

In the Council Chambers, Municipal Building on August 31, 1970, at 7:30 p.m., as required by Indiana Statute for the adoption of the annual budgets. Councilman Richard W. Fee presiding.

SPECIAL MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,
INDIANA.

Council President Richard W. Fee

CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent:

Robert L. Clegg,

CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; Howard A. Young, City Controller, Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer, Marian Tardy, City Clerk; Police Chief East, James R. Cotner, City Attorney; Edward Miller, Fire Chief.

Approximately 100 including members of the press.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

Councilman Johnson moved that proposed Appropriation Ordinance No. 70-3 be introduced by the Clerk. Councilman Clyde Day seconded the motion.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES

Appropriation Ordinance No. 70-3

The Clerk read proposed Appropriation Ordinance No. 70-3,

Councilman Johnson moved to waive the rules and advance proposed Appropriation Ordinance No. 70-3 to second reading by the Clerk by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Clendening.

Roll call vote: Ayes 8 Nays 0.

The Clerk read proposed appropriation Ordinance No. 70-3 by title only.

Councilman Fee ask for a discussion on the budget from the audience.

Hans Theurer read a letter to the Council setting forth several reasons why the ordinance should not be adopted at this time and asking for a postponement of any action until after the report of the State Board of Accounts audit of the City.

Councilman Johnson explained that the adoption of the Budget could not be postponed as this was mandatory by Statute and was to be adopted on the last Thursday of the month of August.

Mr. Pressly Sikes questioned the item of \$70,000.00 proposed for streets. He said the city could use its share of the Motor Vehicle Tax fund as its share of the matching funds rather than tax levy. Several other unidentified persons questioned the tax levy and asked why we did not avail ourselves to the Motor Vehicle Tax Fund.

Mayor Hooker said it was possible for the City to do that, but that through the levy the City would be able to maintain its street

maintenance program as well as reconstruct and build new streets. Mayor Hooker also outlined where the funds might be used, namely for Storm drainage on the South side, 17th from Walnut to Dunn, Woodlawn connecting the IU Memorial Union and the IU Athletic complex, College Avenue southward to the Chinese restaurant.

Councilman Clendening commented on Fire Department's budget as to hiring six new firemen before new station is built. Fire Chief Miller explained that back in May 1963 they had asked for six additional men and had not received them yet. That a proposed staff of 86 men was recommended by the Indiana Fire Rating Bureau.

Councilman Robert E. Gray proposed to amend Fire Department's budget by reducing Services Personal by \$38,286.00, thus leaving a total of \$640,385.00, such reduction doing away with hiring six additional new men at this time. Seconded by Councilman Clendening..

Roll call vote: Ayes 4, nays 4
(Clyde Day, Harry Day, Ralph Johnson and Charles Faris)
Motion to amend not carried. Motion defeated.

Councilman Johnson motioned to adopt appropriation Ordinance No. 70-3. Seconded by Councilman Faris.

Roll call vote: Ayes 6, nays 2
(Richard W. Fee and James C. Clendening)

Councilman Johnson moved that proposed Appropriation Ordinance No. 70-2 be tabled and brought up at the regular meeting to be held September 3, 1970. Motion seconded by Councilman Fee. Motion carried. Proposed Appropriation Ordinance No. 70-2 will be placed on Agenda for September 3, 1970.

Proposed Appropriation Ordinance No. 70-2

Councilman Fee asked for any new questions the audience might have as to parking garage and high rise. Councilman Clendening asked if it might be built at another location. Dr. Spencer stated that this project had started over eighteen months ago, that lot of work has been done and plans approved by FHA. Mr. Barnhart stated that if the project is not done now it will be another five years before another program can be attempted.

Peggy Watson asked when the appraisement was made for the project. Mayor Hooker stated it was sometime in December 1968 or January 1969 he wasn't sure.

Mayor Hooker released the names of the appraisers who were Letsinger & Morrow, Jerry Gates and Bryan & Reed. That one appraisement was \$305,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:30 p.m.