

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 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 7:10 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, Assistant Municipal Administrator Joe Fawcett, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Public Works Director Brian Craft, Utilities Director Brian O'Connell, and Planning Director Heather Saylor. Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter and Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley were not present.

Council Member Rowland moved, Zanfardino seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 6, 2016 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk of Council Kay Scherreik indicated that there was no correspondence.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards noted that he sent a letter to the Mayor of the City of Fostoria regarding the troubling news that that city has been declared by the State Auditor to be in a state of financial crisis. He indicated that he offered best wishes as they deal with the circumstances surrounding the fiscal emergency.

Mayor Edwards also noted that he was extremely disappointed to learn of the recent decision by the Board of Trustees of Buckeye Boys State to relocate their program from BGSU to Miami University for the next five years. Mayor Edwards publicly thanked BGSU President Mary Ellen Mazey, State Senator Randy Gardner, Wendy Chambers of the City's Convention & Visitors Bureau for their all-out effort to retain Boys State in BG after a 39 year relationship. Mayor Edwards indicated that it is his hope that BGSU will be successful in bringing Boys State back to campus at the end of the five-year contract period.

Mayor Edwards thanked members of the City's Human Relations Commission, the leadership of Not in our Town (NIOT) movement and members of the LGBT community for all they did to heighten community awareness regarding the horrific event in Orlando and to remind fellow citizens about the importance of fighting hate in any form.

Mayor Edwards congratulated Bowling Green resident and teacher Jeff Wilbarger on receiving the Jefferson Awards Foundation's top award, the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award recognizing Mr. Wilbarger's dedication to the Daughter Project, a faith-based recovery home he founded in BG to help victims of human trafficking.

Mayor Edwards also congratulated the City's Utilities Director, Brian O'Connell, upon receiving the nationally prominent 2016 Robert E. Roundtree Rising Star Award given by the American Power Association at the recent annual meeting held in Phoenix.

Mayor Edwards noted that the City's Planning Director Heather Saylor recently returned from the annual meeting of the International Town & Gown Association in Chicago where she received on behalf of the City/BGSU Not In Our Town movement the second annual impACT Award: Putting Practice Into Action for the Betterment of Communities – the Quality of Life category.

Mayor Edwards commended former Wood County Commissioner and most recently State Representative Tim Brown on being name the next President of TMACOG.

Mayor Edwards requested confirmation of the appointment of Dawn McCaghy to the Traffic Commission for a term ending May 31, 2020. Council Member Rowland moved, Zanfardino seconded, to approve the appointment as presented by the Mayor. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Assistant Municipal Administrator Joe Fawcett reported that the City's annual fireworks display will be held on Sunday, July 3, at dusk. Fawcett indicated that there will be no access to the University's stadium due to an on-going construction project.

Fawcett also reported regarding the following upcoming events:

- Question and answer sessions regarding the new parking kiosks will be held on June 28 at Four Corners Center at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Coffee with a Cop will be held on June 29 from 8-10 a.m. at Biggy Coffee;
- City Auction will be held on June 22 at 4 p.m. at the Public Works garage.

Planning Director Heather Saylor reported that the City has hired a consultant as plans move forward on a neighborhood revitalization study. Saylor indicated that a Chicago-based firm, Camiros, has been hired for \$98,300. She indicated that the firm is nationally recognized in a number of areas and are known for implementing plans. Work is set to begin in July with a 14-month timeline for completion.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley was not present.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell updated Council on the water plant improvements and indicated that construction on the solar field project will likely begin in the first part of July with plans to be operational by the end of the year.

Public Works Director Brian Craft updated Council on the Gypsy Lane/S. Main Street intersection upgrades project and work being done in City parking lot #2. Craft also introduced the City's new Arborist, Grant Jones.

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 adopting the Estimate of Revenues for the year 2017.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance for cleaning of streets by special assessment.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance amending and adopting Section 33.03(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relating to pay for school police, interns, and civil infractions hearing officer.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance accepting annexation of approximately 6.20 acres of land in Center Township, Wood County, Ohio, from Steven M. & Marcia L. Seubert, petitioners.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance establishing interim zoning of R-1 Single-Family Residential for approximately 6.20 acres of land located on the south side of Napoleon Road between 1502 and 1518 Napoleon Road, recently annexed to the City as petitioned for by Steven and Marcia Seubert.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced an ordinance amending and adopting Section 150.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding zoning code definitions, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Jeffers noted that public hearings will be held for the two previous ordinances on Monday, August 1, 2016, at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Gordon reported that the Community Improvement Committee met earlier this evening to continue discussion regarding regulation of refuse container placement and revisions in Chapter 94 of the Codified Ordinances. Gordon indicated that the committee hopes to be in a position to make recommendations to Council after the next committee meeting. Gordon scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, July 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Gwen Andrix, 488 Lehman Avenue, thanked the Mayor and members of Council for their support throughout the community. Andrix indicated that as a transgender woman, she feels safe and accepted in Bowling Green. Andrix also thanked the NIOT movement for their support in the recently held vigil.

Gary Hess, 216 Baldwin Avenue, expressed his support for placing limitations on the placement of trash cans on private property. Hess pointed to the Land Use Plan that was approved two years ago indicating that the plan seeks to enhance the quality of residential life in Bowling Green to attract and retain permanent residents. Hess indicated that restricting the placement of trash cans to certain areas of the property takes a step towards improving the aesthetics of neighborhoods. Hess noted that moving forward on the proposed changes to the ordinance takes steps towards fulfilling the goals of the Land Use Plan.

Ginny Stewart, 1249 Brownwood Drive, agreed with everything that Gary Hess said, but noted that it is broader than just the residences of Bowling Green as she is a business owner in the downtown area. She noted that good first impression is needed to attract people from other communities to come into Bowling Green and shop at the local stores and dine at local restaurants. She asked Council to not only consider the residences of Bowling Green, but also how it can affect the businesses in town.

Lori Young, 325 N. Prospect Street, presented a slide show featuring properties that have left out refuse containers or trash outside their homes.

Matt Bostdorff, 433 S. Maple Street, stated that he feels that the point of all of this comes to how do you get people to want to do these things (take care of their trash receptacles) because they are part of something much bigger as Bowling Green competes with other communities to attract new residents.

Steve Doyle, 1047 Lindenwood Lane, noted that people don't know how to get rid of old television sets. He stated that Staples will take in and dispose of old electronics free of charge.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3630 adopting the Estimate of Revenues for the year 2017, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8521 for cleaning of streets by special assessment, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8522 amending and adopting Section 33.03(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, relating to pay for school police, interns, and civil infractions hearing officer, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8523 accepting annexation of approximately 6.20 acres of land in Center Township, Wood County, Ohio, from Steven M. & Marcia L. Seubert, petitioners, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8524 establishing interim zoning of R-1 Single-Family Residential for approximately 6.20 acres of land located on the south side of Napoleon Road between 1502 and 1518 Napoleon Road, recently annexed to the City as petitioned for by Steven and Marcia Seubert, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8525 amending and adopting Section 150.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding zoning code definitions, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3629 authorizing the filing of a proposal(s) and/or application(s) with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under Federal Transit Laws, as Codified, 49 USC Section 5311, financial assistance for other than urbanized areas and funds available from the Ohio Public Transportation Grant program, executing a contract/grant for the FY 2017 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance program, and executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal and/or application acceptance, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8519 authorizing the Utilities Director to accept a utility easement from Meijer Distribution, Inc., for second reading.

Council Member Rowland moved, Gavarone seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the June 20, 2016 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:04 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council



Michael Aspacher, President of Council