

REGULAR MEETING

October 17, 1961

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA met in the Council Chambers in the City Hall at the hour of six-thirty o'clock (6:30 P.M. CST) on Tuesday, October 17, 1961, in regular session with Mayor Lemon presiding.

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

Members absent: None.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Graves.

Mayor Lemon welcomed Professor Stemple of Indiana University and editors and newspaper publishers from fourteen foreign countries.

Mayor Lemon introduced Mr. Robert J. Cooney, City Engineer.

Councilman Peace, seconded by Councilman Faucett, approved the minutes of the last regular meeting of October 3, 1961, as submitted to each individual councilman. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that Ordinance No. 26, 1961, be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon roll call vote, motion unanimously carried.

After public hearing on Ordinance No. 26, 1961, Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Ordinance No. 26, 1961, be duly adopted. Upon roll call vote, Ordinance No. 26, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that Ordinance No. 27, 1961, be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon roll call vote, motion unanimously carried.

After public hearing on Ordinance No. 27, 1961, Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett, that Ordinance No. 27, 1961, be duly adopted. Upon roll call vote, Ordinance No. 27, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that Ordinance No. 28, 1961, be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon roll call vote, motion unanimously carried.

After public hearing on Ordinance No. 28, 1961, Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Peace, that Ordinance No. 28, 1961, be duly adopted. The Clerk-Treasurer read the following letter:

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Memo To Common Council

From Mayor Thos. L. Lemon, Member - National Committee on Parking American Municipal Association

Subject: Interesting Parking Notes Just Received From National Parking Committee

1. BUFFALO, NEW YORK - The City Planning Board today approved the Court-Franklin site for a proposed parking ramp for upward of 600 cars. The site was endorsed by downtown business men at a public hearing Wednesday.
2. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - City Council members, alarmed over prospects of a Civic Center "parking calamity" in the near future, Friday ordered the city administrative officer to draft a report on parking plans. It was pointed out, however, that the city is negotiating to finance a \$16 million underground garage for 12,000 cars.

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3. BUFFALO, NEW YORK - The success of Buffalo's downtown parking program was illustrated again the other day when Buffalo Civic Auto Ramps, Inc. turned over a \$164,362 check to Comptroller Kowal. This represented net earnings of the four city-owned downtown ramps for the past fiscal year. Much is rightly being said nowadays about the need to rejuvenate and preserve the downtown business district. It should be noted, however, that there might not be a downtown district worth helping today if the parking program had not been started when it was. (Buffalo Evening News, 9-6-61)
4. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - A detailed traffic study of downtown San Francisco is in the preliminary discussion stage and could be officially in progress by the first of the year. Vining Fisher, manager of the Parking Authority, said yesterday that if the study is finally undertaken it will be a cooperative venture by the federal, state and city governments. It would be San Francisco's first comprehensive, scientific look at the problem, Fisher said. Its goal would be a master plan for meeting the immediate and long-term traffic and parking needs of the study area. (San Francisco Chronicle, 6-8-61)
5. GREENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA - Greenville Parking Authority: Organized by the Authority (Mencer County); operation by the Authority; bond issue: \$65,000 series B parking revenue bonds dated June 1, 1961 to construct an additional off-street parking facility; term bonds (4.50 per cent) due 2000; negotiated sale (The Authority, Sept. 1961)
6. PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE, PA.: Organized by the City, operation by the City; bond issue: \$1,375,000 revenue bonds dated May 15, 1961, to finance a multi-level parking facility.
7. BURBANK, CALIFORNIA - Some \$825,000 worth of revenue bonds were sold recently by Burbank, California to finance a parking expansion program. Officials plan to double the capacity of off-street parking facilities in Burbank, as the first step in an aggressive plan to revitalize the downtown shopping district. (Street Engineering, July 1961)
8. MUNICIPAL PARKING PROGRAMS ON THE INCREASE are sparking a rash of construction projects. A few examples include...
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, where the parking authority would like to spend another \$1.3 million for more downtown parking facilities...
RACINE, WISC., where officials are pushing for construction of a new downtown ramp costing about \$750,000...
TRENTON, N.J., where a five-story combination shopping center and garage have been proposed. The estimated cost - \$1.7 million.
- In NEW YORK CITY, officials are advancing plans for a second deck on one of the city's largest lots, at a cost of \$1.1 million. Incidentally, collections from parking meters in New York rose more than \$300,000 during the first six months after 100 "meter maids" were hired to check overtime parking.
- CAMBRIDGE, MASS. has sold the air rights over a municipal lot for \$30,736. A new half-million-dollar motel is being built on stilts over the facility. ...
ST. LOUIS, MO. has started construction of a new 950-automobile parking garage. It will cost nearly \$2 million... (Street Engineering, August 1961)
9. ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN - Revenue bonds to enlarge the Municipal Parking System have been sold in the amount of \$390,000. Average life of the bonds is 21 years. (Michigan Municipal Review)
10. BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA - Beverly Hills has a rather extensive and very successful municipal parking arrangement. In 1955 the voters of Beverly Hills authorized a bond issue of \$5,000,000 supported by revenue from parking facilities and meters.
11. CALGARY, ALBERTA - The City of Calgary owns seven parking lots and parks approximately 600,000 cars a year. Money received from parking meters is used to provide off-street parking. Most of the money spent on off-street parking has been taken from this fund.

12. DECATUR, ILLINOIS - Most of the parking in this city is provided by the municipality. Their rates are 5¢ and 10¢ per hour which certainly keeps the rates "reasonable" all over town. They have been successful both in providing parking and in paying for themselves. The municipal lots are financed by revenue bonds from parking lot income. They have been a profitable operation for the city.

13. DES MOINES, IOWA - Des Moines, Iowa operates municipal parking facilities. They have been financially successful and have been very helpful in solving the parking problem. Acquisition and construction costs were paid for by the issuance of revenue bonds.

14. GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN - "We have municipal facilities in our off-street parking program, both in ramp and ground surface parking. The facilities are directly operated by the city. Our off-street parking ramp and surface parking program has been highly successful and is presently being expanded by an additional 1050 spaces. The rates charged are basically 10¢ per hour, across the board. The municipal off-street parking program has been entirely financed by revenue bonds."

15. HAMILTON, ONTARIO - The city of Hamilton operates two municipal parking lots. Reports are that they have been successful financially and have helped to solve the parking problem in the downtown area. One of the lots charges an hourly rate of 10¢ and the other lot charges an hourly rate of 15¢ with a maximum of \$1.00 per day or 50¢ per evening on either of the lots. Both lots were financed from off-street parking funds.

16. HONOLULU, HAWAII - The first municipal garage with a 228 car capacity, costing \$273,151.00 opened November 10, 1960. A second deck will be added in 1962 increasing the spaces to 343. Similar triple deck facilities are scheduled for construction starting January and April of the present year and a fourth location is under study. These garages are financed through revenue bonds amortized by revenues from the use of the facilities.

17. OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA - The city itself does not at this time have any municipal off-street parking. However, this situation will change in a matter of a few months. The parking meter rate was recently increased from 5¢ to 10¢ for one hour and the new money is committed to the acquisition of municipal off-street parking facilities. A consultant is now engaged in determining the location of these facilities and the amount of the revenue bond issue that might be financed, so the city itself will soon be in the parking business as well.

18. ORLANDO, FLORIDA - Orlando has seven off-street, etered, municipal parking lots in operation with three more under construction, so that within another month or two they will have ten lots in operation, providing over 2,000 spaces. All facilities are city operated.

19. SARASOTA, FLORIDA - In this city four lots are owned by the municipality, only one of which is of any size. They charge 5¢ per hour. They are financed by revenue bonds supplemented by parking meter receipts. At the present rates they would not pay off their indebtedness, but the parking meter revenues meet the difference. This is a relatively small town.

20. WINDSOR, ONTARIO - Since 1955 this city has provided parking facilities. The city now has 16 off-street parking lots in operation, twelve of them in the downtown area, totaling 1,078 spaces and which have done much to maintain our economic well-being. Our next move is to go up with four story or more garage properties.

The City of Bloomington has not been standing still. In the absence of any other private or governmental action, the city has purchased two off-street parking lots and has improved them for public service. This is in addition to the South College Avenue lot which was made available to citizens and visitors several years ago.

The Seventh and Walnut Street Lot was purchased for	\$ 80,000.00
The Fourth and Washington Street Lot was purchased for	117,500.00
The Fourth and Monon Railroad Lot is being purchased for	57,500.00
The Sixth and Lincoln Street Lot is being purchased for	80,000.00

These lots are being purchased by revenue bonds issued by the city.

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No tax money has been or is being used to finance these parking lots which are needed if we expect to maintain a prosperous and permanent "downtown" business area.

Not only does the income from the lots and off-on-street meters pay for the cost, construction, and maintenance of these parking facilities, but it also provides over \$80,000 for operation of our Police and Street Departments, thus providing property tax relief to our over burdened property owners.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

s/ Thos. L. Lemon
Thos. L. Lemon
Mayor"

Upon roll call vote, Ordinance No. 28, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Resolution No. 13, -1961. Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that Resolution No. 13, 1961, be duly adopted. Motion unanimously adopted.

Councilman Graves reported that the Street Lighting Committee would have a report at the next Councilman meeting on the petition for a street light at Second and Clifton Streets.

Councilman Hickman presented an oral petition for a street light on West Third Street between College and the railroad tracks and moved that it be referred to the Street Lighting Committee of the City Utilities Committee.

Reports were received from the Fire, Water, and Police Departments for the month of September and the Park and Recreation Department for the months of July and August.

Mayor Lemon reported that negotiations were being made for the treatment of approximately 50 diseased trees throughout the city in an effort to save trees for beautification and conservation.

Councilman Chitwood, seconded by Councilman Faucett, that the claims of October 18, 1961, be approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned.

Thos. L. Lemon
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Mary Alice Dunlap
Clerk-Treasurer