

In the Council Chambers, Municipal Building on October 19, 1967, at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T., Councilman Charles J. Faris presiding.

REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Council President Charles J. Faris.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy City Clerk:

ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmen Ermal Byers, Robert L. Clegg, Clyde Day, Harry Day, David Derge, Charles J. Faris, Richard Fee, Ralph Johnson and Guy Moulden.

Members absent: None.

Councilman Johnson introduced Mr. James Merry, Scout Executive, White River Trails District, Boy Scouts of America, who gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; James R. Cotner, City Attorney; Howard A. Young, City Controller; Marian H. Tardy, City Clerk; James D. Sargent, Street Commissioner; James R. East, Police Chief; Edward Miller, Fire Chief; Jerome T. Femal, Director of Parks and Recreation Department and Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Forty-eight including James Root, reporter for the Daily Herald Telephone; Miss Clare Child, from the Indiana Daily Student and John Vesey, reporter for the Bloomington Tribune.

NUMBER OF CITIZENS
IN ATTENDANCE

On motion of Councilman Fee, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the minutes of the regular meeting, held October 5, 1967, were approved as distributed.

MINUTES OF FORMER MEETING

Councilman Fee introduced Mrs. Donald L. Harnett, leader of Cadette Troop No. 5, Tulip Trace Council, Girl Scouts of America, who in turn had her group to stand and be recognized. Councilman Fee explained that this particular group is studying local government and how it functions.

None.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

Councilman Moulden moved that proposed Ordinance No. 67-49 be advanced to second reading and be read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Clyde Day seconded the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 67-49
(Annexation - Edgemont Park and Cox additions)

The Deputy City Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 67-49 by title only.

Councilman Moulden moved that proposed Ordinance No. 67-49 be adopted. Councilman Clegg seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 ayes; nays - none.

Councilman Moulden moved that proposed Ordinance No. 67-51 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL
AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 67-51
(Rezoning - Dixie Addition from M-2 to R-3)

The Deputy City Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 67-51.

Attorney Robert Baker, representing the petitioners for proposed Ordinance No. 67-51, asked that the rules be suspended, the proposed ordinance be advanced to second reading and be adopted at this meeting; his reasoning being that the petitioners were

asking that the area be zoned down from industrial to residential (multiple dwelling). He explained that the contractor is ready to begin and that, at this time of year, time is critical.

Ordinance No. 67-51
(continued)

Councilman Harry Day asked if more than the minimum parking facilities had been provided for. Attorney Baker answered that more than adequate parking facilities had been provided for in the planning.

Councilman Johnson asked if approval had been obtained from the Planning Commission. Mr. Baker replied that it had, there had been no remonstrances.

Councilman Fee moved that the rules be suspended and the proposed ordinance be advanced to second reading and be read by the Clerk by title only.

The Deputy City Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 67-51 by title only.

Councilman Harry Day asked Assistant City Engineer Marvard Clark to comment. Mr. Clark said the area was a part of the section RCA had been expected to use for expansion but expansion had been made in another direction and he could see no reason for opposing the rezoning.

Councilman Fee moved that proposed Ordinance No. 67-51 be adopted. Councilman Clyde Day seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 3 ayes; nays - none.

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Ray Borland, head of the County Health Department, acting in behalf of the Public Health Nursing Association, asked that the City Attorney be asked not to oppose the suit for the closing of the alley south of Lot Eight in Campbell Addition.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Closing of Alley south of Lot Eight in Campbell Addition

This matter was given to the Municipal Growth Committee for study. Councilman Clyde Day, Chairman of the Committee, was asked to report to the Council by the next meeting if possible.

None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL
COMMITTEES

Councilman Johnson, Chairman of the Municipal Growth and Development Committee, reported that a petition from the Park Ridge Association given to his committee on September 21, 1967 had been given considerable study. He reviewed an earlier administrative pledge that parks would be incorporated into heavily populated areas and said that he and his committee would recommend that the city purchase lots 615, 616 and 617 and an unplotted area on Park Ridge Land and the extension of Morningside Drive in Park Ridge East for use as a play area.

REPORTS FROM STANDING
COMMITTEES

Councilman Johnson moved that the city be requested to acquire the above described land. Councilman Clegg seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilman Harry Day asked Parks and Recreation Director Femal to comment. Mr. Femal said the need is great and he is glad the Council and the Administration is working so diligently to fill this need. He added, however, that the Parks and Recreation Board would like to take a good look at the lands before they are purchased.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
(continued)

Mayor Hooker said it is the thinking of the Council and the Administration that there is a serious lack of neighborhood play areas. Hundreds of children do not have places to play other than in the streets. A neighborhood play lot program needs to be developed. This program was started with the Dyer play lot through cooperation with the Department of Redevelopment in reclassifying the land in this area. Other areas in Bloomington need play lots also and the Council and the Administration will continue to work toward this goal.

Mr. Milton Fisk, of the Park Ridge Association, expressed pleasure at the Council action and this would meet the needs of the people in this particular area.

Councilman Harry Day asked where the money would come from to purchase this land. Mr. Hooker replied that funds would come from the Capital Improvements Budget money from cigarette taxes.

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

None.

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

Mr. Hooker stated that five minutes before this meeting this evening, a Mr. Lee Guth had handed him a pile of papers and informed him that this was to go before the Council tonight. Mr. said he did not stop to examine the papers at that time but during the meeting he had discovered they were copies of a fair housing ordinance. Mr. Hooker said the preparation of such an ordinance had been discussed with Mrs. Friedman and Reverend Butler of the Fair Housing Commission and Mr. Hooker's understanding was that such a proposed ordinance would be drawn up by the Fair Housing Commission and presented to the Human Relations Commission for study. If a Fair Housing Ordinance proposal could be agreed upon by the two commissions, it would be presented to the Council for consideration.

MESSAGES FROM MAYOR

Councilman Harry Day said that no such proposed ordinance had been presented to the Human Relations Commission and until such time as the two commissions agreed upon an ordinance of this type, he certainly would not recommend that the Council consider any proposal presented.

Dr. Day further stated that he would like for the citizens of Bloomington to be so open-minded that such an ordinance would not be necessary; that a proposal of such magnitude should have no political overtones but should be considered calmly and with determination to give the citizens of Bloomington the best ordinance available. He said he hoped that the citizens of Bloomington would disregard the suggested political inferences toward such an ordinance and when a proposed ordinance is presented it be viewed by the general public fairly and with

open minds. Dr. Day said that when the two commissions agreed on what they considered the best possible ordinance of its kind, he would gladly present it to the Council and recommend unanimous approval with full community support.

MESSAGES FROM MAYOR
(continued)

Professor Don Bennett, a new member of the Fair Housing Commission, said he had attended some of the commission meetings but had not heard any political words.

Terrence Connors, also a new member of the commission, said he resented the political inference concerning the preparation and presentation of this proposed ordinance.

Mayor Hooker said he concurred with Dr. Day's statements and gave the copies of the proposal to Council President Faris who, in turn, gave them to Councilman Harry Day to hand carry to the Human Relations Commission.

None.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Clyde Day moved that claims presented for payment on October 20, 1967 be allowed. Councilman Moulden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

Council President Faris moved for adjournment at the hour of 8:20 p.m., E.S.T.

ADJOURNMENT



Council President Charles J. Faris

ATTEST:

Marian H. Tardy, City Clerk