

CITIZENS SUMMIT
Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA)
January 20, 2015

Council present: Aldermen Mboka Mwilambwe, Kevin Lower, David Sage, Diana Hauman, Judy Stearns, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Jim Fruin and Mayor Pro Tem Karen Schmidt.

Council Absent: Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff present: David Hales, City Manager, Steve Rasmussen, Asst. City Manager, Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director, Jim Karch, Director of Public Works, Tina Salamone, Performing Arts Director, Brett Lueschen, Interim Water Director, Brendan Heffner, Chief of Police, Brian Mohr, Fire Chief, Tom Dabareiner, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director, Alex McElory, Asst. to the City Manager, Nora Dukowitz, Communications Manager and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Staff absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt called the Citizens Summit to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderman Sage opened the Public Comment section of the meeting. He added that there would not be a response from the City under the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Josh Schmidgall, 2212 Beacon Ct., addressed the Council. He had looked up the definition of summit. He believed Government looked down upon the citizens. Citizens were ignored.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt thanked those in attendance. She believed this was an opportunity to share ideas.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt noted that Mayor Renner was attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors held in Washington, D.C. Mayor Renner had prepared a videotaped welcome.

Alderman Sage reviewed the agenda and described the Aldermen and Staff roles and responsibilities. He noted that the BCPA Ballroom was divided into ten (10) tables consisting of the following: one (1) Alderman, one (1) staff person and eleven (11) citizens.

David Hales, City Manager, addressed the Summit. He explained that tonight was an opportunity to hear recommendations on services, fees associated and priorities. He noted that during the early 2000's focus and priority was City growth. The city subsidized residential development. There was little long range planning. He cited the Grove Subdivision as an example. Assisting with the Grove development the City would spend over \$10 million on streets, sewers and sidewalks.