

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

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016**

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

Council Member Seeliger moved, Rowland seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 2016 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Kay Scherreik reported that an application was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer of Class D1, D2, D3 and D3A liquor permit from Wooster Street Pub, LLC, dba Shots, Inc., located at 153 E. Wooster Street, Bowling Green, Ohio, to Wooster Street Pub, LLC, dba Shots, Inc., located at 309 S. Main Street, Bowling Green, Ohio. Clerk noted that a check of the records was requested and no detrimental information was noted.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Dick Edwards had no report.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter reminded Council and citizens that the City Building will be closed on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Tretter also noted that the City experienced its first snow event last weekend and reviewed City ordinances regarding snow streets.

Planning Director Heather Saylor was not present.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley had no report.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell had no report.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reported that improvements are planned for the East Wooster Street corridor in the form of new pedestrian crossings. Craft explained that the project will be done in conjunction with ODOT with pedestrian hybrid beacons placed on East Wooster near the Stroh Center and in the area of McFall Center. Craft noted that the total project cost for both crossings is approximately \$368,000 and will be paid for completely from ODOT safety program funding. Work is expected to be done during the summer of 2017.

**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 a resolution transferring previously appropriated funds.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance to provide appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Utilities Director to enter into a contract with the Local Government Services Division of the State Auditor's Office, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance establishing interim zoning for property recently annexed to the City as petitioned for by Linda St. Arnaud and generally known as 16415 Brim Road of R-2 Single Family Residential zoning.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to an anticipated absence, Council Member Zanfardino rescheduled the January 17, 2017 meeting of the Transportation & Safety Committee to February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

### LOBBY VISITATIONS

Jeff Zuhlsdorf, 1013 Pearl Street, addressed Council regarding a ticket he received for a parking violation in City Lot 2. Zuhlsdorf indicated that he was unaware that the meters had been replaced with the kiosk system. Zuhlsdorf suggested that the City posting notices on the rear entrances of businesses notifying citizens of the parking system change and suggested more signage. Council President Aspacher indicated that the City has been making ongoing efforts to educate the public about the parking lot changes and thanked him for his suggestions.

Neocles Leontis, 119 N. Summit Street, asked Council what plans they had going forward regarding potential pipeline projects that come into the area and seek to take property by eminent domain. Council President Aspacher noted that he had not had any conversations with other Council Members or the Administration, but indicated that is more than likely that Nexus would seek to gain eminent domain rights for the easement recently turned down by Council and that his personal feeling is that he would be very reluctant to take any legal action to stop it because of the tremendous amount of City resources it would take from the City's already tight finances. He noted that in light of the current issues with the City's general fund, it would be difficult for him to justify an expenditure of that magnitude for that purpose. Council Member Jeffers and Rowland said that if the pipeline continues, they would be interested in learning about safety information and concerns, especially as it crosses the Maumee River.

Sandy Wiechman, coordinator of Safe Communities of Wood County, addressed City Council regarding the proposed roundabouts and provided statistics to ease concerns and fears about roundabouts. Wiechman gave statistics dating back to 2013 regarding crashes between Mercer and Dunbridge Roads. In 2013 there were 70 crashes in that area and so far this year there have been 33 crashes. She also stated that statistics show a 35% reduction in total crashes for roundabouts with a 90% reduction in fatal crashes and 76% reduction in injury crashes due to the slower speeds of vehicles once they enter the roundabout.

Nathan Eberly, 907 Sand Ridge Road, expressed his concerns regarding safety along two curves on Sand Ridge Road and asked is more signage could be installed to warn drivers of the approaching curves.

Bud Henschen, 426 S. Mitchell, commented regarding the funding of the roundabouts and whether or not taxes would have to be raised to pay for them. Council Member McOmber assured Henschen that the City has the funds appropriated for the payment of the bonds that will be used to finance the project. Henschen said that if the funding is available and there is data to show that roundabouts are safer, then he wasn't opposed to it.

Marc Schaller, 10 Arlington, also addressed Council regarding his concerns about the safety of roundabouts stating that he has experience motorist speeding up as they approach the roundabout in order to beat oncoming traffic.

Rob Plasecki, 1064 Orleans, stated that his experience has been that truck drivers like roundabouts because it slows down traffic and keeps it moving.

#### READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3650 transferring previously appropriated funds, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3650 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3650 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Resolution #3650. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3650 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8552 to provide appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to give Ordinance #8552 its second reading. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8552 for second reading by number and title only.

Clerk read Ordinance #8553 authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Utilities Director to enter into a contract with the Local Government Services Division of the State Auditor's Office, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8553 its second reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, and McOmber voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8553 for second reading by number and title only.

Clerk read Ordinance #8554 establishing interim zoning for property recently annexed to the City as petitioned for by Linda St. Arnaud and generally known as 16415 Brim Road of R-2 Single Family Residential zoning, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3649 supporting the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Government (TMACOG) efforts for emergency interconnection with neighboring water systems, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8551 accepting annexation of approximately 0.75 acres of land in Plain Township, Wood County, Ohio, from Linda St. Arnaud, petitioner, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3647 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to enter into a renewal agreement with the Wood County Public Defender, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber, moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Resolution #3647. On roll call vote, Council Members Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3647 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8548 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation's Preliminary Legislation for the conversion of two stop controlled intersections to roundabouts at I-75, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8548. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, and Seeliger voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8548 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8549 amending and adopting Section 33.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relative to pay scales for seasonal employees, and declaring an emergency, for third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8549. On roll call vote, Council Members Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member McOmber moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8549. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8549 adopted.

Council President Aspacher announced that City Council will be meeting on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in order to conduct its regular business in conjunction with year-end business. He also noted that the first meeting in January would be canceled.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Rowland seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the December 19, 2016 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:00 p.m., subject to call.

  
Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council

  
Michael Aspacher, President of Council