

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 15148

Held

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 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 7:15 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, Planning Director Heather Saylor, and Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley. Utilities Director Brian O'Connell was not present.

Council Member Rowland moved, Seeliger seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 5, 2017 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR EDWARDS

The Mayor began the meeting with the swearing-in of James Ritterbach as Fire Division Lieutenant and Lucas Ward as Fire Division Captain.

Mayor Edwards introduced members of the Human Relations Commission, Marcy St. John and Margaret Montegue, who presented the quarterly Honor Roll Award to representatives of the Brown Bag Food Project.

Mayor Edwards also introduced representatives of the Bicycle Safety Commission who presented the Bicycle Spokesperson of the Year to Meg Ramlow who received the award on behalf of her late husband, Eric Ramlow.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk noted that a request for an additional budget transfers for the month of June was received from Finance Director Brian Bushong and distributed to Council prior to the meeting for approval. Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland 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.

Clerk noted for the record that copies of the Budget Summary Report for the month of May 2017 was distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Colleen Smith, 1126 Clark Street, addressed City Council on behalf of the Wood County Committee on Aging to express her thanks for its support of the decision to donate property for relocation of the senior center. Later in the meeting, Smith noted that a brainstorming session is being held at the library on Tuesday morning for those interested in attending.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Edwards reported that the Wooster Green Steering Committee will meet on Thursday, June 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room to review the four basic concept plans.

Mayor Edwards confirmed to Council and the public that he joined with the U.S. Conference of Mayors in supporting the Climate Protection Agreement for renewed and continuing efforts to promote higher degrees of energy sustainability.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter reported that the annual community fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 3 at dusk at the BGSU Intramural Fields. She also noted that the Community Band Concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. near the BGSU Milet Alumni Center. Tretter also reported that the annual Downtown Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tretter reviewed anticipated street closures and no parking zones related to the car show.

In response to a request from City Council, Tretter clarified some information regarding the proposed "golf cart legislation". Tretter indicated that to best understand this proposed change, it is important to recognize that there is a difference between a low speed vehicle and an under speed vehicle. She explained that in general, low-speed vehicles come from the factory "street ready" and are able to accelerate more quickly. As the law currently stands, low speed vehicles are already regulated and must have a license plate. Therefore, they do not need to be regulated by this ordinance. However, under speed vehicles like golf carts, are not currently plated and licensed and are the focus of the state regulations that the City is attempting to comply with through the proposed legislation. As previously mentioned, local government can allow for under speed vehicles if they implement an inspection program. The Bowling Green Police Division will administer the inspection program. The proposed legislation will allow for vehicles that pass the inspection to operate on 25-MPH streets with the exception of Main and Wooster Streets.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley had no report.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell was not present.

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 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 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 33.01(A), (G) & (N) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding salary schedule established, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member McOmber, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance amending and adopting Section 33.27(A) & (C) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding vacations effective July 3, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Aspacher, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance accepting easement from Nathan M. Bernath and Emily Bernath for purposes of installing a street light at 1159 Dakota Court.

Council Member Aspacher, for the Public Utilities Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Utilities Director to transfer the former Marville water tower properties to Habitat for Humanity.

Council Member Gordon, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced an Ordinance amending and adopting Section 94.05(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding refuse and recycling collection.

Council Member Gordon, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the filing of (a) proposal(s) and/or (an) 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, the submittal of (a) proposal(s) with the Ohio Department of Transportation for a 5339(B) and 5339 grant through the US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under Federal transit law and funds available from the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program and executing contracts with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal acceptance, executing a contract/grant for the FY 2018 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, and executing contracts with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal and/or application approval.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced a resolution adopting and authorizing an amended B.G. Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced a resolution amending and adopting changes to the Procurement Manual for the B.G. Transit Program.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member McOmber reported that the Committee-of-the-Whole met earlier this evening to discuss the on-going issue with the City's General Fund. McOmber noted that it was decided at that meeting that the option of collecting a trash collection fee would be instituted on January 1, 2018. McOmber indicated that there are a number of details that will need to be worked out between now and then, but the intention that whatever the costs are to collect trash, the City will charge the residents a fee to offset those costs. McOmber explained that no one on Council is happy about making this decision, but the reason behind the decision is that the City's General Fund has lost approximately 10% of its funding over the last few years from state and federal government cuts.

Council Member Jeffers from the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee reported regarding the Welcome BG Task Force indicating that efforts are underway by that committee on how it can be implemented in the community. Jeffers noted that one of the first things the committee did was look at other communities and how they have implemented it in their cities. He also noted that one of the goals that the task force is focusing on at this time is the economic implications of being a welcoming city. Secondly, Jeffers reported that the planning consultants currently working on the City's neighborhood revitalization plan performed a big project in the city of South Bend, Indiana. Jeffers urged Council Members and citizens to go online and look at the areas around the university to see how South Bend transitions from its main street by the university into the surrounding neighborhoods.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3670 authorizing the filing of (a) proposal(s) and/or (an) 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, the submittal of (a) proposal(s) with the Ohio Department of Transportation for a 5339(B) and 5339 grant through the US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under Federal transit law and funds available from the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program and executing contracts with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal acceptance, executing a contract/grant for the FY 2018 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, and executing contracts with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal and/or application approval, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3671 amending and adopting changes to the Procurement Manual for the B.G. Transit Program, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3672 adopting and authorizing an amended B.G. Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8605 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Zanfardino seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8605 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 Ordinance #8605 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8605. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8605 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8606 for cleaning of streets by special assessment, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8607 amending and adopting Section 33.01(A), (G) & (N) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding salary schedule established, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8607 its second and third 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 #8607 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Seeliger seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8607. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, and McOmber voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8607. McOmber noted that the purpose of this ordinance is to give the non-union City employees an increase of 1.5% which is equivalent to the amount negotiated in recent union contracts. On roll call vote, Council Members Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8607 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8608 amending and adopting Section 33.27(A) & (C) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding vacations effective July 3, 2017, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8608 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, and Seeliger voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8608 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8608. 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, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8608. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8608 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8609 accepting easement from Nathan M. Bernath and Emily Bernath for purposes of installing a street light at 1159 Dakota Court, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8610 authorizing the Utilities Director to transfer the former Manville water tower properties to Habitat for Humanity, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8611 amending and adopting Section 94.05(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding refuse and recycling collection, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3668 adopting the Estimate of Revenues for the year 2018, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8596 accepting annexation of approximately 60.102 acres of land in Center Township, Wood County, Ohio, from R J Carpenter Family Limited Partnership, petitioners, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8597 accepting annexation of approximately 43.03 acres of land in Center Township, Wood County, Ohio, from Susan J. Ragan, Trustee of Harold F. Miller Living Trust, petitioner, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8598 accepting annexation of approximately 0.50 acres of land in Plain Township, Wood County, Ohio, from Sandra K. Miller, petitioner, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8599 establishing interim zoning of M-3 Business Park zoning for the property recently annexed to the City located on E. Wooster Street as petitioned for by R J Carpenter Family Limited Partnership, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8600 establishing interim zoning of M-3 Business Park zoning for the property recently annexed to the City located on E. Poe Road as petitioned for by Susan J. Ragan, Trustee of Harold F. Miller Living Trust, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8601 establishing interim zoning of R-2 Single Family Residential zoning for the property located at 16471 Brim Road and recently annexed to the City as petitioned for by Sandra K. Miller, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8602 accepting a utility easement from Bowling Green Lodge, LLC, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8604 authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Utilities Director to execute a Construction Agency Agreement with the Wood County Port Authority and to request qualifications for engineering services and advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for utility and right-of-way improvements for the expansion of the Wood Bridge Business Park, and declaring an emergency, for second reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Zanfardino seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8604 its third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8604 for third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Seeliger seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8604. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8604. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, and McOmber voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8604 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8589 authorizing an exchange of real estate with the First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green and the subsequent donation of real estate to the Wood County Committee on Aging for the ultimate use as a new senior citizens center and related facilities, for third reading.

Council Member Seeliger moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8589. On roll call vote, Council Members Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8589 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8590, as amended, amending and adopting Section 75.01 and creating and adopting Section 75.18 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding under-speed or utility vehicle or mini-truck, for third reading.

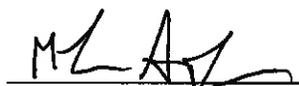
Council Member Zanfardino moved, Gordon seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8590, as amended. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, and Seeliger voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8590 adopted, as amended.

Council President Aspacher announced that the July 3 meeting of City Council has been canceled due to the July 4 holiday and noted that Council's next meeting will be held on July 17.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the June 19, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:12 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council



Michael Aspacher, President of Council



June 19, 2017

TO: Bowling Green City Council
FROM: Brian Bushong, Finance Director

Transfers requested for the month of June include:

Fund	Dept.	Account	Description	From	To
4018	810	92400	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 35,000.00	
4005	000	69440	Equipment Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 35,000.00