

In the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building at 7:35 p.m., Thursday June 4, 1970. Council President Richard W. Fee presiding.

REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,  
INDIANA

Council President Fee.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent:

James C. Clendening and Ralph L. Johnson.

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; Howard A. Young, City Controller; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer; Clifford Curry, City Planner; Danny Fulton, Director of Redevelopment and Police Chief East.

Approximately thirty including members of the press.

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilman Clegg in honor of Branch McCracken.

INVOCATION

Councilman Harry Day moved that the minutes of May 21, 1970 be approved as distributed. Councilman Clyde Day seconded the motion and it carried.

MINUTES

None.

REMONSTRANCES AND  
OBJECTIONS

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 70-22 be advanced to second reading and be read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCES ON  
SECOND READING

Proposed Ord. No. 70-22 Zoning, 11 1/2 acres of land north of Seventeenth St. from B-3 to R-4

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 70-22 by title only.

Councilman Clegg moved to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 70-22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morrison.

There was no opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Roll call vote: ayes 7, nays 0.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 70-23 be advanced to second reading and be read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion and it carried.

Proposed Ord. No. 70-23 Zoning, Lot at the northwest corner of Fess Avenue and Brenda Lane from R-1 to R-2

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 70-23 by title only.

Mr. Clark gave a short description of the location.

Councilman Faris moved to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 70-23. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

There was no opposition.

Roll call vote: ayes 7, nays 0.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed Ordinance No. 70-24 be introduced and be read by the Clerk. Councilman Clyde Day seconded the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCES-  
INTRODUCTION

Proposed Ord. No. 70-24  
Traffic Ordinance

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 70-24.

Councilman Harry Day moved that proposed Resolution No. 70-18 be read and adopted. Councilman Faris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Resolution  
No. 70-18  
Remembrance of  
Branch McCracken

The Clerk read Resolution No. 70-18 as follows:

WHEREAS, Bloomington greatly values the many highly talented and exceptionally good citizens with which the community is blessed; and

WHEREAS, Branch McCracken throughout his four years here as a student was extraordinarily outstanding both in basketball and football at Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years as a highly successful basketball coach and teacher at the University he gave invaluable lessons, both in good citizenship and in the techniques and skills of basketball, to the many talented young men privileged to work and study under him; and

WHEREAS, as a resident of Bloomington and generous participant in the varied life of the community with his talented wife, Mary Jo, he became endeared to uncounted thousands of youth and adults in all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the recent death of this highly esteemed neighbor and friend of so many here, and of former students and associates of all stations in life all over the world, causes all both to mourn his loss and to rejoice in the high quality of his life and achievements; and

WHEREAS, we are joined in this remembrance by our Mayor, John H. Hooker, Jr. and other members of the City Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the citizens of Bloomington and ourselves we express to Mary Jo and to their son, David, sincere appreciation for the years of pleasure and excitement Branch brought to Bloomington as a coach and for the excellence of his contributions as a citizen and neighbor. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of appreciation shall be made a part of the minutes of this Council meeting and that copies shall be given to Mrs. McCracken and to David McCracken.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington this 4th day of June, 1970.

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| /s/Robert L. Clegg, Jr. | Ralph L. Johnson     |
| James Clendening        | Jack A. Morrison     |
| Clyde T. Day            | Richard W. Fee       |
| Harry G. Day            | John H. Hooker, Jr., |
| Charles J. Faris        | Mayor                |
| Robert E. Gray          |                      |

None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor Hooker said that the study of downtown parking by Alan M. Voorhees and Associates had been completed and he distributed a part of the completed study to the Council and to certain others present. Mr. Clyde Sweet of Voorhees and Associates was present.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Parking Study,  
Alan Voorhees and Associates

Referring to a map entitled Parking Districts, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Sweet noted that area A, B, and F would have on-street parking at 5¢ per hour on a 10 hour meter, area D (high demand): 10¢ per hour or 4 hours for 25¢, area E: straight 10¢ per hour on a 2 hour meter with the garage in that area at 50¢ per day, area C: on-street parking at 10¢ per hour on 2 hour meters and new lots within this district would be 4 hours for 25¢.

Howard Young asked if the parking decals would be affected. Mr. Sweet said that this had not been taken into consideration.

A member of the audience asked Mr. Sweet to define what was meant by "surplus" in the report. Mr. Sweet said that there were two types of surplus, that of demand and that of surplus parking. He said that in Bloomington we were talking about surplus demand. Another member of the audience asked if the cost of new meters and the installation had been taken into consideration and Mr. Sweet answered that it had.

In answer to a question, Mayor Hooker said that the total number of metered spaces would be 2,849 plus 300 unmetered spaces controlled by attendants in contrast to the current 1,500 metered spaces.

Mr. Sweet contrasted a revenue of \$98,000 for last year to a projected revenue of \$600,000. Councilman Fee noted that the length of time of day for the meters was being lengthened as well as the increase in rate. Mr. Sweet said that the projections were based upon a projected rate of growth and the number of hours of parking space demand.

Jason Wellman said that the downtown in the use of the downtown area was due to parking and he thought it was time that the local businesses financed some of the parking revenue and that it was a matter of courtesy to the public. Councilman Fee noted that the Mayor had suggested such a program and that eleven years ago businesses had been asked to provide parking areas.

Mr. Sweet was asked if the University proposals and the fact that there would be a seven story garage on Atwater were taken into consideration. He answered that the

University plans had been given every consideration.

Parking Study  
(Cont.)

Councilman Harry Day asked Mr. Sweet to elaborate on the uses of parking in the downtown area. Mr. Sweet listed the uses in the following order: 1. work 2. shopping 3. personal business and 4. recreation. Mr. Day asked if downtown Bloomington was different from other cities. Mr. Sweet said that it was in that, on an average day, capacity was being exceeded by 90%.

Mr. Sweet was asked if Kirkwood Mall had been assumed and he answered that it had not. Mr. Sweet was asked if a mass transit system had been taken into consideration. He said that it had not been, but that from past experience, mass transit would not reduce the need for parking in the downtown area. He was asked why the library site would have only one level of parking and answered that it was a very small space and that construction of a garage would cut out income for six months.

Mr. Sweet said that the cost of the library site was \$150,000 in contrast to \$365,000 for the Dunn Street site. Questions were asked about the choice of the Dunn St. site over that of the combined library and present parking area at Sixth and Lincoln.

Mr. Sweet was asked if the traffic flow created by the garages had been taken into consideration. He answered that the existing one-way street should be able to handle the situation, but that the only way to know would be after 2-3 years. Mr. Sweet noted that employees would use the parking site at Morton leaving the downtown area free for others. Mr. Fee noted that the By-Pass would free the downtown of congesting traffic.

Mayor Hooker noted that there were other sites that would be favorable for the parking garage and that it was unfortunate that many feel that the downtown is only on the square. He said that we should try to broaden the business district and to try to highgrade activity between the University and the courthouse.

In answer to a question, Mr. Hooker outlined the time-table: He noted that the Board of Public Works had adopted a resolution to proceed with the establishment of the off-street parking facilities, that it would be published in the papers June 5 and June 12th, that 10 days later the Board of Public Works would hold a public hearing and at that time could amend the resolution. On that same day it will be proposed that the Council ratify the action. A Bond and Appropriation Ordinance would probably be introduced on June 23rd and assuming that the Council acted favorably, there would be notice of sale of bonds on July 6th and 13th with bids opened on July 21. He noted that the Downtown Churches were committed to having final plans, specifications and an award made before August 14. He said that the garage would be under construction in September and projected completion would be in the fall of 1971.

A member of the audience asked if perhaps the growth of Bloomington should be limited. Mayor Hooker said that a large community was inevitable and we would have to be prepared to accomodate it. Councilman Harry Day said that we could not control growth but that we should see that the quality of growth would be good.

Mr. Stroh of the Chamber of Commerce said that he would appreciate an opportunity to meet with the Council and Voorhees. He also said that he felt that the money was well spent on the parking study.

Mayor Hooker said that he would be glad to schedule a meeting with any group.

None.

None.

None.

Mayor Hooker expressed his feelings on the loss of Branch McCracken.

Councilman Clyde Day moved that the claims presented for payment on May 20, 1970 and payrolls for May 20 and June 5, 1970 be allowed. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion and it carried.

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

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS & DEPTS.

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

ADJOURNMENT

Richard W. Fee, Council President

ATTEST:

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