

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 16148

Held

MONDAY, MAY 15, 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, Utilities Director Brian O'Connell, Planning Director Heather Saylor, and Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley.

Council Member Rowland moved, Zanfardino seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 2017 as distributed. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR EDWARDS**

There were no special recognitions.

**LOBBY VISITATIONS**

There were no lobby visitations.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Dick Edwards expressed his thanks and appreciation to all who participated in the public forum held last Monday concerning the Nexus pipeline project and its proximity to the City's Water Treatment Plant on the Maumee River. Mayor Edwards noted that as a result of the forum and the continuing questioning process, he drafted a letter to be sent to FERC, U.S. Senators Brown and Portman, Congressman Latta and to Nexus. The Mayor noted that with slight modifications, the letter will also be sent to State Senator Gardner and Representative Gavarone, as well as the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Mayor Edwards asked Council Members to let him know as soon as possible if they want any modifications made to the letter.

Mayor Edwards noted that he is pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response he has received to the City's offer and announcement last Thursday to provide land for the construction of a new Senior Center and Wood County Committee on Aging. He further noted that Council has legislation on its agenda this evening facilitating the land exchange with the First Presbyterian Church and the donation of real estate to the Wood County Committee on Aging.

Mayor Edwards requested confirmation of appointments to City's Boards and Commissions. The list is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Council Member Jeffers moved, McOmber seconded, to approve the appointments as presented by the Mayor. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Council Member Gordon thanked the Mayor for drafting the letter regarding the pipeline, although he expressed some concern regarding the timetable and the uncertainties involved. Gordon indicated that there should be some discussion regarding next steps towards taking more action if necessary and suggested adding wording to the letter to that affect. Mayor Edwards indicated that it continues to be a source of frustration because of the involvement of the Federal government, but at the same time expressed that he thinks it is important for the City to continue to build its case of establishing a record of concern. Gordon indicated that even if there is a low

probability of getting the pipeline rerouted, that the City has a responsibility on a moral and/or policy basis to make a stand against it. Other Council Members questioned what the next steps.

Council Member Zanfardino agreed with Gordon and expressed concern over the "rubber stamping" that goes on in the process. Zanfardino suggested filing a motion to intervene with FERC that wouldn't necessarily stop Nexus, but is a step that Council could do in addition to the letter. He indicated that the cost of file such a motion would be negligible. Zanfardino also indicated that he wants to feel morally good about challenging Nexus to the best possible extent. Zanfardino commented that while he doesn't think that a single action against this project will make a difference, but the City's action in conjunction with other communities may make a difference. He asked the other Council Members to consider filing a motion to intervene and indicated that he would look into what it would cost and confer with Dr. Andrew Kear regarding the process. City Attorney Michael Marsh clarified that filing a motion to intervene would not automatically involve the City in the costly lawsuit to fight Nexus.

Council President Aspacher suggested that Council Members Gordon and Zanfardino work with Dr. Kear to accumulate information on the process of filing the motion to intervene. The next step after that would be to coordinate a review of that information with Mayor Edwards, Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter and the City Attorney.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter had no report.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley updated Council on upcoming events and noted that bike to work and school day will be on Friday, May 19.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell updated Council on the Conneaut waterline project and noted that the public ribbon cutting for the solar project will be held on May 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the solar project site.

Public Works Director Brian Craft reminded Council of the upcoming public meeting being held at the Stroh Center on Tuesday, May 16, beginning at 4:00 p.m. concerning the I-75/E. Wooster Street roundabouts.

### **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 the Municipal Administrator to sign a contract with the Bowling Green Employees Organization (BGEO), and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Seeliger, for the Public Lands and Buildings Committee, introduced an ordinance 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.

Council Member Zanfardino, for the Transportation & Safety Committee, introduced an ordinance 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 low-speed, under-speed or utility vehicle or mini-truck.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member McOmber reported that the Committee-of-the-Whole met earlier this evening to discuss options for the City's general fund. McOmber indicated that they discussed the options and those that remain on the table as possibilities are: redistribution of the income tax, privatizing or charging a fee for trash collection, assessing a tax for tree trimming, or cutting funding to other entities. McOmber noted

that options eliminated from consideration are: raising the income tax, reducing police and/or fire staffing, eliminating the City Arborist's position, and ending tax reciprocity. McOmber scheduled another Committee-of-the-Whole meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, to continue discussions and perhaps be in a position to make a recommendation. Council President Aspacher noted that also discussed at that meeting was scheduling a joint meeting of Council with the Board of Public Utilities. McOmber responded that he would work on setting a time for that meeting.

Council Member Jeffers asked the Administration for more information regarding the proposed golf cart legislation. Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter indicated that she would have that for the next meeting.

Council Member Rowland asked for more information prior to the next meeting regarding the contracting out of trash removal services versus charging a fee for the service already provided by the City.

### **READING OF LEGISLATION**

Clerk read Ordinance #8588 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to sign a contract with the Bowling Green Employees Organization (BGEO), and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Seeliger seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8588 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 #8588 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8588. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member McOmber moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8588. McOmber commented that this is the second of five union contracts being negotiated this year and indicated that the provisions are similar to the first contract that has already been approved by Council. The contract calls for raises of 1.5% the first year, 2% the second year, and 2.5% over the next three years. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8588 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 first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8590 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 low-speed, under-speed or utility vehicle or mini-truck, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3664 authorizing an application and a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for congestion mitigation and air quality funds for the improvement of the intersection of E. Wooster Street and Dunbridge Road, for second reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3664 its third 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 Resolution #3664 for third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Gordon seconded, to adopt Resolution #3664. On roll call vote, Council Members Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3664 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3665 authorizing an application and a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for congestion mitigation and air quality funds for the improvement of the intersection of E. Wooster Street and Campbell Hill Road, for second reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Zanfardino seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3665 its 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 Resolution #3665 its third reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Seeliger seconded, to adopt Resolution #3665. On roll call vote, Council Members Aspacher, Gordon, Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3665 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3666 adopting and authorizing an amended Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program policy & procedures manual, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3667 adopting and authorizing an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing policy & procedures manual, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8584 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Preliminary Legislation for the installation of marked crosswalks and other related equipment along E. Wooster Street between Manville Avenue and Campbell Hill Road, and declaring an emergency, for second reading.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8584 its 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 #8584 for third reading by number and title only.

Council Member McOmber moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8584. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member McOmber moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8584. On roll call vote, Council Members McOmber, Rowland, Seeliger, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8584 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8585 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to sell and/or otherwise dispose of miscellaneous equipment not needed for any municipal purpose, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8587 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the leasing of municipally owned property for agricultural purposes, for second reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the May 15, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:06 p.m., subject to call.

  
Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council

  
Michael Aspacher, President of Council



To: Members of City Council

Re: Board and Commission appointments and re-appointments

Mayor Edwards will be requesting confirmation of the following board and commission appointments and re-appointments at the May 15, 2017 Council meeting. All appointments will be effective June 1.

**New Appointments**

**Bicycle Safety**                  Reagan Otley                                  1 Year                                  5/31/2018

Reagan is entering the sixth grade and will fill the seat of a Middle School student. She is an active member of a local Girl Scout troop, and as part of a recent project she created a poster encouraging the community to ride bikes. Reagan then worked with a local property owner to have this poster displayed in a downtown window.

**Human Relations**      Jennifer Dever                                  4 Years                                  5/31/2021

Jennifer replaces Eric Radabaugh. She currently serves as an AP English Language and Composition teacher at the High School and has been active advising the Gay-Straight Alliance, which is a student organization that seeks to eliminate any kind of social inequity and to increase acceptance, reduce isolation, and create a safe place for all sexual and gender identities.

**Zoning Appeals**                  David Pflieger                                  4 Years                                  5/31/2021

David will fill the recently term-limited seat of Reina Calderon, who represented the east side of the City. Mr. Pflieger has been a resident of the east side since he moved here in 2000. He is a retired member of the U.S. Army, and has been working at BGSU as a member of the Army ROTC battalion since then. More recently, David has been an active member of a number of east side neighborhood groups.

## **Re-Appointments**

<b>Bicycle Safety</b>	Kerica Bucks	1 Year	5/31/2018
	Steve Langendorfer	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Tyson Richmond	3 Years	5/31/2020
<b>BG Housing Agency</b>	Ryan Holley	4 Years	5/31/2021
<b>Human Relations</b>	Morgan Hollandsworth	1 Year	5/31/2018
	Angelica Megyesi	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Mary Jane Saunders	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Cassie Woodbury	1 Year	5/31/2018
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	Linda Cubberley	5 Years	5/31/2022
<b>Planning</b>	Jeff Betts	6 Years	5/31/2023
<b>Records</b>	Brian Bushong	3 Years	5/31/2020
<b>Revolving Loan Fund</b>	Greg Bakies	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Sue Clark	3 Years	5/31/2020
	John Eckel	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Wendy Headley	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Amanda Kress	3 Years	5/31/2020
<b>Transportation Advisory</b>	Shannon Fisher	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Jim Stainbrook	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Cristy Walton	3 Years	5/31/2020
<b>Tree</b>	George Clemans	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Kent Reichert	3 Years	5/31/2020
	Mark Wenning	3 Years	5/31/2020
<b>Zoning Appeals</b>	Hobart Johnson	4 Years	5/31/2021