

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 101-48

Held

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

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

Council Member Seeliger moved, Gordon seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 29, 2016 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Dick Edwards conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Deputy Fire Chief Doug Isaacson. Mayor Edwards also commented on the well-attended, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. tribute that was held on Friday, January 13, at the Wood County Library. Mayor Edwards noted that this event was sponsored by the City's Human Relations Commission and NIOT. Mayor Edwards also expressed his support for the anti-Islamophobia resolution that is on Council's agenda this evening which condemns all hateful speech, violent action and discrimination directed at Muslim people.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter had no report.

Planning Director Heather Saylor reminded Council of the joint meeting with the Planning Commission that will be held on Tuesday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wood County Library. Saylor noted that a representative from Camiros will be giving a presentation on the progress of the Community Action Plan (CAP) at that joint meeting. Saylor also noted that a third public meeting regarding the CAP will be held on Tuesday, February 7, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Wood County Courthouse.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley distributed information on the upcoming Brown Bag Music Series that begins on Friday, January 20, at the Simpson Building. Otley also distributed a list of events being held at the upcoming Winterfest Chillabration event held February 10-12.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell updated City Council on the solar field project and noted that while not yet complete, the project is generating up to 14 megawatts of power.

Public Works Director Brian Craft had no report.

**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 authorizing an agreement between the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, and the Wood County Regional Airport Authority.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Utilities Director to enter into a contract or contracts with specified vendors for work that may exceed \$50,000 annually for calendar year 2017.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for sidewalk improvements, pavement striping, deicing salt, and improving streets, alleys, and other public ways in the City of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts and/or participate in State of Ohio or Federal purchasing programs for the purchase of vehicles and equipment as well as the trade-in or outright sale of vehicles and equipment being replaced and/or no longer needed for municipal purposes.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to petition the Board of County Commissioners of Wood County, Ohio, to change township lines.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, introduced a resolution approving revisions to the Parks and Recreation Department Section of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio.

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 510 East Wooster Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District 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 516 East Wooster Street from B-2 General Commercial to B-5 Transitional Central Business District zoning.

Council Member Gordon introduced a resolution condemning violence, hate speech, and discrimination targeting Muslim people and expressing solidarity with the Muslim community and all those targeted for their ethnicity, race or religion.

Council Member Gordon, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio to file an annual application (plan) 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.

Council Member Gordon, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file a four year capital and operating plan for the years 2017 through 2020 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation, as authorized under Federal Transit Laws, as Codified, 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for Other Than Urbanized Areas.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Council Committee reports.

**LOBBY VISITATIONS**

Wendy Chambers, Bowling Green Convention & Visitors Bureau, addressed Council regarding the upcoming Winterfest Chillabration event being held the weekend of February 10-12. Chambers reviewed events happening throughout the weekend and encouraged citizens to attend.

Emily Manago, 914 Lafayette Blvd, noted that she is the Co-Chair of the City's Human Relations Commission and expressed support on behalf of the Commission for the resolution condemning violence, hate speech and discrimination targeting Muslim people in our community.

The following individuals addressed Council regarding safety concerns for the Bowling Green water supply posed by the close proximity of the proposed Nexus natural gas pipeline and as it relates to the BG fault line:

- Neocles Leontis – 119 N. Summit Street
- Lisa Kochheiser – 1045 Varsity West
- Dr. Bob Vincent – BGSU Professor
- Paul Wolfarth – Ottawa Lake, Michigan
- Janice Lauer - 17450 W. River Road

These individuals asked Council to obtain an independent evaluation of the dangers involved and to file a formal complaint with FERC regarding the matter.

Amira Hassnaoui, President of the BGSU Graduate Student Senate, addressed Council in support of the anti-Islamophobia resolution on tonight's agenda. She indicated that there is fear not only of those who are Muslim, but also to many who appear to be Muslim. Hassnaoui shared her story and noted reasons why members of her family are fearful and that having a voice is a privilege. She said that nobody should walk in fear because of who they are.

Niko Verado also spoke in favor of the resolution. He indicated that he is a second generation Latino and spoke of his fear of the President's promise to deport undocumented immigrants.

Ahmaad Mehumood, a native of India, also spoke in support of the resolution indicated that it is more than symbolic. He indicated that he feels safer here in the U.S. than in his own country, but that hate is a basic instinct and passing this resolution is an important step.

Bea Fields, 519 Reed Street, indicated that her father is an undocumented immigrant and she fears what may happen to him. She expressed her support for the resolution saying that Bowling Green has an opportunity to be better.

**READING OF LEGISLATION**

Clerk read Resolution #3653 authorizing the City Attorney to petition the Board of County Commissioners of Wood County, Ohio, to change township lines, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3654 approving revisions to the Parks and Recreation Department Section of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3655 condemning violence, hate speech, and discrimination targeting Muslim people and expressing solidarity with the Muslim community and all those targeted for their ethnicity, race or religion, for first reading.

Council Member Gordon, who introduced Resolution #3655 read a prepared statement regarding his support for the resolution. This statement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Council Member Jeffers thanked those who spoke earlier this evening for their remarks regarding this resolution and noted that he perceived approval not only in the audience but also among his fellow Council Members. Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3655 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3655 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Gordon moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Resolution #3655. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Clerk read Resolution #3656 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio to file an annual application (plan) 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 first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3657 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file a four year capital and operating plan for the years 2017 through 2020 with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation, as authorized under Federal Transit Laws, as Codified, 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for Other Than Urbanized Areas, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8555 authorizing an agreement between the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, and the Wood County Regional Airport Authority, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8556 authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Utilities Director to enter into a contract or contracts with specified vendors for work that may exceed \$50,000 annually for calendar year 2017, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8557 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for sidewalk improvements, pavement striping, deicing salt, and improving streets, alleys, and other public ways in the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8558 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts and/or participate in State of Ohio or Federal purchasing programs for the purchase of vehicles and equipment as well as the trade-in or outright sale of vehicles and equipment being replaced and/or no longer needed for municipal purposes, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8559 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for 510 East 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 #8559 on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Clerk read Ordinance #8560 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for 516 East 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 #8560 on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Clerk read Resolution #3652 adopting the Bowling Green Fire Division 5-year Strategic Plan, for second reading.

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 third reading.

Council Member Jeffers noted that a public hearing is scheduled for Ordinance #8554 on Monday, February 5, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. and moved to table the ordinance until that date. Council Member Gordon seconded the motion. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Aspacher, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8554 tabled until February 5, 2017.

Council Member Rowland moved, Gordon seconded, to excuse Council Member Zanfardino from this evening's meeting. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Seeliger seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the January 17, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:43 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council



Michael Aspacher, President of Council

Date: January 17, 2017

To: Bowling Green City Council  
 From: Brian Bushong, Finance Director  
 Subject: Request for Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds, Monthly Transfer

Fund	Dept.	Account	Description	From	To
1010	190	92400	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 3,050.00	
4030	000	69410	Green Space Acquisition Fund, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 3,050.00
4030	710	92100	Green Space Acquisition Fund, Recreation Department, Transfer To General	\$ 2,225.00	
1010	000	69440	General, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 2,225.00
1010	190	92200	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Special Revenue	\$ 2,916.67	
2007	000	69410	Payroll Stabilization, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 2,916.67
2078	170	92300	Municipal Court Special Projects, Municipal Court, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 6,833.33	
3025	000	69420	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Special Revenue		\$ 6,833.33
4018	810	92300	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 40,053.17	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 40,053.17
4018	810	92400	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 15,083.33	
4005	000	69440	Equipment Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 15,083.33
4029	423	92300	Street Repair, Street Repair, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 14,945.83	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 14,945.83
1010	190	92200	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Special Revenue	\$ 5,252.58	
2021	000	69410	ODOT Transportation Grant (Taxi), Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 5,252.58
2024	545	92200	Community Development, CDBG Block Grant, Transfer To Special Revenue	\$ 35,810.00	
2021	000	69420	ODOT Transportation Grant (Taxi), Revenue, Transfer From Special Revenue		\$ 35,810.00
4052	810	92300	Community Center, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 1,267.84	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 1,267.84
4055	710	92300	Aquatic Facility Capital Improvement, Recreation Department, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 22,847.17	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 22,847.17
5111	651	92500	Electric Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 205,611.00	
5113	651	92500	Electric Depreciation, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 74,928.03	
5112	000	69450	Electric Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 280,539.03
5221	651	92500	Water Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 47,725.00	
5223	651	92500	Water Depreciation, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 99,220.69	
5222	000	69450	Water Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 146,945.69
5331	651	92500	Sewer Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 13,805.50	
5333	651	92500	Sewer Depreciation, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 1,753.84	
5332	000	69450	Sewer Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 15,559.34
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 593,328.98</b>	<b>\$ 593,328.98</b>


**Request for Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds  
 Monthly Transfer Request from Brian Bushong, Finance Director**

Mr. President, I'd like to give some context for the legislation I'm introducing tonight that condemns acts of hate and prejudice toward the Muslim community. I decided to introduce this resolution because I was and remain concerned for the physical, emotional, and psychological safety and wellbeing of my constituents who happen to be Muslim.

This past year we have seen an alarming rise in hate crimes carried out across our nation. Just in the last two months alone, over 1,094 have been committed. Northwest Ohio has not been immune. I have been working on this legislation with many citizens and civic groups over the last several weeks, and exactly a week ago today, a family in Sylvania Township found their home defaced and defiled by an Islamophobic message, including a swastika, scrawled in black spray paint.

Bowling Green is not immune, either. One of our volunteers this past weekend for the MLK food drive was reportedly called the N-word. We are not isolated from the wider currents of reaction sweeping across the nation. And what is national is also local: our citizens, no matter their walk of life, deserve and have the right to live in a community where they feel safe, respected, and valued. Too many members of our Bowling Green family worry that what happens elsewhere could happen here, and to various degrees already has.

Bowling Green sets an example to other communities by standing up to hate. I am proud that we have civic institutions undertaking meaningful and necessary work to stamp out hate. Bowling Green is a better place to live because of the work of Not in Our Town, the Human Relations Commission, and Bowling Green State University.

But they should not be alone in that work. We, as elected officials, have a moral responsibility to show that we stand with all our citizens. City Council cannot just leave all the substantive work to these groups and feel it has done its part. We must engage, too. We must share the responsibility.

So this is a resolution of preemptive action. We seek to prevent further incidents. We will not tolerate any act or word of hate against any member of our Bowling Green family. This is our tradition, and we must reaffirm that tradition moving forward. This resolution supplements existing efforts by our civic institutions and seeks to improve quality of life by enhancing many of our citizens' sense of safety and security.

As such, this legislation is a deliberate team effort. It has now gone through 5 different drafts. The resolution is supported by Mayor Edwards, the city's Human Relations Commission, our local chapter of Not In Our Town, the Bowling Green Ministerial Association, and the BGSU Muslim Student Association, and it bears their thoughtfulness and deliberativeness. And it represents a truly interfaith collaboration, being supported by members of the Islamic, Jewish, and Christian faiths, including several different denominations.

I thank all who have worked on this to date, and I look forward to a healthy and open discussion of this legislation with my fellow Council members.