

REGULAR MEETING

June 6, 1961

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, at the hour of six-thirty o'clock (6:30 P.M. C.S.T.) on Tuesday, June 6, 1961, in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

Members present: Sikes, Chitwood, Peace, Faucett, Hickman and Shertzer.

Members absent: Graves.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the minutes of the last regular meeting of May 16, 1961 be approved as submitted to each individual Councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 18, 1961 be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon a roll call vote the motion was unanimously carried. After second reading by title only by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that Ordinance No. 18, 1961 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 18, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 19, 1961 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Councilman Sikes presented the following Resolution No. 5, 1961:

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 1961

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING
ACTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
SAFETY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington that there is a need for additional off-street parking for the downtown area of the City of Bloomington, and the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works and Safety on the 5th day of June, 1961, approving negotiations for the acquisition of certain additional lands be accepted and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works and Safety is now directed and authorized to prepare plats, a description of lands proposed to be acquired and used, and plans and drawings for the proposed project, together with a general estimate of the cost of acquisition, construction and installations of the project.

Said Board of Public Works and Safety is further directed, when such plats, descriptions, plans and drawings have been prepared, to adopt a resolution approving the same, declaring that upon investigation, it has been found necessary for the proper protection of public safety and welfare, and that it will be a public utility to the City of Bloomington and its citizens to construct and maintain additional off-street automobile parking facilities as described therein;

And said Board of Public Works and Safety is further authorized and directed to acquire such lands as the plans have provided, to-wit: In Lots Numbers 185 and 186 to the City of Bloomington, Indiana, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of East Sixth Street and Lincoln Streets in this city, at a price not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) for said lands;

The Board of Public Works and Safety is further directed in said resolution to set out the probable costs and the proposed method of financing said project.

Said Board of Public Works and Safety is further directed that said resolution, plats, descriptions, plans and drawings, and general estimate of the cost, shall be open to inspection by all persons interested in or affected by the acquisition of the property proposed to be acquired, or the construction or the operation of said project. Notice of the adoption of said resolution and the purport thereof, and of the fact that such plats, description, plans or drawings, and general estimate of costs have been prepared and can be inspected, shall be published once each week for two weeks in two newspapers published in Monroe County, Indiana, which notice shall name a date not less than ten days after the date of the last publication on which said Board will hear all persons interested in or

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affected by such proceedings, and consider any remonstrances or objections filed, and will finally determine the public utility and benefit to the city and its citizens.

The Board of Public Works and Safety is directed to take all steps and proceedings and to make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and execution of its powers under Chapter 190 of the Acts of the Indiana General Assembly for the year 1955.

S/ Thos. L. Lemon
Thos. L. Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

S/ Mary Alice Dunlap
Mary Alice Dunlap, Clerk-Treasurer

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Resolution No. 5, 1961 be duly adopted; motion unanimously carried.

Mr. James Register spoke in behalf of the City's program on Urban Renewal as follows:

Mr. Mayor and the Members of the Council:

I am here to speak to you in support of your Urban Renewal Program.

I have listened carefully to those who oppose your program. I do not know their motives but I am certain of their intent. Their intent is to sabotage your program.

They say they have formed, or are about to form, a not for profit corporation to help eradicate a blighted area. By the formation of such a corporation they admit that a need exists for the elimination of these bad housing conditions. The only difference of opinion then that there could be between you is as to what method is best to accomplish this purpose.

They have emphasized that you proposed to use, among other things, the power of eminent domain. The power of eminent domain is used, and has been used for many years to aid in the construction of railroads, highways, universities, flood control and water supply systems and for many other purposes in which there is great public interest. The elimination of blighted housing conditions in our cities is one of such purposes and can not be accomplished without the use of eminent domain as it is used in these other cases to which I have just referred.

I would ask your opponents this question: "If, in the course of your work in attempting to eliminate all bad housing from any area designated by you, you should be confronted with a housing condition where the owners could not, or would not, cooperate with you, and you could not use the power of eminent domain, what would you do about this situation?" I would further point out to them that since their corporation did not have the power of eminent domain they could not compel the cooperation of these homeowners with their program.

Your opponents have also denounced your program because it involved action by the government. What is government? Government, whether on a local, state or national scope, is merely the pooling of the ideas and resources of all of our people and then putting them to work on programs which we, the people, believe to be important. We, the people, by the enactment of laws permitting the elimination of blighted housing areas have said that such programs are important and are the proper objectives of governmental action.

I am certain that you will not be deterred from your program which is high in its purpose by those who have nothing to offer in its place.

Dr. Ramsey again spoke against Urban Renewal.

The following letter was received from the Department of Parks and Recreation:

June 6, 1961

His Honor The Mayor
Members of The City Council
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

The Board of Parks and Recreation, after conferring with The Board of

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Public Works, requests a special appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be used to prepare and stone a parking lot at Bryan Park. The area is located east of Woodlawn and extends south of Southdowns Drive to Davis Street.

This parking area is badly need^{ed} to handle off-street parking for swimming, Little League and Soap Box Derby activities.

Our request for a special appropriation was suggested by the Board of Public Works, based on the fact that the Board of Parks and Recreation's miscellaneous receipts are presently in excess of two thousand dollars higher than estimated for the year.

The Board of Public Works has agreed that the Engineering Department and the Street Department will assist with the immediate completion of this project if the money is made available.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Lloyd W. Olcott
Lloyd Olcott, President
LO/ds

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that the request as petitioned be approved; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the City Attorney be instructed to proceed with negotiations with the owners of Blue Ridge Estates in trading acreage with the Department of Parks and Recreation as per their letter of May 11, 1961; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood nominated John Neal for member of the Metropolitan School Board effective August 1, 1961. Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes that the nominations be closed; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that John Neal be re-appointed to the Metropolitan School Board effective August 1, 1961; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes that the request of Mr. Darnell for a street light at Longview and Glenwood Streets be referred to the Street Lighting Committee for further study; motion unanimously carried.

Reports for the month of May, 1961 were received from the Plumbing Inspector, Milk Sanitarian, Sanitarian Officer, Humane Officer, Rosehill Cemetery, Water Department, Sanitation Department, Street Department, and Police Department; and for the month of April, 1961 from the Park and Recreation Department and placed on file.

Messages from the Mayor:

Mayor Lemon requested that the Ordinance Committee study the need for an ordinance banning the use of sidewalks by the merchants to eliminate the hazards of merchandise displayed on the sidewalks.

Mayor Lemon made a report that plans and specifications are being prepared in the Engineer's Office on the drainage problem existing in the City and would have a more detailed report to submit to the Council at the next meeting.

He also reported that a survey is being made by Mr. Paul Johnson, Consulting Engineer, on a fire prevention program making it possible for the City to obtain a different classification to the Indiana Rating Bureau and lowering the fire insurance rates for the citizens of Bloomington.

Mayor Lemon also reported that the Lions Club had presented the City with fifty new flags. Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the Lions Club be given a vote of thanks for this gift to the City and the Clerk-Treasurer be instructed to send a certified copy to the Lions Club; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the claims presented for payment June 7, 1961 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Mary Alice Alund

Thos J Lemon
Presiding Officer

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