

In the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building at 6:30 P.M., E.S.T., Tuesday, December 14, 1971, with Council President Pro-Tem Robert E. Gray presiding.

SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,  
INDIANA

Council President Pro-Tem, Robert E. Gray,

CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent:

Ralph L. Johnson, who had a previous engagement.

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; Howard A. Young, City Controller; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer; Bill Wilson, Director, Parks and Recreation; Danny Fulton, Director, Redevelopment Department.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Approximately 30 including members of the press.

CITIZENS PRESENT

Councilman Clyde T. Day.

INVOCATION

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Resolution No. 71-34 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion, and it carried.

BUSINESS

Resolution No. 71-34  
NDP Program No. 1

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-34.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Resolution No. 71-34 be adopted. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion.

Councilman Fee made the following comments on proposed Resolution No. 71-34: (1) That the "Development Plan for urban renewal areas dated December 1971, consisting of 16 pages, 2 exhibits" referred to in the Resolution he had not seen. (2) The "information and data respecting the relocation program which has been prepared by the Local Public Agency as a result of studies, surveys and inspections, etc.," had not been presented to him. He was sure Mr. Linder had this, but Mr. Fee had not been presented with it. (3) That the "governing body has general knowledge of the conditions prevailing in the urban renewal areas", Mr. Fee stated he did have personal knowledge of these areas, that he would admit to that. (4) Paragraph 9 which refers to the "effectuation of the Development Plan hereby approved, it is found and determined that certain official action must be taken by this Body with reference to changes in zoning, vacating and removal of streets, alleys and other public ways, the establishment of new street patterns, the location and relocation of sewer and water mains, and other public facilities, etc.", he had not been apprised of these conditions. All of these things had not been viewed by him.

Councilman Clyde T. Day said he had mixed emotions about this resolution. That he came

from a long line of believers that you don't get something for nothing. That he wasn't against the program, but some of the programs in the past he had been terribly upset about, and he was a little bit undecided at this point.

Councilman Harry G. Day said he had attended some of the discussions on this and that he had a high regard for re-development commission and the Director, and he had listened to the council at various times, and he was not reluctant to say that he thought some things on faith are necessary in this world. All of his personal contacts with this were of the utmost importance to the Miller Drive Area, and that he would vote in favor of the resolution.

Councilman Fee stated his previous remarks were not intended as a lack of confidence or as a negativism of this program. They were only intended to point out the facts of the matter and as Councilman Clyde Day pointed out nothing is free in this world, he would only hope that we could get back some of those federal tax dollars which we have sent East for so long and have gotten so few back.

Mr. Lloyd, Attorney for the West Side Pac Committee, asked in their behalf that the council take all the necessary legal steps to seek the funds involved in this NDP program. That they do have faith in Mr. Fulton and Mr. Linder and their staffs, and if this program does involve citizen participation in the actual decision making of how money is spent or not spent, they wish to go along seeking federal assistance for West Side, and he urged the approval of this resolution.

Mr. Harding spoke in behalf of the Miller Drive area, stating over three years ago the area was taken into the City; that an income survey was taken of the area which showed that fifty per cent of the people in the area made less than \$3,000 per year, and that a fifty-fifty deal like they had heard so much about would be impossible for the majority of the people to raise their half. That Miller Drive has no other choice other than this type of program and that the need is very critical and urged the council to approve the resolution.

Mayor Hooker stated this administration does go on record as supporting and endorsing this area and neighborhood development program. We feel that it is imperative and that this program be initiated for several reasons: Firstly, if we are to settle down and start performing in a business like formal fashion instead of just having meetings and discussions which can go on endlessly, this is the first step in achieving this; Secondly, it would seem to me that one of the only realistic ways this community has to help to meet the basic human needs of many of the citizens of our community is through an NDP program reciting several of the examples that Mr. Everett Harding of the Miller Drive Association has given the Council as an example. We feel also that if we are to preserve, restore and rehabilitate and have

just good maintenance of our community at large, it is imperative that we initiate this NDP program. We feel that with the tremendous tax load that the property tax payer now carries on his back in the city of Bloomington, and if we are to avail ourselves, for example and I think all of the community at large would support this action that we would have to secure for example the Ninth Street Park. The IC Railroad has given an ultimatum that they are going to dispose of this ground. The alternative for example in this case is that we pay for it out of local tax dollars completely, or b. we pay for it out of matching dollars with federal government through Park and Recreation open space program or c. we qualify under this NDP program which then would mean that the taxpayers of the nation and not just the taxpayers of the city of Bloomington would be acquiring. If we are to maintain the vital core area of our community, the central business district area, I feel that this program is one of the essential factors in doing this. I share with all the people of this community the reservations and a lot of times the heartbreaks that have been suffered under federal programs, and the ones that we have been exposed to locally are the ones we have knowledge about throughout the nation. We know that there is nothing completely beneficial to everyone in this world; but we feel that this is the best possible program of this type that the community, the City of Bloomington, officially, the State of Indiana and the federal government has to offer. So I respectfully request the Council's very serious liberation over this question before them at this time and personally ask for their favorable vote.

Roll call vote: Ayes 8, nays 0.

The meeting adjourned at the hour of  
9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Robert E. Mason, Pres. Bloomington*  
~~Ralph L. Johnson, President~~

ATTEST:

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