

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

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Held

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013

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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 7:25 p.m. by Council President Zanfardino. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Robinette, Rowland and Zanfardino responded. Also present were Mayor Richard Edwards, Municipal Administrator John Fawcett, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Public Works Director Brian Craft, Utilities Director Brian O'Connell, and Planning Director Heather Saylor. Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore was not present.

Council President Zanfardino declared the minutes of the meeting held March 4, 2013 approved as distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk noted that a listing of budget transfers for the month of March was received from Finance Director Brian Bushong and distributed to Council prior to the meeting for approval. Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to approve the transfers as presented. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Zanfardino declared motion carried. A copy of the transfers is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Clerk noted for the record that copies of the Budget Summary Report for the month of February 2013 was distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards reported that BGSU will be testing a campus bus service that will provide service to the downtown area (N. Main and Court Street) on a daily basis. Mayor Edwards noted that this is the result of discussions between the City and BGSU and he commended the University for initiating this trial program.

Mayor Edwards also pointed out that the new Bowling Green Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Visitor's Guide was distributed to Council this evening. He pointed out that the booklet features a new jointly operated Visitor's Center under the direction of the CVB located on the campus of BGSU and is a joint collaboration between the University and the City.

Mayor Edwards reported that he had the opportunity to join with AT&T state and regional officials along with State Senator Randy Gardener and State Representative Tim Brown in officially launching AT&T's new investment in a high-speed 4G/LTE wireless and wireline network operation at its new service center located on N. Main Street.

Mayor Edwards announced that Nathan Bevil, Preservation Services Manager for the Ohio Historical Society, will conduct an open forum on historic preservation and the work of his office in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, April 3, in the afternoon. The time will be announced later. Mayor Edwards thanked Planning Director Heather Saylor for her work in arranging the forum.

Mayor Edwards reported that TMACOG approved a new bylaw amendment creating a permanent seat on the TMACOG Board of Trustees for transit providers including BG Transit. The Mayor indicated that he see this as an important step of inclusion and asked that Council confirm his appointment of Grants Administrator Tina Bradley to the Board, with Victor Gable, Chair of the City's Transportation Advisory Committee, as an alternate. Council Member Rowland moved, Gordon seconded, to approve the appointment as presented by the Mayor. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Zanfardino declared motion carried.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett had no report.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Grigore was not present.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported that First Energy has taken out one of the three electric feeds into the City for servicing. Thus far no problems have been encountered while the one feed is down. O'Connell also reported that he recently attended the APPA Legislative Conference and heard many good and informative discussions on public power legislative issues.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that heavy item pick up began today in the First Ward and will continue all week. Craft also reported that Public Works has used 810 tons of salt and 19,000 gallons of brine thus far in this winter season.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution adopting amendments to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file a grant application and enter into an agreement with the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments for the purpose of acquiring financial assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Program.

Council Member Gordon, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced a resolution adopting the Bowling Green Fire Division Standards of Cover for 2013.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Gordon reported that the Community Improvement Committee met earlier this evening to begin discussions regarding issues pertaining to the east side residents of the City.

Council Member Robinette reported that as a member of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, he encourages Council Members to visit the Visitors' Center on the BGSU campus and to meet the new coordinator of the center.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Wally Pretzer, 918 Sunset Drive, addressed Council regarding saving the former Junior High property as green space for a multiple of uses by the citizens of the City. Pretzer told Council that the green space created by the demolition is an asset to the community and suggest the City not follow through with long-range plans to build a new City building on the site.

Maria Simon, 36 Ranch Court, indicated that she was the Children's Librarian at the Wood County Library and noted that they are conducting their first Youth Community Reads program during the month of May. Simon announced that the book being promoted is Wonder by R.J. Palacio. She encouraged everyone to read the book. Council Member Rowland challenged fellow Council Members to also read the book.

Gail Nader, 307 W. Wooster, agreed with Mr. Pretzer regarding keeping the green space on the corner of W. Wooster and S. Church Street. She also suggested a change to the no parking zone on South Grove Street near the Wooster Street intersection because of the safety issue with vehicles getting around parked cars that are parked close to the stop sign.

Earlene Kilpatrick, BG Chamber of Commerce, invited Council Members to the State of County address being held tomorrow in the Wood County Building Atrium at 8:00 a.m.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3534 adopting amendments to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3535 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file a grant application and enter into an agreement with the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments for the purpose of acquiring financial assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Program, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3536 adopting the Bowling Green Fire Division Standards of Cover for 2013, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3533 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file an annual 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 second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8239 authorizing the Utilities Director to execute an amendment to the Master Service Agreement with American Municipal Power, Inc., for the Ecosmart Choice Program as amended to include the sustainability grant program, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8240 authorizing the Utilities Director to execute an amendment to the 2008 agreement with Reiss Engineering, Inc., for engineering and construction services for a reservoir pump station for the integrated membrane system at the Water Treatment Plant, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8237 certifying unpaid cost of snow removal to the County Auditor for placement on the tax duplicate, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Robinette seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8237. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Zanfardino declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8237 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8238 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to seek qualifications and enter into a contract or contracts for updates to the Future Land Use Section of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, for third reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Robinette seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8238. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Zanfardino declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8238 adopted.

Council Member Rowland suggested that a committee be put together to study the issue of maintaining the green space at the former location of the junior high school building. Council Member Robinette indicated that prior to going any further with this issue, the present Council needs to be brought up to date on why this site was chosen for a City building. Robinette noted that people have spent a lot of time and study in the past and Council needs to have an understanding of the history before continuing the discussion.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett told Council that there is a considerable amount of information that can be shared with Council dating back to 2005 when most Council Members were not in office. Fawcett suggested scheduling a meeting after they have a chance to review the material.