

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 1955

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Tuesday, October 18, 1955, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) in regular session, with Mayor Kelly presiding.

Mr. Rotha Sims was called to the Council Room and sworn into office as Councilman by Mayor Kelly.

Members present: Carpenter, Griffith, Miller, Porter, Ramsey, Sims, and VanMeter

Members absent: None

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman VanMeter, seconded by Councilman Porter.

The report of the Board of Public Works and Safety regarding the petition of Donald F. Overbay was received as follows: "the owner of this property be required to eliminate the grade where the parking area exists, and to install steps to the apartment unit, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer." After discussion, on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Griffith, the report of the Board of Public Works and Safety was approved and directed that the property owner be notified accordingly.

Councilman Carpenter pointed out as a matter of information that requests to cut curbs should be made to the Council before the cut has been made.

The following letter was received:

"To the Common Council of the
City of Bloomington, Indiana,
Bloomington, Indiana.

October 18, 1955

Gentlemen: The Trustees of Indiana University and the Board of Directors of the Indiana School of Religion are in the process of exchanging real estate owned by each, whereby the University will acquire and use eventually for parking space the real estate near the corner of Indiana Avenue and Third Street, now owned by the School of Religion, and the School of Religion will acquire and use for a class room, library and office building, Lots. No. 12 to 22 inclusive, in Block "C" in Highland Homes Sub-division in the City of Bloomington, Indiana.

In view of the fact that the said Highland Homes Lots are presently zoned for one-family dwelling only, our clients respectfully request that your Honorable body direct the Plan Commission of the City of Bloomington, in writing, to prepare an amendment to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and submit the same to public hearing as provided in Chapter 174 of the Acts of 1947, to affect the following changes:

1. That Lots 12 to 22 inclusive in Block "C" in Highland Homes Sub-division, be re-zoned from R-1 to B-2.
2. That Sec. 117 A 2 (t) be amended to read as follows: "trade, business school, private school, or School of Religion."

Respectfully submitted,
TRUSTEES OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY
By S/Len E. Bunger, Jr.
Henley & Bunger, Attorneys
INDIANA SCHOOL OF RELIGION
By S/Donald A. Rogers
Donald A. Rogers, Attorney"

After discussion, Councilman Carpenter moved the Council approve the petition and that the Planning Commission be so instructed in writing with the recommendation that they change the zoning ordinance in accordance with the request. Councilman Miller seconded motion; motion carried.

A petition was received for a street light in the 800 block of South Madison Street. Councilman Miller reported the Committee had not had the opportunity to properly investigate this petition and moved that the petition be referred to the proper committee for report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Porter seconded motion; motion carried.

James H. Skirvin presented a petition for permission to cut curb for a driveway at 811 South Fess Avenue. Councilman Griffith reported this had been investigated by himself and Councilman Carpenter and moved that permission be granted for the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman VanMeter seconded motion; motion carried.

The Planning Commission presented a Resolution relating to the rezoning Lot No. 6, J. N. Alexander Addition and an Ordinance amending the zoning map accordingly. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, the Ordinance was advanced to second reading by title only. After second reading, on motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Miller, passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, Ordinance No. 19, 1955, was declared duly adopted.

Councilman Porter reported for The Traffic Commission in connection with the stop sign at 11th and Grant. After discussion, Councilman Porter stated he would refer this petition to The Traffic Commission to make the "stop" on Eleventh Street instead of Grant.

In connection with making Fourteenth Street one-way, The Traffic Commission would like a petition for this change. With reference to the request for stop signs in Hillsdale and Green Acres, Loren Ayres, Chairman of the Traffic Commission is having a time study made by one of his university classes to determine what is necessary in this area. The request for four way stop signs at Maxwell and Woodlawn or Maxwell and Hawthorne has been referred to Committee for investigation.

Councilman Griffith presented a report for the Committee on Parks and Recreation and on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Porter, the Council approved the report and recommendations as follows:

"The Common Council
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
Committee on Parks & Recreation

MR. MAYOR:

Your Committee on Parks & Recreation has had under further consideration the matter of recreational facilities for the City of Bloomington and its community and begs leave to submit the following report and recommendations:

The committee is thoroughly in accord with the idea of a balanced program for recreation in this community and the need for the necessary facilities therefor, but the committee reiterates that such a program and facilities will be possible only through the closest cooperation of all of us, and through the tolerance of each group in the community for the recreational needs and interests of the other groups of the community.

It is the sincere opinion of the members of this committee that the people of the Bloomington community want recreational facilities for a balanced recreational program for every section of Bloomington and for all the people of this community. The members of this committee are heartily in accord with that desire. The committee feels that what is now needed is a careful review and programming of these needs of the community, so that these facilities can be constructed in a rational order and financed in a manner within the ability of the City and community to raise the funds needed.

The Committee on Parks and Recreation therefore presents for the approval of the Common Council the following recommendations:

1. That the Park and Recreation Boards of the City be requested to form themselves jointly into a Planning Committee or Recreational Facilities, with a chairman to be selected by the members of the said committee from citizens of the City who are not members of either of the said boards, to accomplish the following purposes:

- a. Make a list of those recreational facilities needed for a balanced recreational program for Bloomington and community;
- b. Draw up specifications and cost estimates for each of these facilities;
- c. Determine and recommend the most logical order in which these facilities should be constructed;
- d. Recommend a financing plan, including taxation, issuance of bonds and public subscription, for achieving the above;
- e. Make a report to the Common Council at the earliest possible date with recommendations on a, b, c, and d above.

2. That the aforesaid Committee on Recreational Facilities be encouraged to develop an advisory group to assist them in this project, of approximately ten members to be selected by each Board, as nearly as possible on a bi-partisan basis, and such advisory group to represent as nearly as possible a representative cross-section of the community. It is further recommended that members of the Indiana University Department of Recreation and the Bloomington Director of Recreation be invited to act as consultants to the planning committee.

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION:
 S/Herschel H. Griffith, Chairman
 S/Boyd C. Porter, Member
 S/W. L. Miller, Member"

The Ordinance providing for a Weights and Measures Inspector was presented. On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, Mayor Kelly was directed to appoint a Committee to check with three counties that have the Weights and Measures Ordinance as to expense, salaries, and cost of equipment and report to the Council at the earliest convenience.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1955, was presented and advanced to second reading on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Porter, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote. After second reading by title only, on motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, Appropriation Ordinance No. 6 was declared duly adopted.

An Ordinance transferring surplus funds from Parking Meter Funds to Parking Facilities Funds, to provide for payment of loan, was presented for consideration, and advanced to second reading on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Porter, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote. After second reading by title only on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman VanMeter and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, Ordinance No. 20, 1955, was declared duly adopted.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.


 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


 Clerk-Treasurer

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