



**City of Bloomington
Office of the City Clerk**


CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF MONROE)

I, Nicole Bolden, being the duly elected, qualified and current Clerk of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, hereby do certify that I am the custodian of the records of the Bloomington City Council and the City of Bloomington, and that the attached copy of the minutes for the October 05, 2005 meeting of the Bloomington City Council is a full, true and complete copy of drafts of the minutes of that meeting and which is kept in this office in the normal course of business.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

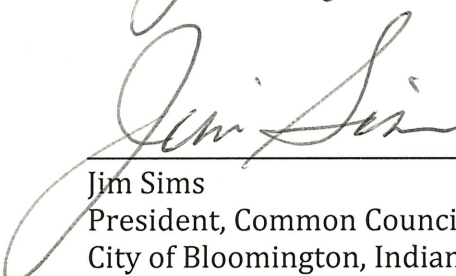
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
hereunto set my signature as Clerk
of the City of Bloomington on the
date set forth below.



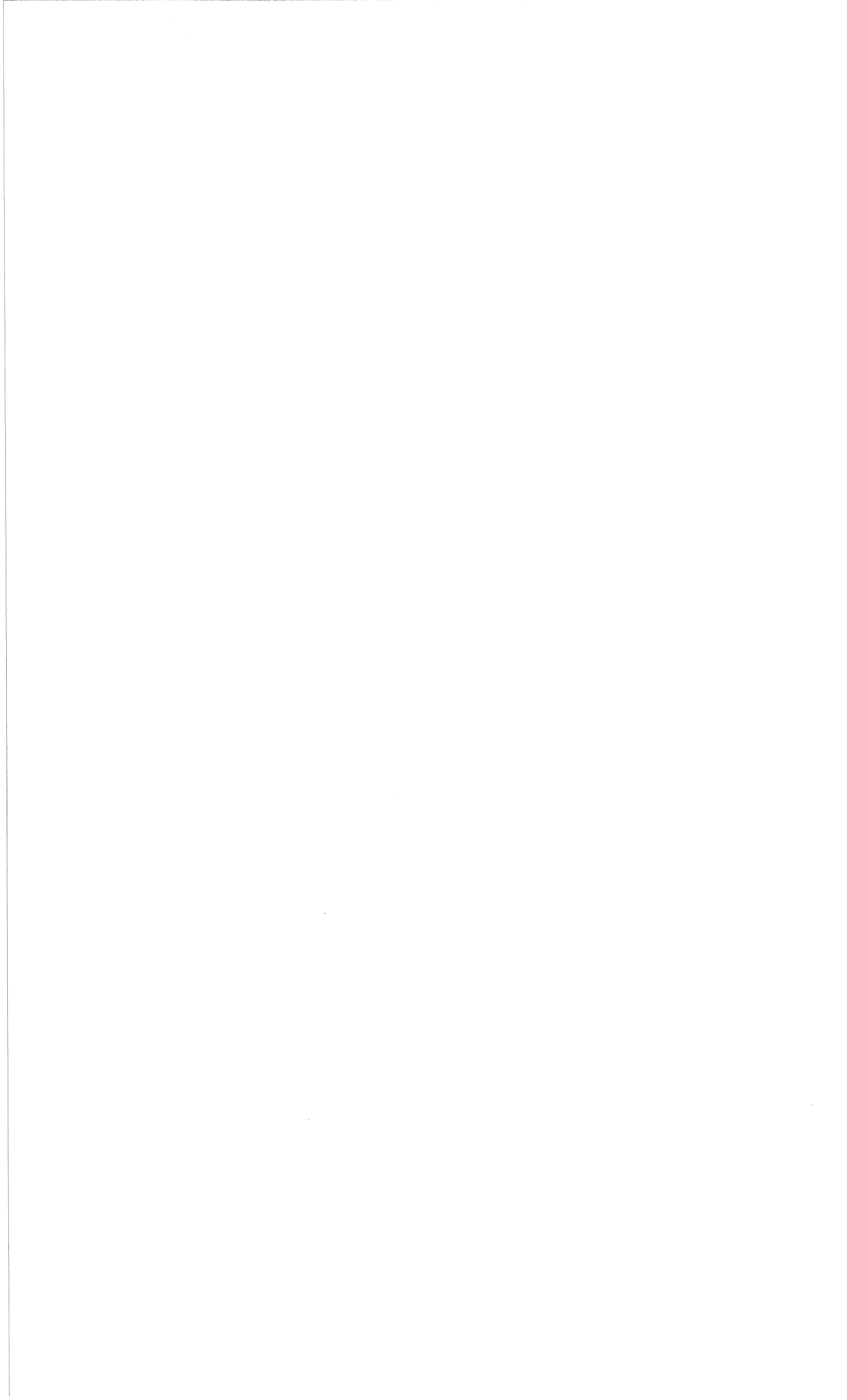
Nicole Bolden
City Clerk
City of Bloomington, Indiana

Date: 20 January 21

The attached copy of the minutes for the October 05, 2005 meeting of the Bloomington Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana as presented by the City Clerk was approved on the 20th day of January, 2021.



Jim Sims
President, Common Council
City of Bloomington, Indiana



In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 7:45 pm Council President Andy Ruff presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 5, 2005

Roll Call: Diekhoff, Ruff, Gaal, Rollo, Sturbaum, Volan, Sabbagh, Mayer
Absent: Banach

ROLL CALL

Council President Ruff gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of January 19, 2005 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Sturbaum reported on his recent attendance of the National Trust Historic Conference in Portland, Oregon. He commented on how impressed he was by the high bicycle population, the mixed-use nature of the neighborhoods, and the Regional Planning Department. He announced the upcoming visit from renowned economist Donovan Ripcama.

REPORTS:

▪ COUNCILMEMBERS

David Sabbagh offered his best wishes for recently resigned Assistant City Attorney Michael Flory.

Dave Rollo announced the upcoming first meeting for the Environmental Sustainability Commission and the Annual Bioneers Conference.

Fire Chief Jeff Barlow read a proclamation from the Mayor proclaiming the week of October 9-15, 2005 as Fire Prevention Week in Bloomington noting that the department was working hard to educate citizens on the dangers of house fires.

▪ MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

Mick Renneisen, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that there were three visitors in the city who were evaluating the Parks and Recreation Department for the national accreditation program. He said that the City Parks Department was presently one of five accredited in the state of Indiana, and that there were only 55 accredited departments in the country. He provided a pictorial review of past and present projects.

Julie Ramey, Community Relations Manager, gave a presentation on How We Make Fun of Everything.

▪ COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Motion to Reschedule
Committee of the Whole and
Regular Session

President Ruff asked Council Attorney to review upcoming legislation with regards to the next meeting. It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for October 13, 2005 be cancelled.

The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Sherman recommended the following be announced for public record; the originally scheduled meeting regarding the downtown plan meeting was moved to October 26, 2005 with final action on November 2, 2005.

Bobby Hall requested council help with developing affordable housing and reducing crime in his neighborhood and provided photos.

▪ PUBLIC INPUT

Michael Valiant, resident of District 5 and recent recipient of a city lawn violation, commented on the city's lawn maintenance ordinance and called to question the criteria present for defining certain plants as noxious weeds. He asked for help from councilpersons to redefine the plants that are currently rated as noxious or natural and address plants

that have not been placed into categories of acceptable versus non-acceptable.

Public Input (cont'd)

Lucille Bertuccio spoke about the certification of Backyard Habitats and the discrepancy between that and the current city ordinance.

Connie Hall complained about litter, plant overgrowth, and yellow curbs and requested that help be provided to make these improvements in her neighborhood.

Nick McGill, resident of McDoel Gardens, offered his support for revisiting the current ordinance and making more environmentally friendly changes.

Chris Coppersmith voiced his concerns and opposition to the current lawn ordinance.

Tina Shurard paid respect to her neighbor's comments but said that she takes issue when private landscaping spills over onto public domain.

Bobbie Hall expressed her opposition to the overgrowth of private yards that impede traffic and pedestrian lines of sight.

Mike Andrews referred to a packet that was generated in response to a neighborhood effort to petition the city for traffic calming devices. He said that the request was denied by the city because traffic calming devices will not be considered until after 5 traffic incidents have occurred in an area. He spoke of the public incident that occurred in the neighborhood when residents intercepted bulldozers. He also asked the council to consider the current foliage overgrowth as the ready solution to traffic calming.

Jim Hart argued the notion of defining what is beautiful, pointing out that aesthetic beauty can be subjective and individualized.

Mark Haggerty offered a citizen's report of the Gulf of Mississippi recovery progress after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Mandy Peijo stated his support for safer neighborhoods.

It was moved and seconded that the following appointments be made to the following city commissions:

Community and Family Resources Commission – Jeff McKinney
Commission on the Status of Women – Dorothy Granger
Traffic Commission – Jeff Weber
Human Rights Commission – Valeri Haughton

BOARD AND COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS

The appointments were approved by a voice vote.

It was moved and seconded that the Resolution 05-16 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Committee Do-Pass Recommendation of 6-0-0. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 05-16 be adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING

Resolution 05-16 – Approving the
Purchase of Land Near Griffy Lake

Mick Renneisen, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a summary of the proposed resolution.

Rollo asked if any trail plans, other than conservation, were in place for the property.

Renneisen responded that no trail development plans currently exist but are the logical next step and that the main purpose was protection of the

steep slopes and wetland and to create a buffer for Griffy Lake and Cascades Park. He gave additional information about the potential link this land acquisition might provide between two existing trails. He also noted that a timeframe would be dependent upon financial availability.

Rollo thanked all those involved in this acquisition. He urged his fellow councilmembers to work on a strategy for land acquisition to protect forests, water sheds, wetlands, and other sensitive ecosystems.

Gaal commented on the strong community support for green space acquisition.

Mayer echoed and thanked Councilpersons Rollo's and Gaal's comments.

Resolution 05-16 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that the Appropriations Ordinance 05-07 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Committee Do-Pass Recommendation of 6-0-0. It was moved and seconded that Appropriations Ordinance 05-07 be adopted.

Appropriations Ordinance 05-07 – To Specially Appropriate From the Park Land Acquisition Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (To Purchase Land Adjacent to the Griffy Lake Nature Preserve and Cascades Park)

Susan Clark, City Controller, gave details on the appropriation, outlining that the appropriation ordinance would release the funds for the land acquisition.

Appropriations Ordinance 05-07 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that the Resolution 05-09 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, stating that there was no Committee Recommendation on this resolution. Clerk Moore also noted that the Public comment portion of the deliberation on this resolution would serve as the legally advertised public hearing. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 05-09 be adopted.

Resolution 05-09 – To Confirm Resolution 05-08 Which Designated an Economic Revitalization Area, Approved a Statement of Benefits, Authorized a Period of Tax Abatement, and Declared Intent to Waive Certain Statutory Requirements Re: 1010, 1018 and 1026 W. 14th Street (Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Inc., Petitioner)

Ron Walker, Director of Economic Development, provided details on the resolution and expressed his support while offering highlights about the project.

Ruff asked for further information about the significance of five year abatement.

Walker reported that the five year term was based on recommendation from the Office of the Mayor and Housing and Neighborhood Development Department as a term that would generate fiscal relief to the new home owners and convert them into tax payers in a reasonable time frame.

Sabbagh asked about programs that educate home buyers about taxes, insurance, and the upkeep of owning a home.

Rollo asked for the fiscal value for the worth of the homes.

Walker responded that the annual estimated property tax would be over \$3,300.

Volan asked about the life of the abatement to which Walker responded that an abatement applies to a property and not to an owner. He explained that if a five year abatement started in 2000, it would end in

2005 regardless of ownership or occupancy.

Ruff noted for the record that the upcoming public comment section was serving as the legal public notice for the action on the resolutions.

There was no public comment.

Sturbaum offered his support for this program.

Mayer expressed his excitement for the development of the property and addition of a new neighborhood.

Sabbagh commented on the success of the homeownership program.

Resolution 05-09 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that the Resolution 05-11 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, stating that there was no Committee Recommendation on this resolution. Clerk Moore also noted that the Public comment portion of the deliberation on this resolution would serve as the legally advertised public hearing. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 05-11 be adopted.

Walker spoke about Resolution 05-11 and offered additional details of Resolution 05-10.

Rollo mentioned the other energy efficient benefits of the property. He talked about his understanding of these measures through the presentation given by Matt Wysocki of the South Central Community Action Program.

There was no public comment.

Resolution 05-11 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

It was moved and seconded that the Ordinance 05-28 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Clerk Moore read the legislation and synopsis, giving the Committee Do-Pass Recommendation of 0-0-6. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 05-28 be adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the council postpone Ordinance 05-28 indefinitely and request that the Engineering Department recommence the initiative starting at Step 4 of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program.

Diekhoff explained his reasons for asking for this action.

Ruff asked the president of the neighborhood association for comments.

Mr. John Arnold thanked the council for considering the postponement of this ordinance and explained that he supported the general concept of traffic calming, but would like to help make the ordinance better.

The motion to postpone received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

There was no legislation for first reading at this meeting.

There was no public comment.

Resolution 05-11 – To Confirm Resolution 05-10 Which Designated an Economic Revitalization Area, Approved a Statement of Benefits, Authorized a Period of Tax Abatement, and Declared Intent to Waive Certain Statutory Requirements Re: 1034 and 1042 W. 14th Street (City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, Petitioner)

Ordinance 05-28 – To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” (Amending Chapter 15.26 “Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program” in Order to Authorize Traffic Calming Devices on Graywell Drive and East Gentry Boulevard)

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Andy Ruff, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington

For Approval

