

REGULAR MEETING

October 4, 1960

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, October 4, 1960, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M. C.S.T.) in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

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

Members absent: Faucett.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Graves.

Mayor Lemon welcomed 19 editors representing 14 foreign countries that are attending a session at Indiana University.

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the minutes of the last special meeting of September 16, 1960 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented the following Resolution No. 3, 1960:

RESOLUTION NO. 3, 1960

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, APPROVING UNDERTAKING OF SURVEYS AND PLANS FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (herein referred to as "Title I"), the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to extend financial assistance to local public agencies in the elimination and prevention of the spread of their slums and urban blight through the planning and undertaking of urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bloomington, Department of Redevelopment make surveys and prepare plans, presently estimated to cost approximately Ninety-Eight Thousand Fifty-Four Dollars (\$98,054.00), in order to undertake and carry out an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by Section 110(c) of Title I, in that area proposed as an Urban Renewal Area, situated in the City of Bloomington, County of Monroe and State of Indiana, which is described as follows:

Starting at a point on the city boundary at the corner of 15th Street and Lindburgh Drive then east along this line on 15th Street extending to the end of that Street; then south on a line perpendicular to 15th Street to its' intersection with an alley between 12th Street and 13th Street; thence east along a line perpendicular to the previously mentioned north-south line to the western edge of Monroe Street; then north along the western edge of Monroe Street to the southern edge of the Dyer School property; then east along the Dyer School property to the city boundary in Maple Street; then North along the city boundary in Maple Street to the southern edge of 15th Street; then along that line to the alley running between Maple Street and Fairview Street; then south along that alley to the Illinois Central Railroad right-of-way; then south west along this right-of-way to the Monon Railroad right-of-way; then along the Monon Railroad right-of-way to the City boundary; then north along the city boundary to the point of beginning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City of Bloomington, Indiana:

1. That the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above is a slum, blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating area appropriate for an urban renewal project and that the undertaking by the City of Bloomington, Department of Redevelopment of surveys and plans for an urban renewal project of the character, contemplated by Section 110(c) of Title I in the proposed Urban Renewal Area is hereby approved.
2. That the financial assistance available under Title I is needed to enable the City of Bloomington Department of Redevelopment to finance the planning and undertaking of the proposed Project.

3. That is is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under Title I, including those relating to the relocation of site occupants, to the provision of local grants-in-aid, and to the requirement that as a condition to the execution of a contract for a loan or capital grant for an urban renewal project the locality present to the Housing and Home Finance Administrator a Workable Program, as set forth in Section 101(c) of Title I, for utilizing appropriate public and private resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slums and urban blight; and that it is the sense of this body (a) that a feasible method for the relocation of families displaced from the urban renewal area, in conformity with Title I, can be prepared, and (b) that the local grants-in-aid can and will be provided in an amount which will be not less than one-third of the Net Project Cost of the Project and which together with the Federal capital grant, will be generally equal to the difference between Gross Project Cost and the proceeds or value of project land sold, leased, or retained for use in accordance with the urban renewal plan.

4. That the filing of an application by the City of Bloomington, Department of Redevelopment for an advance of funds from the United States of America to enable it to defray the cost of the surveys and plans for an urban renewal project in the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above is hereby approved.

The following petition was received and placed on file:

Petition Against Federal Urban Renewal for West Side Bloomington, Indiana

We the undersigned on this petition, oppose Federal Urban Renewal for West Side Bloomington, Indiana, because it takes away our constitutional rights. Federal Urban Renewal goes farther than the fire traps once it's been accepted. Property owners are the losers, especially the unmodern ones. They would be forced into debt to meet Renewal standards, if their homes remain, also taxes would be sky high for the homes razed.

West Side Residents, and other interested Citizens.

I Certify that this is a true copy of petition and legal names and addresses of persons opposing Urban Renewal for West Side Bloomington Ind.

S/ Notary Public (Petition signed by 264 residents)
S/ Anna Margaret Woolard (SEAL)

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Resolution No. 3, 1960 be duly adopted; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the Mayor be authorized to submit an application for a certification of a workable program for urban renewal; motion unanimously carried.

A petition was read by the Clerk-Treasurer for three street lights in Longwood Addition. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that the petition be referred to the City Utilities Committee for investigation and report at next meeting; motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer read a petition for a street light at Highland and University. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that this petition be referred to the City Utilities Committee for investigation and report at next meeting; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves presented an oral petition for a street light at First and High. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that this oral petition be referred to the City Utilities Committee for investigation and report at next meeting; motion unanimously carried.

The following Department reports were received and placed on file: Street Dept., Water Dept., Fire Dept., Plumbing Inspector, Milk Inspector, Humane Officer, and Sanitarian Officer.

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Councilman Peace reported that he had investigated the traffic problem that had been presented by Councilman Hickman in the Southdowns and Mitchell area and recommended that enforcement of speeding in this area as the only means of solving the present problem.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the Common Council go on record in favor of a County Referendum on the issue of Central Standard Time versus Eastern Standard Time or fast time; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the claims presented for payment October 5, 1960 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer