engage in for the first year and then they would have to reconsider next year as to whether they even want to continue or not and then establish a project, so the West Side Association has assigned people and they have formally organized a PAC Committee and I would like to suggest to the Common Council that it consider through a resolution officially recognizing this PAC Committee as the official spokesman for this redevelopment, working through the City of Bloomington Department of Redevelopment and it's administrator, Danny Fulton, and through a consultant, and I would suggest that the PAC Committee be recognized as the official spokesman for the area by the City of Bloomington and that if it considers or comes up with any projects that are within the public right-of-way, this could be street improvements, storm sewers, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, tree plots, planting of trees, anything within the right-of-way or under the right-of-way, water mains or sewer lines, that the PAC Committee then would make a recommendation, by a majority vote of the PAC Committee and this recommendation would then be forwarded to the several governmental agencies of the City of Bloomington through its application.

I would like to suggest that if the PAC Committee in its best judgment and wisdom decide that certain private properties, land and structures would have by necessity in their best judgment and this is again PAC representatives decide that private property should be used for any type of project such as development of mini-parks, extension of major parks, the expansion of an existing recreation center or anything that would involve at all the possible taking or the proposed taking of private property, that the PAC Committee take an official position and by majority vote then make a recommendation to the City Government, but then that the City government send out a ballot, a referendum to all the people within the area, and on the West Side the area has been generally defined as basically North of Third Street, West of Rogers Street, South of 17th Street and to the City limits.

Because I feel it is important not only the Pac Committee recommend and endorse to the City government its wishes and desires as to projects to the NDP, but if in the possibility that private property is involved, that a referendum should be conducted by the people and for the people within this West Side community. This referendum vote no matter how it would come out would be a prime indicator to Department of Re-development and to the Common Council of the City of Bloomington." This gentlemen is my recommendation."

Councilman Morrison moved that the PAC Committees of the West Side Area be recognized. Councilman Faris seconded the motion.

Rollcall vote: Ayes 9, nays 0.

The following are the officers and members of the PAC Committee:

PAC COMMITTEE

Chalmer Sloan, President
Clancy Ryan, Vice President
Rose Walden, Secretary
Ronnie Bland
Zola White
Julia Grow
Curtis Jackson
Jack Morrison
Lillie Peters
Willie Deloreto
Evelyn Aynes
Robert Tucker
Arthur Bing
Beatrice Henson
Mrs. Cordell Johnson
Margaret Woolard
Mary Pryor
Tabitha Eagleson
Donald Clay
Gladys Smith
Sue Allen
Elizabeth Bridgewaters
Preston Bridgewaters

Councilman Fee gave a Benediction in memory of Robert Brown, a Viet Nam Veteran who lost his life during the past week in Viet Nam.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:00 p.m.

Ralph L. Johnson, President

ATTEST:

CORRECTIONS TO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held October 12, 1971

The following corrections (additions) are made to the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington held on October 12, 1971. These corrections were requested to be made at the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on October 21, 1971 by motion of Councilman Paris and second by Councilman Clardening - the year of termination of office for members appointed to the Environmental Quality and Conservation Commission was omitted. The members and the dates of termination of office are as follows:

Dr. Ed J. Bair - 1972

Dr. Charles Hagen - 1972

Jean Hopewell - 1972

Mrs. Robert Robinson - 1972

Don Whitehead - 1973

Mrs. Perry Stewart - 1973

Ronald Hughes - 1973

Dr. B. A. Spencer - 1973

Dr. John Patton - 1974

Dr. Robert Ramaley - 1974

John Snider - 1974

Mrs. George Heise - 1974

(See 6th paragraph of the first page of October 12, 1971 Special Council Meeting)