

In the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Thursday, December 16, 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 Clegg, Jr., James Clendening, Clyde T. Day, Harry G. Day, Charles J. Faris, Richard W. Fee, Robert E. Gray, Ralph L. Johnson, Jack Morrison.

Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; Howard A. Young, City Controller; James Cotner, City Attorney; Marian Tardy, City Clerk; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer; Bill Wilson Director of Parks and Recreation; Danny Fulton, Director of Redevelopment Department, Ed Miller, Fire Chief.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Approximately 30 including members of the press.

OTHERS PRESENT

Reverend Donald Davis of the Episcopal Church.

INVOCATION

Councilman Harry G. Day moved that the Minutes of the December 2, 1971, meeting be approved as submitted. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

None.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

Councilman Clegg moved that Proposed Ordinance No. 71-58 be advanced to second reading and read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 71-58  
Zoning; Lots numbered  
148, 149 and 150 in Dixie  
Highway Addition, located  
on South Side of West First  
Street

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-58 by title only.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 71-58 be adopted. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes 9, nays 0.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Sewer Rate Ordinance No. 71-59 be advanced to second reading and read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-59  
Sewer Rates for Months  
of June, July and August  
of each year

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-59 by title only.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Ordinance No. 71-59 be adopted. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes 9, nays 0.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 71-60 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION

Ordinance No. 71-60  
Annexation Land  
located at northwest  
corner of State Highway  
#46 By-Pass and North Dunn  
Street

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-60.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 71-61 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-61  
Annexation of lots on  
East Tenth Street in  
Grandview Hills Area

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-61.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Traffic Ordinance No. 71-62 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-62  
Traffic Ordinance  
"No Parking Zones"  
"Restricted Parking Zones"  
"Loading Zones"

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-62.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Ordinance No. 71-63 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Clyde Day seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-63

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-63.

Councilman Morrison asked that the Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-35.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 71-35  
Resolution Approving  
and providing for Execution  
of Proposed Grant Contract  
for Certified Area Program  
Contract No. Ind. T-1(G)

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-35.

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed Resolution No. 71-35 be adopted. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes 9, nays 0.

Councilman Harry G. Day introduced and read Resolution No. 71-36, Recognition of Services rendered to Bloomington by Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr., during 1964-1971, which Resolution is made a part of the Minutes.

Resolution No. 71-36  
Recognition of Services  
Rendered by Mayor John H.  
Hooker, City of Bloomington

Councilman Harry G. Day moved that proposed Resolution No. 71-36 be adopted. Councilman Faris seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Johnson announced that Mayor Hooker was unable to be present due to illness. That the Council had planned additional activities, but in view of his absence they would have to forego that.

Councilman Johnson announced that at this time it seemed appropriate to them and members of the Council that they give an overview of Council actions during the past eight years.

OVERVIEW OF COMMON COUNCIL  
ACTIONS DURING 1964-71

He commented that Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr., Harry G. Day, Charles Faris, Richard W. Fee and he have served eight years consecutively, Councilman Robert Clegg, Clyde Day had served over four years, Councilman Robert Gray, James Clendening and Jack Morrison have served four years. Others who have served are Guy Moulden, David R. Durge, Ermal Byers, William Madden.

Councilman Johnson announced that in order to handle the different portions of the review of the actions of the Council, various Council members would be asked to read from their text. The following Council members read reports on the various portions of the overview:

Councilman Clendening-Water System

Councilman Robert Gray-Water Pollution Control

Councilman Faris-Service Control Center and  
Transportation

Councilman Clegg-Annexation and Planning

Councilman Fee-Parks and Recreation

Councilman Clyde Day-Environmental Concerns and Actions

Councilman Harry G. Day-Human Rights and Fair Housing

Councilman Jack Morrison-Monroe County Communit  
Action Program

Councilman Johnson said there were a number of other actions we should mention, namely the changing from third class city to a second class city, control of zoning in two mile fringe, discontinuance of City Board of Health and cooperation with Monroe County to establish the Monroe County Health Department, development of the central area of the City of Bloomington to zoning changes, parking and traffic regulations, sidewalks, beautification, efforts to develop modest cost and attractive apartment houses for retired persons, improvement and proceedings in deed, facilities and attitude toward the care and disposal of stray animals, improvements in collection and disposal of trash, development of cooperative arrangements with Monroe County; removal of abandoned motor vehicles from the streets and other public places; regulation of the encroachment upon the public right of way of signs or other advertising devices; and requirement of sidewalks and curbs for all new construction and general improvement in regulations concerning new housing developments, the location of mobile homes, etc. Copy of Overview of Common Council Actions is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Councilman Johnson read the following letter addressed to various Department Heads and the significant paragraph pertaining to each individual:

LETTERS OF RECOGNITION  
TO DEPARTMENT HEADS

James East-Police Chief

"Dear Jim"

In these waning hours of this City Council's term in office, it is with a sincere sense of pride that the Councilman recognize your outstanding dedication to service to the community of Bloomington.

In your several years as Chief you have epitomized what a Police Chief should be. You have shown a deep concern for the safety of the community, you have cooperated with other city developments, and other law enforcement agencies. YOU have shown a dedication to the advancement and training of Police Officers, and do indeed have a keen awareness of the job to be done. Please accept our profound thanks for a job well done.

Thank you for making our years in office

more pleasant and more meaningful.  
We extend sincere best wishes for  
continued success.

Ed Miller-Fire Chief

"As a man who came up through the ranks you are indeed a professional person. Your overall knowledge of fire fighting and control, your dedication to the upgrading of equipment, personnel and facilities and your concern for the safety of the citizenry as evidenced by the effective fire inspection program typify in our judgment the ultimate in service."

Jim Sargent-Traffic Transportation

"Your knowledge and experience in handling the profused problems of street maintenance, snow removal, leaf pick-up and your ability to get along with people have provided the type of service appreciated by the total community. Your high dedication to the task is indeed commendable."

Wilson Thrasher- Administrator of Utilities

"One of the less publicized, but highly responsible City assignments is that of Utilities Director. Because of your business background and abilities in organizing you have established procedures within the City Utility Departments which will probably be followed in years to come. The greatly expanded water and sewer facility programs have been aided greatly by your having been here."

Ray Long-City Engineer

"Your high professional competence has been an inspiration to all who have become within the realm of your influence. Your broad engineering knowledge of general construction, road building, water facility construction and many other fields and your ability to articulate the various problems and solutions have made it possible for the city to bring about the several major improvements in the last several years."

Wilbert Miller-Director of Housing

"To deal effectively with people and to bring about an orderly progression of events requires a person of special talents and capability. You are such a person. Your patience and dedication have been rewarding virtues which has produced a great good for the city of Bloomington."

Bill Wilson-Administrator Parks & REcreation

"If creativity, imagination and enthusiasm are the attributes of an outstanding director of Parks and Recreation, then you are such a person. The apparent approval of many new developments in your area attest your success. Life in Bloomington is better because of you."

Howard Young-City Controller

"You have handled the funds with the care and frugality which has not been duplicated in our judgment in recent years and such a performance we most heartedly applaud."

Your insistence upon proper form and procedures and your attention to new detail has been financially rewarding to the city." The Council highly praises this kind of service."

Jim Cotner-City Attorney

"The accomplishments of this administration have been legion in number and you have been a part of them all. Your concern for proper actions, your professional competence, your skillful handling of sometimes difficult and complex problems have given us encouragement and the confidence to proceed on many of our tasks. Thank you for sharing your sense of humor which is refreshing sometimes."

John Eads-Cemetery Sexton

"Your attention to proper care and maintenance of the City cemetery is indeed noteworthy as is your continuing insistence that credentials be in order. Your performance has been excellence."

Danny Fulton-Redevelopment Department

"Your task has been a difficult one, but you have handled sometimes peculiar assignments with great tact and diplomacy. You've had the patience, the understanding, the knowledge so necessary for your office and you have related well to the total community."

Naomi Long-Mayor's Secretary

"How could we have survived without you, Naomi, you have indeed been a tower of strength in the handling of the numerous details in relationship between the Mayor's office and the City Council. Without your cooperation and desire to serve effectively as an administrative secretary. Our Council actions over the years would have been substantially lessened. We are truly grateful."

Gladys Van Hook-Recording Secretary

"A very special thank you, Mrs. Van Hook. We deeply appreciate the careful attention you have given to the recording and the preparing of the Minutes. We have appreciated having them mailed to us in our homes in order that we might review them and study them in the quiet of our studies. We have appreciated the many additional copies you have routinely prepared for the use of those in the audience. You have been fine to work with and very cooperative. Our best wishes go with you always."

None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

REPORTS FROM STANDING  
COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL  
COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS  
AND DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Clegg commented he would like to thank members of the original council Dick Fee, Dr. Harry Day, Ralph L. Johnson, Clyde Day and old Buddy Faris for giving him five and a half years ago an opportunity to serve with them. "I think this past five and half years have probably been one of the most awarding experiences of all my life. The opportunity to serve the citizens of Bloomington with this Council and with this outstanding administration. And I really am extremely proud of the small part I may have played in what I consider unprecedented accomplishments over the past several years. In fact never in this City's history has there been so much accomplished in such a short period of time, and ladies and gentlemen it will be a long time before another man like John Hooker comes down the pike."

Councilman Faris said he felt extremely honored and proud of the small part he played as a member of the first team in the development of the greater Bloomington area during its greatest growth period and with Jack Hooker at the helm it had been truly a significant and great accomplishment.

Councilman Clendening commented that it had been indeed an honor to serve as a city councilman during the past four years, and the last four years the councilmen have tried to be fair in all their decisions and that in the future even though without being a councilman "I will still be available to help in any way I can to better the future of the City of Bloomington." "I would like to say that many times in the last four years I have had many disagreements with Mr. Hooker and my fellow councilmen, but I would like to say I feel they are all truly dedicated men to the City of Bloomington and to the people of Bloomington and it indeed has been a pleasure and honor to work with these gentlemen."

Councilman Harry G. Day commented he had been sitting with this council for eight years and he had found it difficult at various times to restrict his comments on various things because frequently he felt he was speaking too much and "tonight he would like to speak quite a long time, but he was not going to do that." "I don't think I have anything particularly profound that I want to say tonight, we've had eight years for that and I think the Council in all my connections with you, and those who have served and who are not here no more have given to me a very pleasing sense of responsibility and concern for total Bloomington and the area and I have appreciated the opportunity to work with these people. It has been an extra curricular thing for me but I've tried to take it seriously and do my best job in this undertaking."

Councilman Gray commented it had been a privilege and an education to serve with the councilmen the last four years

with Mayor Hooker and the fellow councilmen. He felt that they had made a determined and successful effort to give the taxpayers a good return on their investment tax dollar along with good progressive municipal government.

Councilman Johnson commented it had been interesting, exciting, identifying, frustrating, infuriating, and disappointing in certain areas, exhilarating, but highly satisfying and that he would miss this particular type of community service.

Councilman Clyde Day commented he had enjoyed serving on the council, that he had a pre-admiration for Mayor Hooker, he knew him when he was in high school, that he has a son his age, so he felt a little closer to him than some. It had been great for him to serve, it had been an education.

Councilman Jack Morrison said it had been a pleasure the past four years to serve with the council.

Councilman Johnson asked for comments from Councilman Fee to which he replied, "Its all been said."

None.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

Councilman Clyde Day moved that the claims presented for payment December 17, 1971 and pensions for December 31, 1971, be allowed. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion, and it carried.

CLAIMS

Councilman Johnson announced there would be a Special Council Meeting December 28, 1971, at 7:30 P.M., in the Council Chamber the Municipal Building.

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Ralph L. Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Resolution No. 71-36

Recognition of services rendered to Bloomington by Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.  
during 1964-71

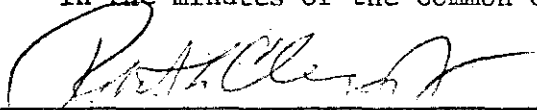
WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington, Indiana has gained exceedingly from the knowledgeable, good-natured, courageous, and unselfish service rendered by John H. Hooker, Jr. through his eight years as Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, his many contributions and achievements have been characterized by excellence in the conceptualization of problems and in devoting all his energies and abilities to the work necessary for their solution; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments as Mayor have included: a public utilities system that has given the entire Bloomington area an abundance of high quality water and which promises to meet our needs for many years; a water pollution control program of high capacity and embodying the best features which is capable of meeting the needs of the entire community; expansion and improvements in the Police and Fire Departments which have made them more professional and better equipped to meet our changing needs; the establishment of a new fire station that is a model in efficiency and pleasing architectural design; superior performance in promoting the development of a well-equipped City Street Department which has performed notably well in spite of limited funds and a burgeoning level of street traffic; resourcefulness and drive in the development of Bloomington's multi-purpose and unique Service Control Center; the development of a strong and enviable parks and recreational program, and especially through his exceptional judgment and leadership in attracting one of the most able and likable professionals in parks and recreation to be the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation; adherence to the best standards possible in selecting high quality persons to fill the many positions for which the mayor is responsible; resourcefulness and persistent effort to attain for the City zoning control of the two-mile fringe; alertness in taking the steps necessary for Bloomington to change from a third-class to a second-class city; understanding and diligent effort to further the development of suitable housing for lower income families and for his strong support and leadership in the Redevelopment and Public Housing programs of the City; hard work and leadership in the encouragement of citizen participation in local government and in the promotion of the Neighborhood Development Program; extraordinary resourcefulness and dedication in helping to maintain good industrial management-labor relations; immeasurably



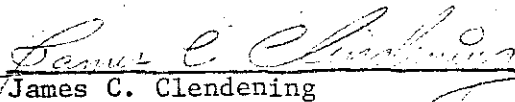
wise and calming counsel and leadership in our recent period of great stress on campus and in town which ended peacefully and scarcely without harm to any person or to property; and for his persuasive and crusading advocacy of Bloomington as Indiana's Cultural, Educational, and Recreational Center. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this truly outstanding record of dedication and performance is gratefully recognized and it shall be permanently recorded in the minutes of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington.



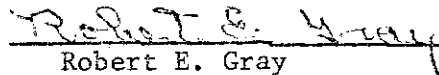
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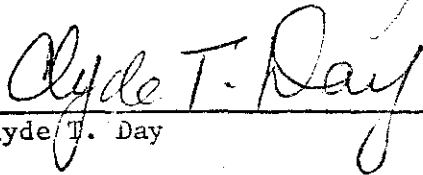
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James C. Clendening



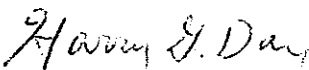
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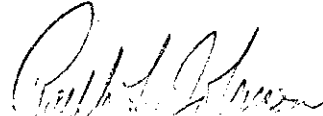
Clyde T. Day



Jack Morrison



Harry G. Day



Ralph L. Johnson, President  
Common Council of the City of  
Bloomington, Indiana



Charles (Bud) Faris

OVERVIEW OF COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS  
DURING 1964-1971

In this limited survey of councilmanic actions and, in part, Administrative actions during the past eight years the purpose is to record some of the more vivid facts and impressions while they are still fresh, thus providing useful perspective for interested persons who may desire to review events connected with Bloomington's City government during this period.

The Mayor (John H. Hooker, Jr.) and four members of the Common Council (Harry G. Day, Charles J. Faris, Richard W. Fee, Ralph L. Johnson) have served eight years continuously. Two members (Robert L. Clegg, Jr., Clyde T. Day) have served over four years, and three (James C. Clendening, Robert E. Gray, Jack Morrison) have served four years. Others who served as members of the Council were Guy Moulden and David R. Derge during 1964-67, Ermal Byers (1966-67), and William Madden (1968).

WATER SYSTEM

Through appropriate resolutions and ordinances the Council contributed to the planning and development of a far-reaching water system fully adequate for virtually all of Monroe County as well as the City of Bloomington. This included comprehensive surveys and consultation by Black and Veatch Consulting Engineers, the authorization of a \$7,200,000 improvement program which included the utilization of Lake Monroe as an additional and major source of water, the construction of a high quality and high capacity purification station and intake tower at the Lake, construction of twenty-three miles of transmission mains, large storage tanks, booster pump stations, hydraulic pressure zones, telemetering controls, modern water quality control laboratory, establishment of 24-hour monitoring and service systems, reorganization and modernization of the water department divisions, and establishment of a comprehensive master water plan and development of contracts with six water companies which were formed in Monroe County and in Brown County. This included a restructuring of the water rates which gives all concerned an abundance of water at equitable costs.

In addition, the Griffey treatment plant was modernized and further steps were taken to minimize the pollution of water sources.

A program of water fluoridation was established following much public discussion and the publication of informative articles in the press.

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL.

Throughout most of the eight years there were various studies and actions to effect urgently needed improvements and expansions of sewage collection and treatment systems. These included the support of a comprehensive master plan by Black and Veatch Consulting Engineers, building and operation of the Northside Blucher Poole \$2,000,000 treatment facility which is Indiana's most complete station, and the extensive remodeling of the Southside Winston Thomas (\$1,000,000) station. Both facilities provide tertiary and chlorination treatment of the effluent before it is discharged. The project involved the engineering, construction, and operation of sewage trunk line interceptors, mains, laterals, etc. which included the following: Southeast sewer (\$350,000), Southwest sewer (\$730,000), Cory Lane interceptor, Broadview interceptor, Park Ridge interceptor, Blucher Poole trunk line, and tens of thousands of feet of mains and laterals.

The modern equipment provided in this program includes a powerful vacuum cleaning machine, the Vactor, which has multiplied five-fold the efficiency and thoroughness of sewer cleaning.

Construction of sewer lines is actively continuing as this eight year period ends. These will serve the following areas: Hoosier Acres, Matlock Heights, Eastern Heights Additions, and Grandview Hills Additions.

An ordinance (66-34) was enacted, and implemented; to regulate the discharge of commercial or industrial wastes into the City Sewer System which contain harmful materials in excess of the amounts which are deemed to be safe or compatible with the operation of the treatment plants. At the time it was enacted a representative of the State Board of Health stated that it was better than any in Indiana.

Discussion and planning has been in progress for sometime concerning further improvements and expansion which include: design and construction of a major treatment facility further south of Bloomington which would embody the best concepts and systems; installation of facilities and controls for the separation of key nutrients from the effluent and recycling of sludge cake and other recoverable components; construction of a Northwest side interceptor to serve the industrial complex in that area; encouragement and assisting of county or area-wide sewage collection systems generally based upon the Swedish pressure injection concepts. (These are in part included in the City of Bloomington's 1965 Master Plan.)

### SERVICE CONTROL CENTER

In connection with the expansion and improvement of the water and sewage systems, during 1969 the City developed and placed into operation the large multipurpose Service Control Center. For efficiency and a greater level of service it provides integrated maintenance shops; complete stocks of needed parts and supplies; servicing of all vehicles for all departments of the City; electronic monitoring and readings on flow rates, levels, and other information in both the water and sewage treatment operations; management offices for all the utility divisions; central laboratory for comprehensive control testing in the operation of the water purification and sewage treatment stations; the monitoring of industrial waste discharges into the sewers; and comprehensive telephonic communications which includes a general public information center.

### ANNEXATION

Following a study and report by a Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by this Administration, the remonstrance against the 1962 annexation ordinance was contested and won by the City in the Circuit Court. This action was reversed by the Appellate Court. Also, based on the Committee's report, in 1967 the City attempted to annex all of the urban area on the westside including the westside industrial complex. The remonstrance which followed was set for trial two times, but opponents of the ordinance have succeeded in delaying the trial.

In the meantime the City annexed the Hoosier Acres area and the Ralph Rogers complex without remonstrance. Also, at this time it seems almost certain that there will be no remonstrances against the 1971 ordinances annexing Matlock Heights, Eastern Heights Additions, and Grandview Hills Additions. Thus before the end of 1971 they are expected to become involuntarily annexed.

In 1969 the Miller Drive area petitioned for annexation. This was readily granted.

In many other voluntary annexations throughout the past eight years hundreds of acres have been added to the City.

### PLANNING

Planning has been an integral part of all actions in the Common Council and City Administration. This began in 1964 with the comprehensive water and water pollution control surveys and planning by Black and Veatch Consulting Engineers.

One of the first actions was the expansion of the Engineering Department so that it could develop necessary maps and records, and furnish needed information. This was followed by the establishment of professional planning facilities in the Municipal Building and the transfer of the Department of Redevelopment to that Building.

It was early conceived that the "city planner" should direct planning and serve as a professional source of assistance to the Board of Planning Commissioners and to various departments and services in the City. The first director of planning, Mr. Clifford Curry, was appointed in September 1968. The firm of Johnson, Johnson, and Roy was selected to provide an Environmental and Natural Resources Structure Analysis and Development Plan. This was completed in 1970. Concurrently the new Department of Planning and the Plan Commission began detailed preparation of a comprehensive master plan for the City and the two-mile fringe. The resultant plan was drafted as proposed Ordinance No. 71-29. It was given first reading in 1971 and the Plan Commission was requested to continue discussions with neighborhood associations and other citizen groups concerning specific provisions and to develop all the necessary maps. As the year ends not all of the needed work on this far-reaching plan has been finished, but it should be completed as soon as possible and adopted.

Other plans developed during the eight-year period include the 701 Comprehensive Master Plan, which was updated in 1970, and the TOPICS Area-Wide Traffic Operation Master Plan authorized by the State and Federal governments in 1971.

In 1971 the Council approved a substantial increase in the 1972 budget for the departments of Planning and Redevelopment and the City employed the first degreed planner, Thomas Greenwood (Masters degree in planning). He was selected by a special committee and appointed in consultation with the Common Council and various persons and commissions.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

During the past eight years the concern for improvement and expansion in the area of parks and recreation has been manifested by the Council and Administration in various ways. For example, the general funds appropriations were increased from \$112,446 in 1964 to \$450,000 for 1972. Additional land acquired for parks included: Winslow (40 acres), Park Ridge East park, former city dump near former Hensonberg School, Park Square park, Dyer School park, and Crestmont park. A park-school policy was established and implemented. There was a general upgrading of functional relations between the Parks and Recreation Board, which

has much responsibility, and the Council and Administration. This included the adoption of serious long range planning; and the procurement of support beyond that of the general fund and operating income. Also, it included the appointment in 1970 of a highly qualified professional administrator, Bill Wilson, to be the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Some of the specific improvements have included the planning, construction, and operation of: Westside swimming pool (Ralph Mills), Ice and Roller Skating Rink (Frank Southern) near the Bloomington High School, year around swimming at the Bryan Park Pool through the provision of the enclosed and heated bubble, establishment of the Arts and Crafts Center at the 3rd Street facility, lighting of the E.H.S. baseball field (154 organized games there in 1971), lighting of the West 9th Street softball field, improvement of the Building Trade Park, including the provision of tennis courts, provision of additional tennis courts at Bryan Park, lighting of the horse shoe courts, and establishment and operation of the Older Americans Center.

Of much importance, with Council and Administrative support, and with "701 funds" the Department has completed and adopted a comprehensive master plan.

The Council and Administration recognize the need for continuing major developments, several of which are in process at this time. These include the establishment of several bikeways using public grounds and dedicated portions of public streets; acquiring, developing, and operating a large youth baseball complex on South Henderson Street; development of a softball diamond complex on the site of the abandoned Cascades Theater (purchased by the Council and Administration); development of neighborhood parks throughout the City; establishment of a Young American Center with a small indoor pool, handball courts, game rooms, crafts, etc., in accordance with the YMCA concept; in cooperation with Indiana University establishment of an outdoor museum with a pioneer village and a covered bridge, probably in the vicinity of Griffey dam; development of Griffey Lake lands into a natural park and wild life area; acquisition of additional lands and improvements as projected in the comprehensive Master Plan of 1971; and extensive development of the West 9th Street Park area, the Miller-Showers Park, and the Cascades Park area.

#### TRANSPORTATION

During the past eight years the Department of Streets has been extensively reorganized through Council and Administrative support. It has included: careful selection and the development of pride in the employees; careful selection

and maintenance of equipment, including the use of standard colors, insignia and identification numbers; establishment and use of a comprehensive master plan for street maintenance and construction, including a work schedule for the different regular operations; adoption and rigorous maintenance of Indiana's best snow and ice control systems so that safety might be increased and traffic might be able to move well at all times.

Some of the specific actions were: establishment of new and improved traffic movement systems on 3rd Street and Atwater and Indiana and Dunn; acquirement, engineering, and construction of one mile of major thoroughfare--South Henderson Street; upgrading and adding street lighting in the Courthouse square area, on Walnut, College, and Adams streets and on East 4th and 7th streets. Hundreds of additional street lights have been placed in all areas of the City essentially as requested.

New sidewalks have been built in the Courthouse square area, on South High, East 2nd, East 3rd, North Adams, and Winslow Road. In addition, through an ordinance passed by the Council, thousands of feet of new sidewalks have been built in the newer subdivisions.

Thousands of new and updated traffic control signs, including a traffic light at 3rd and High street, have been installed.

Beautification and clean streets have been stressed. Street cleaning has included the use of modern equipment which this Council and Administration have encouraged. Leaf removal has been emphasized. Tree planting and maintenance have been promoted. Notable examples are the plantings near the Municipal Building, on the area of 3rd and Dunn, and in the Courthouse square area.

To give interim relief in meeting some of the public transportation needs, the Transportation Department has operated a limited minibus service since a privately owned operation was discontinued in 1966.

Some of the major needed actions for which substantial planning has been done include: Four-laning of East 3rd from College Mall to Knightridge Road ('72 St. Hwy); new construction or reconstruction of Whitehall Pike from Adams to Curry ('72 St. Hwy), South Walnut from Miller Drive to Rhorer Road ('73 St Hwy), North Walnut from #46 intersection to Griffey bridge ('74 St. Hwy). Also, under the City TOPICS program several streets should be developed including 17th Street East from Walnut, East 3rd and Atwater Streets through the intersection at College Mall, South College from 2nd Street to Grimes Lane and East 10th Street from Tulip Tree Apartments on North side of Illinois Central R.R. to Walnut Street.

An ordinance (71-49) encouraging the development of jitney service was passed. It is believed that such service can play a valuable role. Efforts have been made to develop a mass transportation system with sufficient feasibility to warrant public support.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND ACTIONS

Planning and developments in general have been concerned with the promotion of a good environment. This was sincerely expressed in the resolution (71-19) and in the ordinance (71-39) adopted by the Council and Administration this year. These actions respectively committed the city government to: (a) a policy of promoting protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources, and (b) the establishment and implementation of a Commission on Environmental Quality and Conservation. This is reflected in several categories of the budget for 1972.

All of this has been exemplified in many specific actions including the following: closing the City incinerator; closing the open City dump that was located near the old Hensonburg School; enactment of an air pollution control ordinance (66-54); enactment of a special ordinance (69-17) regulating the encroachment upon the public right of way of signs and advertising devices and enactment of a general ordinance (71-40) regulating advertising signs and billboards; rehabilitation and marked expansion and modernization of the sewage collection and treatment facilities of the City; landscaping of all City facilities; planting and maintaining trees in the core area of the City; razing of scores of delapidated structures; elimination of "sawdust tepee" at 14th and Dunn and closing of "dust mill" on South Henderson; strengthening of Department of Redevelopment; establishment and strengthening of Department of Planning.

Also, the movement toward a better environment was enhanced in various ways through several ordinances including the control of air pollution (66-54), the licensing of electricians and electrical contractors (66-41), the adoption of building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA) Basic Housing Code (68-61) and the requirement of registration and inspection of all multiple dwelling units (71-53).

#### HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIR HOUSING

For some years prior to 1965 there existed in Bloomington a Mayor's Committee on Human Relations and a Fair Housing Commission. Neither committee had any official standing except that the Mayor of the City allowed his title to be used in the designation of persons to serve on the former and the latter was primarily the



informal creation of a public spirited citizen, Mrs. Samuel Friedman (Regina) and some of her like-minded friends. Both committees served useful purposes.

In 1964, with the stimulation and very helpful assistance of the League of Women Voters, the Common Council and Mayor began to consider the development of an ordinance to create a human relations commission. It was felt that officially and in every reasonable way possible the City should declare and practice a position of no-discrimination and human rights for all.

A human rights ordinance (65-2) was passed on 4 March 1965. The Human Relations Commission which it authorized was quickly appointed. It served conscientiously and quietly. Unquestionably it promoted better human relations, but within two years it became apparent that the principal problem concerning discrimination was in housing and that a different ordinance was needed.

After much inquiry and discussion on 14 February 1968 a Fair Housing Commission was established (Ordinance 68-15). Although the new Commission gave useful service, it was illogical to continue very long with two independent commissions responsible for the promotion of human rights.

With continuing study and on the basis of experience in other cities, on 20 August 1970 the responsibilities of the two commissions were merged through Ordinance 70-37. Ordinances 65-2 and 68-15 were repealed and a new commission with broad responsibilities was formed. The current ordinance provides adequate authority and direction in essentially all aspects of possible discrimination covered in state and federal statutes. However, from time to time amendments may be needed to make it even more useful in promoting good human relations and in the prevention of unfair discrimination.

The City Administration has practiced the principles of these ordinances in every way that is possible. For example, for the first time in Bloomington during the past eight years, black persons have been appointed to the Police Department and the Fire Department.

#### MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Early in 1965 the Director of the Christian Center, Rev. Marvin Jones, and a substantial number of other citizens took steps to organize the MCCAP and, through it, to take advantage of available assistance from the newly established Office of Economic Opportunity. The Common Council and the Mayor joined in the undertaking, and gave it official recognition. In 1968, to conform with changes in

Federal law, the organization became truly a county-wide organization and, as such, it was officially recognized by the Monroe County Commissioners. Throughout its existence, as specified in the MCCAP by-laws, the Mayor and two members of the Common Council have served continuously on the MCAAP Board. Also, the Council and Administration have aided in various ways to make MCAAP an effective force for the good of all the community, and especially for the low income citizens.

The purpose and value of MCCAP was well summarized by Mayor Hooker on the occasion of MCCAP's fourth birthday. He stated "the emphasis for alleviation of poverty has been through education in Headstart, direct service, group growth, and self-help in the outreach and senior citizens programs."

The Common Council and the Mayor are proud of the part that MCAAP has played in making life better for so many individuals and families in the community.

#### OTHER ACTIONS

Many other programs and needs have received the attention of the Council. Those concerning which specific ordinances were adopted include the following: change from a third class city to a second class city; control of zoning in the two-mile fringe; discontinuation of the City Board of Health and cooperation with Monroe County in the establishment of the Monroe County Health Department; development of the central area of the City of Bloomington through zoning changes, parking and traffic regulations, sidewalks, beautification, efforts to develop modest cost and attractive apartment housing for retired citizens; improvement in procedures, facilities, and attitudes toward the care and disposal of stray animals; improvements in the collection and disposal of trash, including the development of cooperative arrangements with Monroe County; removal of abandoned motor vehicles from the streets and other public places; regulation of the encroachment upon the public right of way of signs or other advertising devices; and requirement of sidewalks and curbs for all new construction and general improvement in regulations concerning new housing developments, the location of mobile homes, etc.

Much has been accomplished and much remains to be done.