

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of

Meeting

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Held

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The regular meeting of the Bowling Green City Council, held in the Council Chamber, 304 North Church Street, Bowling Green, Ohio was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Hollenbaugh. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Phipps, Robinette, and Rubando were present. Council Member O'Doriso was not present. Also present were Mayor Mike Aspacher, Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Public Services Bureau Director Joe Fawcett, and Public Infrastructure Bureau Director Brian O'Connell.

Council Member Herald moved, Robinette seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 2022 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR ASPACHER

Mayor Mike Aspacher performed the swearing in of newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Zmarzly.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Lindsay Durham, 853 Parker Street, and Miranda Douglas, 9048 Rudolph Road, Rudolph, addressed City Council regarding a new non-profit organization in the community called BGO Pride. They indicated that this organization will advocate for the local LGBTQ community in Bowling Green and Wood County.

NEW LEGISLATION

The following new legislation was recommended by the Administration and presented to Council for introduction:

Council Member Herald, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced the following new legislation:

- Resolution authorizing the City of Bowling Green to participate in the financial and economic analysis relating to the Toledo-Columbus corridor study for passenger rail;
- Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file a capital and operating plan for the years 2022 through 2025 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation, as authorized under federal transit laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for Other Than Urbanized Areas'
- Resolution authorizing the file of an application(s) with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under federal transit laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, formula grants for rural areas, Ohio's Rural Transportation Program and/or the Ohio Transit Partnership Program and executing a contract for the FY 2023 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, and 5339 and/or 5311 funding for capital and/or operating assistance, and the Ohio Transit Partnership Program and executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon project approval.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Mike Aspacher praised the efforts of the Public Works Division for their work in clearing the City's streets after the recent snow storm. He noted that employees worked 12-hour shifts around the clock in order to keep pace with the storm. He also applauded the efforts of the Police Division for their proactive efforts to get parked cars off the street so that the snowplow drivers could do their job. The Mayor noted that later in the meeting Council will be hearing from members of the communications team for the City regarding a survey to gain input from the community on the use of the City's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The Mayor explained that since one of Council's goals was to facilitate community discussion on the best use of ARPA funding. The questionnaire/survey is a tool for Council to utilize for this discussion. Hearing from the community is an important guide on how local government is operated.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter also praised the efforts of the City crews for their response to the snow storm. Tretter also noted that she sent an email to Council regarding commercial pedal bicycles and asked if there were questions or actions to be taken.

Council Member Dennis mentioned that he talked with the business owner and the issue he flagged was the ending time of 10:00 p.m. asking that it be extended to 11:00 p.m. Tretter responded that the time was lined up with the DORA ending time of 10:00 p.m. She indicated that extending it creates some safety issues as it becomes dark. Dennis said that he would like to further discuss it. Council President Hollenbaugh asked Tretter to have the City Attorney put this into legislation for the Transportation & Safety Committee.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Public Services Director Joe Fawcett noted that Amanda Gamby and Hallie Williams will give a presentation regarding the community questionnaire for ARPA funds and also thanked Public Works employees for their efforts in removing the snow from the recent storm. Council Member Dennis asked Fawcett for an update regarding the Mannik & Smith study and updates to the bicycle maps. Dennis expressed concern that the City is getting ready to pave 30 miles of roadway and wondered where the bicycle portion fit in to the plans. Fawcett responded that the study is still ongoing and that there are plans for a survey to go out soon to gain community input. Fawcett noted that when looking at the paving list for year #1 and did not see any conflicts with plans put forward by the Bicycle Safety Commission.

Amanda Gamby and Hallie Williams gave a presentation regarding the community feedback questionnaire to gain input for the use of ARPA funds. They stressed the fact that they need the help of the Council Members to get the word out on social media in order to get as much feedback as possible. A copy of the presentation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Public Infrastructure Director, Brian O'Connell, introduced the new Assistant Utilities Director, Jim Odneal, who attended this evening's meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Council committee reports.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3816 authorizing the City of Bowling Green to participate in the financial and economic analysis relating to the Toledo-Columbus corridor study for passenger rail, for first reading.

Council Member Herald moved, Dennis seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3816 its second reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, and Dennis voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3816 for second reading by number and title only.

Clerk read Resolution #3817 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file a capital and operating plan for the years 2022 through 2025 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation, as authorized under federal transit laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for Other Than Urbanized Areas, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3818 authorizing the file of an application(s) with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under federal transit laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, formula grants for rural areas, Ohio's Rural Transportation Program and/or the Ohio Transit Partnership Program and executing a contract for the FY 2023 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, and 5339 and/or 5311 funding for capital and/or operating assistance, and the Ohio Transit Partnership Program and executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon project approval, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8987 authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Public Services Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for sidewalk improvements, pavement striping, deicing salt, and improving streets, alleys, and other public ways in the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8988 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for approximately 20.71 acres located just north of 525 South Dunbridge Road from A-1 Agricultural to R-4 Multiple Family Residential, High Density zoning, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3811 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file an application and execute a contract upon grant application approval under the Community Development Block Grant: Entitlement Program as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for third reading.

Council Member Dennis moved, Rubando seconded, to adopt Resolution #3811. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Resolution #3811 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8982 authorizing an agreement between the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, and the Wood County Regional Airport Authority, for third reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8982. On roll call vote, Council Members Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald, and Hollenbaugh, voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8982 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8983 authorizing the Municipal Administrator, the Public Services Director, and the Utilities Director to enter into a contract or contracts with specified vendors for work that may exceed \$50,000 annually for calendar year 2022. For third reading as amended.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8983 as amended. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, and Phipps voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8983 adopted as amended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8984 authorizing the Municipal Administrator, the Public Services Director, and Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts and/or participate in State of Ohio or federal purchasing programs for the purchase and/or lease of vehicles, equipment and completion of projects as well as the trade-in or outright sale of vehicles and equipment no longer needed for municipal purposes, for third reading as amended.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to amended Ordinance #8984 for a second time to add an emergency clause in order to begin the order process due to nationwide supply chain issues, to add the disposal of a parking vehicle from the Police Division, and to add the disposal/replacement of a tractor for Parks and Recreation. On roll call vote, Council Members Rubando, Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Phipps, and Robinette voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8984 amended for the second time.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8984 as amended. On roll call vote, Council Members Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Phipps, Robinette, and Rubando voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8984 as amended. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, and Dennis voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8984 adopted as amended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8986 amending and adopting Section 33.08(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding Police Division Composition, for third reading.

Council Member Herald moved, Dennis seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8986. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8986 adopted.

Council Member Herald moved, Hollenbaugh seconded, to excuse Council Member O'Dorisio from this evening's meeting. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

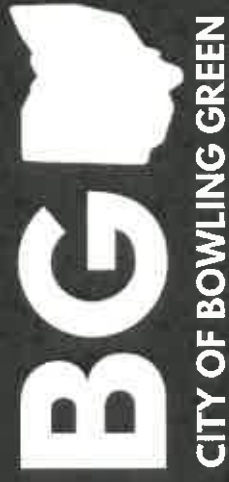
Council Member Herald moved, Robinette seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh adjourned the January 3, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:00 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council



Mark Hollenbaugh, President of Council



ARPA Community Feedback City Council Reveal

A strategy to gather community feedback regarding the use of remaining ARPA Funding.

Strategy

SECTION 1: QUESTIONNAIRE

- Development
- Layout
- Content
- Time Frame

SECTION 2: PROMOTION PACKAGE

- Press Release
- Social Media
- City Website and eNews
- Partnership Promotion

STEP 3: RESULTS

- Reporting
- Decision Making



Questionnaire

- To be delivered virtually via Constant Contact
- ***can also be taken in person at Library or City Hall**
- Developed with the help of Councilman Jeff Dennis
- 10 Questions

Goals

1. Measure the Community's focus of funding in 4 areas
 - Downtown Investments
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Community Development
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
2. Project Prioritization (Which have previously been discussed in public meetings and strategic planning)





In 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help communities recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your feedback is valuable to the city and will help prioritize the spending of remaining ARPA funds.

A total of \$7.3 million has been allocated to the City of Bowling Green. City Council has approved the following investments:

- Residential paving project (\$3,000,000)
- MARCS Communication Equipment to improve public safety communications (\$350,000)
- City Park Paving Project: Road Widening, Walking Path, Security Improvements (Cameras and Lights) (\$250,000)
- Inclusive Playground (\$100,000 in support of the Wood County Plays Project at Carter Park)
- Housing Grants (A total of \$300,000 over three years)

The following guiding principles are being used to prioritize projects for funding:

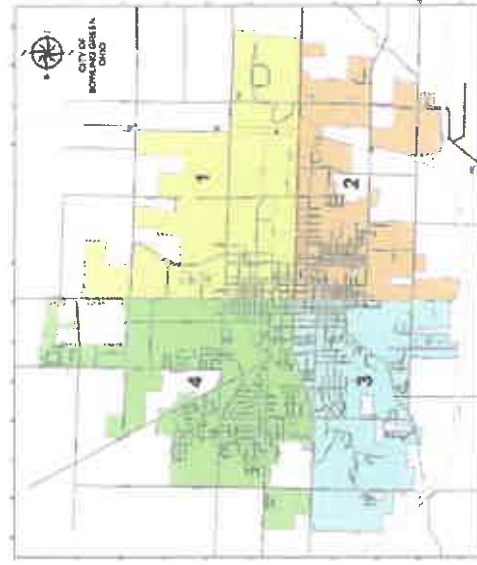
- One-time use of one-time funds
- Use must be allowable as determined by the U.S. Department of Treasury
- Avoid duplicated use of funds already in place for other programs and projects
- Projects must have a community-wide impact

Your responses will help prioritize the use of the remaining ARPA funds, which may be spent over the next three years. The projects included in this questionnaire have been discussed in public meetings as possible considerations for funding and can be tied back to City planning documents, including the 2018 Community Action Plan and BG Community Goals.

Responses may be submitted through March 11, 2022.

*** What is your connection to the City of Bowling Green? Please select all that apply.**

- I live in Bowling Green
- I own a Business in Bowling Green
- I work in Bowling Green
- I am a Bowling Green State University Student
- Other



*** What Ward do you live in?**

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- I am not a Bowling Green Resident

Downtown Enhancements

* How important do you feel it is to invest in Downtown BG?

Not important 1 2 3 4 5 Very important

* Which of these projects in Downtown would you most like to see funded?

- Downtown Building Facade Improvements
- Alleyway Improvements
- Downtown Public Restrooms
- Downtown Dumpster Enclosures
- Downtown Right of Way Redesign (to Widen Sidewalks)

Do you have additional ideas for investments in Bowling Green?

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Please enter your email if you would like to be added to the City of Bowling Green's weekly newsletter.

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Promotion

- Press Release
- City's Webpage
- Spotlight on Homepage
- Weekly eNews
- City's Facebook and Twitter Pages
- Collaboration with City Councilmembers





Results

Results will be analyzed and included in a final report to be shared with City Council, The Mayor, City Administrator, and department heads to assist in decision-making concerning ARPA funds and general City planning.



ARPA COMMUNITY FEEDBACK CITY COUNCIL REVEAL 2/7/2022