

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10148

Held

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

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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 Aspacher. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Gavarone moved, Rowland seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 5, 2015 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kay Scherreik noted for the record that copies of the Budget Summary Report for the month of September 2015 was distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards reported that the long awaited dedication of the new Ridge Park was held earlier today and commended all who worked so diligently in making the park and event happen.

Mayor Edwards reported that the BGSU Homecoming parade went amazingly well despite many situations happening throughout the City involving accidents on I-75, the beginning of the bridge slide at the intersection of I-75 and Route 6 and many other traffic jams in all directions. The Mayor indicated that it was a tough afternoon for all of the City's first responders, the State Highway Patrol, the Wood County Sheriff's department, and ODOT. The Mayor commended Police Chief Tony Hetrick and Fire Chief Tom Sanderson and their employees on a job well done under extremely difficult circumstances. He also commended the staff of the Public Works Division who did their best to assist the first responders with increased traffic complications.

Mayor Edwards also expressed his sincere and heartfelt sympathies to the Venn Family after a tragic accident on Friday afternoon involving two BGHS sisters resulting in the death of Dakota Venn. Mayor Edwards commended the quick responses by School Superintendent Francis Scruci and the thoughtful efforts to pay a warm tribute to Dakota by the BGHS students and Bobcat march band on Friday evening at the football game.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter reported that the City will once again have the opportunity to host the Leadership BG group on Wednesday. The group will have the opportunity to hear from the City's Administrative staff as well as Council Member McOmber.

Tretter also reported that BGSU is holding an event called "Real Talk with Real Cops" on Tuesday, October 20, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on campus. Tretter indicated that Police Chief Tony Hetrick will be participating in the event.

Tretter further reported that after some delays, a target date of mid-November has been set for the City's new website to be fully operational.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley commented regarding the Ridge Park opening held today indicating that approximately 180 people were in attendance.

City Attorney Michael Marsh was not present.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported that they are performing the annual hydrant flushing throughout the City. He noted that the process is about halfway done at this point.

Public Works Director Brian Craft indicated that the City took delivery last week of approximately 200 tons of roadway salt. He also reported that the new salt dome is currently being constructed and is expected to be finished in time for the upcoming winter season. Craft also indicated that leaf collection could possibly begin the week of November 9.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an 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, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced a resolution to approve agreements and authorize the Municipal Administrator to sign the agreements between the City of Bowling Green and Bowling Green Holdings, LLC, to provide incentives available for project development in the Bowling Green Community Reinvestment Area Number 4.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 512 Pearl Street from M-1 Light Industrial to B-1 Limited Commercial zoning.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 300 E. Wooster Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District zoning.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member McOmber reminded Council Members of the upcoming Committee-of-the-Whole meeting being held on Monday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. to have a preliminary discussion regarding the 2016 budget.

Council Member Jeffers commented that two public hearings were held earlier this evening regarding Ordinance #8453 and #8454. He noted that no detrimental information was heard and that the items will be voted upon in this evening's meeting.

Council Member Gordon scheduled a Community Improvement Committee meeting for Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. to hold a follow up discussion of the City's refuse container issue and housing improvement initiatives.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Barbara Ruland, Downtown BG, announced that the ribbon cutting for Four Corners Center will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 28. She also noted that the downtown Trick or Treat will be held on October 29 from 4-6 p.m. and that fundraising efforts have begun for the downtown holiday decorations with an event at Stone's Throw on November 11.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3607 to approve agreements and authorize the Municipal Administrator to sign the agreements between the City of Bowling Green and Bowling Green Holdings, LLC, to provide incentives available for project development in the Bowling Green Community Reinvestment Area Number 4, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8465 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Gavarone seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8465 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8465 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Gordon seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8465. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gavarone voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8465 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8466 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 512 Pearl Street from M-1 Light Industrial to B-1 Limited Commercial zoning, for first reading.

Council Member Jeffers announced that a public hearing will be held regarding Ordinance #8466 on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Clerk read Ordinance #8467 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 300 E. Wooster Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District zoning, for first reading.

Council Member Jeffers announced that a public hearing will be held regarding Ordinance #8467 on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Clerk read Resolution #3606 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purpose of purchasing vehicles, machinery, materials, supplies, or other articles, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8463 amending and adopting Chapter 95A of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding municipal income tax, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8459 authorizing the Utilities Director to accept the assignment and assumption of the Telecommunications Network Lease Agreement with Wood County Internet Council to include Addendum #1 in said agreement to Buckeye Telesystems, Inc., for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Gordon seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8459. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8459 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8461 authorizing the Utilities Director to apply for and execute an agreement for an Ohio EPA Harmful Algal Bloom Grant for the purchase of testing equipment, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Gavarone seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8461. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8461 adopted.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Gavarone seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8453 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 524 E. Wooster Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District zoning. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, and McOmber voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8453 adopted.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8454 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the property generally known as 111 N. Enterprise Street and 315, 319, 325 and 329 E. Wooster Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District zoning. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gavarone, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8454 adopted.

Council Member McOmber moved, Gordon seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the October 19, 2015 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:34 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council



Michael Aspacher, President of Council