

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

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-525-8994 FORM NO. 10148

**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 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.

Council President Hollenbaugh introduced Jodi Sickler as the new Clerk of Council. Jodi was sworn in this afternoon by City Attorney Mike Marsh.

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

Council Member Herald moved, O'Doriso seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 16, 2022 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk of Council noted there was no correspondence.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR ASPACHER**

Mayor Aspacher presented the following two proclamations:

- To the BG Pride Group proclaiming June 2022 as LGBTQI+ pride month.
- To BRAVE proclaiming June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Juneteenth in the City of Bowling Green.

Chris Douglas, representative from BRAVE, spoke about the group's Juneteenth event that will be held Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed and the public is invited to attend. Douglas also expressed thanks for the proclamation

**LOBBY VISITATIONS**

Dallas Black, 536 Buttonwood Avenue, addressed City Council regarding three requests related to his termination from employment with Bowling Green School District. Mr. Black sent City Council Members an email and brought copies regarding his intent for addressing Council. Council President Hollenbaugh asked Black keep his comments to facts. Black is seeking redress, an apology from Police Chief Hetrick, and repayment of \$250 for copying handouts distributed at tonight's meeting.

Black said that Chief Hetrick misrepresented the certification of ALICE training for the City's Police division and that some abuse is tolerated from the Police department. Council President Hollenbaugh responded that in no way does the City tolerate abuse of authority on behalf of City police officers.

Council President Hollenbaugh noted that Black's statements are allegations and accusations. Council President Hollenbaugh will read Black's handouts and would look into matters if warranted.

Mayor Aspacher, as head of the Executive branch, responded to Black's comments. Mayor Aspacher rejected questioning the City police division's credibility. Mayor Aspacher also defended the training of the division, which is nationally accredited. Mayor Aspacher assured residents that City of Bowling Green police officers are thoroughly trained to address violation situations that occur in a public building anywhere in Bowling Green.

Miranda Douglas, 9048 Rudolph Road, addressed City Council regarding Pride Month. Douglas expressed thanks for the proclamation from the City and to everyone for their support of the LGBTQ community. Douglas mentioned several upcoming events including a PRIDE in August being held at the First Presbyterian church and on June 26<sup>th</sup> Douglas will speak at the church.

Lindsay Jo Durham, 853 Parker Street, addressed City Council regarding BGO Pride Association's numerous upcoming events, thanked the Mayor for recognizing Pride Month and Juneteenth. The intent of the group is to increase visibility in Bowling Green Ohio are for members and families of the LGBTQIA+ community, provide education, and event planning. Durham also noted that PRIDE will be hosting upcoming events.

Mary Hinkleman, 217 S. Church Street, addressed City Council regarding Independence Day celebration on July 3<sup>rd</sup> which includes Fireworks shot off from the Wood County Fairgrounds, Tractor Pullers Association property. To help support the fireworks display, volunteers are sought for upcoming fundraising events.

### **NEW LEGISLATION**

Council Member Robinette, for the Finance Committee, introduce the following new legislation:

- Resolution to adopt the Estimate of Revenues for the year 2023.
- Ordinance providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Council President Hollenbaugh, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an Ordinance transferring certain properties in Innovative Technology Park to Bowling Green Economic Development in lieu of dues to facilitate a development project, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Rubando, for the Park, Recreation & Public Lands Committee, introduced an Ordinance authorizing the Public Services Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for improvements at City Park to include the paving of City Park Drive, construct a shared use walking path, pave/repair parking lots, and other related projects.

### **OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Mike Aspacher had no report.

Lori Tretter was not present at the meeting.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Public Services Bureau Director Joe Fawcett provided a reminder that the first firefly nights is June 17<sup>th</sup> in Downtown and parking restrictions and road closures will be imposed in support of the event.

Public Infrastructure Bureau Director Brian O'Connell reported the substation at Brim and Bishop was energized at the end of May. The City now has 4 interconnections points with the transition system outside of Bowling Green to get power to the City. Site cleanup work is being finalized.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Herald brought up a date change for the next Council meeting and the public hearing for the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee. Council President Hollenbaugh noted both of these meetings will be moved to Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> due to the Juneteenth holiday. Also, the first meeting in July will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Council Member Dennis scheduled a Sustainability Committee for Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for the purpose of reviewing greenhouse gas emission inventory and the waste diversion report.

### READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3825 adopting the Estimate of Revenues for the year 2023, for the first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #9011 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, for first reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #9011 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, and Dennis voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #9011 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Robinette moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #9011. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #9011 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #9012 transferring certain properties in Innovative Technology Park in Bowling Green Economic Development in lieu of dues to facilitate a development project, and declaring an emergency, for the first reading.

Council President Hollenbaugh moved, Herald seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #9012 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members O'Dorisio, Phipps, Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald, and Hollenbaugh, voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #9012 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council President Hollenbaugh moved, Herald seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #9012. On roll call vote, Council Members Phipps, Robinette, and Rubando, Dennis, Herald, Hollenbaugh, and O'Dorisio voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council President Hollenbaugh moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #9012. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rubando, Dennis, Herald Hollenbaugh, O'Dorisio, and Phipps, voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #9012 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #9013 authorizing the Public Services Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for improvements at City Park including paving of City Park Drive, constructing a shared use walking path, paving/repairing parking lots, and other related projects, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3824 adopting and authorizing an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Policy & Procedures Manual, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #9009 authorizing the Public Services Bureau Director to sign an LPA agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and to seek qualifications, advertise for bids, and enter into a contract or contracts for design, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and other services relating to the construction of a multi-use path along Brim Road and adjacent vicinity, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #9010 authorizing the placement of the Police Division building on West Wooster Street and the Needle Hall building located in City Park on the Local Historic Register as suggested by the Historic Preservation Commission, for second reading.

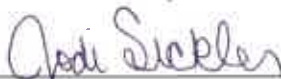
Clerk noted that there is no legislation for third reading.

Council Member Herald congratulated Jodi on a well done first meeting.

Council Member Dennis congratulated the organizers of Porchfest for what appeared to be a very successful event on Saturday. Council Member Dennis also thanked officers Lt. Skaff and Sehlhorse for their presence at the event.

Council President Hollenbaugh mentioned that the window has closed for the ARPA funding requests. A list of requests will be put together, circulated to Council members, and a discussion will take place to determine next steps.

Council Member Herald moved, O'Dorisio seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh adjourned the June 6, 2022 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:45 p.m., subject to call.

  
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Jodi Sickler, Clerk of Council

  
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Mark Hollenbaugh, President of Council