

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Held

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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, Herald, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, and Zanfardino were 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 Rowland moved, Jeffers seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 4, 2018 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk of Council Kay Scherreik noted for the record that copies of the Budget Summary Report for the month of August 2018 was distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR EDWARDS

There were no special recognitions by the Mayor.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

There were no lobby visitations.

NEW LEGISLATION

The following new legislation was recommended by the Administration and presented to Council for introduction:

Council Member Robinette, for the Committee-of-the-Whole, introduced a resolution naming the Bowling Green, Ohio Veterans Memorial Building.

Council Member Robinette reported that he had a conversation with Dave Ridenour of the American Legion Post 45 regarding the history of the current Veterans Building in City Park. Robinette indicated that he learned that the Legion leased the building from the City from 1929 to 1979 and after the Legion relocated, the City continued honoring veterans by retaining the name Veterans Memorial Building. Robinette noted that he understands the City's desire to reduce the debt on the new building by looking for private sponsorships and feels that the building name could be a compromise between a major donor and local veterans. Council Member Jeffers expressed some concern that the respect for local veterans not be clouded by recognition for a private donor and wants to see the veterans maintain a memorial display inside the building. Council Member Rowland indicated that she supports the continued recognition of the veterans in the naming of the building, but also sees the value in efforts made by the City to get private donors. She also indicated that care needs to be taken regarding the display of veterans memorabilia because the building will be used for private events such as weddings, and other private gatherings.

Council President Aspacher, for the Committee-of-the-Whole, introduced a resolution declaring the intent of the Council of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to adopt the federally approved Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan as developed by the Wood County Emergency Management Agency.

Council Member Gordon, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced an ordinance amending and adopting Section 30.101 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, establishing a Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Member Gordon, for the Community Improvement Committee, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to enter into a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards congratulated Chamber of Commerce Director Earlene Kilpatrick on her upcoming retirement. Earlene addressed Council and the members of the audience thanking everyone for their support throughout her tenure as Director.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter reported that Development Strategies is currently in the second of four phases for the Wooster Corridor Land Use Development Strategy. Tretter noted that the consultant team has already evaluated market demand for various types of commercial and residential products and is now working to identify catalyst projects, market strategies, and recommended land uses. This month, Development Strategies will also be conducting an online survey for BGSU students, faculty, and staff that will provide additional information about demand for residential products. The third phase of the project will start in October and will involve scenario testing, cost estimates, pro forma development, site capacity analysis, and other efforts to provide more details on project feasibility. Tretter further noted that among numerous other goals, one of the anticipated outcomes is for the Planning Commission and City Council to be able to align the final report with land use and potentially zoning recommendations. This was one of the CAP priorities identified by Council. Development Strategies plans to make a presentation to Council in December.

Planning Director Heather Sayler had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley noted that the Parks & Recreation Foundation will be holding a Wine & Cheese Fundraising event on Friday, September 28, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. at the Simpson Building.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported that Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Doug Clark received the J W Elm's Award from the OWEA at a recent conference for being at the top in the state in his position at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Public Works Director Brian Craft had no report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Zanfardino reported that the Transportation & Safety Committee held a joint meeting with the Bicycle Safety to discuss the CAP plan and actions steps to proceed with implementation. Council Member Gordon commented that it was his understanding from the meeting that the Transportation & Safety Committee would proceed with Item 1F which recommends applying for grants to further the development of designated bicycle lanes on Court Street. Gordon also indicated that the second priority would be Item 5D which is examining more significant bicycle related development such as bike lanes, sharrows or other options on Clough Street, Scott Hamilton Avenue, Thurstin Avenue, and College Drive would be taken on by the Bicycle Safety Commission. Council Member Jeffers commented that a bike lane on Court Street is only valuable if it is part of a longer pathway.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3712 naming the Bowling Green, Ohio Veterans Memorial Building, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3713 declaring the intent of the Council of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to adopt the federally approved Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan as developed by the Wood County Emergency Management Agency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8714 amending and adopting Section 30.101 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, establishing a Historic Preservation Commission, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8715 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to enter into a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3711 amending and adopting changes to the Procurement Manual for the B.G. Transit Program, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8711 authorizing the Utilities Director to enter into an agreement with Anixter Power Solutions for the purchase of electric meters, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8712 authorizing the Utilities Director to request qualifications and enter into a contract or contracts for engineering services related to aeration and biosolids improvements at the Water Pollution Control facility, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8713 authorizing the Utilities Director to accept a utility easement from Napoleon Landings, LLC, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3707 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, for third reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Resolution #3707. On roll call vote, Council Members Gordon, Herald, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3707 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3709 amending the Preamble of the Charter of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, for third reading.

Council Member Gordon moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Resolution #3709. Council Member Gordon commented that this amendment to the Preamble of the City's Charter follows a recommendation by the Charter Review Commission to include language regarding the City's non-discrimination legislation. Gordon indicated that he believes the language recommended by the Community Improvement Committee and included in the legislation is reflective of the work done by City Council to be a welcoming and inclusive community. Council Member Jeffers commented that while he appreciates the language that was put together by the committee, he doesn't feel that it belongs in the Charter and will not be supporting the legislation. Council Member Herald indicated that he respects the position of others on Council regarding the inclusion of this language in the Charter, and commended the committee for coming together and coming up with language that was a compromise among the members. Council Member Robinette indicated that he will vote in favor of this legislation but also feels that the more appropriate place for this is in the City's Codified Ordinances. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Gordon voted yes. Council Member Jeffers voted no. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3709 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8708 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for repairs to the Solids Handling & Maintenance Building at the Water Pollution Control facility, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8708. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, and Herald voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8708 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8709 authorizing the Utilities Director to execute a real estate purchase agreement for approximately 1.57 acres of land near 315 and 325 N. Grove Street, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8709. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Herald, and Jeffers voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8709 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8710 amending and adopting Chapter 98 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way management, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8710. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Herald, Jeffers, and Robinette voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8710 adopted.

Clerk noted that Ordinance #8705 amending and adopting Section 150.102(b), Section 150.104(a), and Section 151.17(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding zoning code fees comes off the table automatically.

Council Member Robinette moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8705. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Gordon, Herald, Jeffers, Robinette, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8705 adopted.

Council Member Gordon moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the September 17, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:37 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Spierreik, Clerk of Council



Michael Aspacher, President of Council