

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of

Meeting

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Held

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

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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, Herald, Hollenbaugh, 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 President Aspacher noted that the special recognitions portion of the meeting will be moved up to this point in the meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – MAYOR EDWARDS

Mayor Dick Edwards performed the swearing in of Aaron Baer who was appointed to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

Mayor Edwards and Council President Aspacher presented a framed copy of the resolution adopted by City Council honoring the service of former Council Member Daniel Gordon.

Council President Aspacher noted that the minutes were amended as requested by Council Member Zanfardino prior to the meeting and a revised copy distributed to Council. Council Member Jeffers moved, Zanfardino seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 20, 2019 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk of Council Kay Scherreik noted that a listing of 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 Rowland moved, Jeffers 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.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Wendy Chambers, Executive Director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, addressed Council to present the CVB's annual report. Chambers introduced CVB Board members, Todd McGee, Tony Vetter and Christopher Miller, who took part in presenting results from the Star Report from the years 2012-2018. They reviewed the highlights of the report noting that between the years of 2012-2018, hotels in the city had an annual increase of about 20,000 rooms rented. In 2018, rooms rented reached 100,000 which is an 18% increase.

Neocles Leontis, 119 N. Summit, addressed City Council regarding his support for the proposed legislation by the Community Improvement Committee regulating the dispensing of single-use plastic bags and the establishment of a Sustainability Commission. He indicated that given the important role a Sustainability Commission can play on a broad range of issues, he encouraged Council to consider the two proposals separately. He said that whether or not Council decides to move forward with the plastic bag ban ordinance, it should proceed with creation of the Commission and put it to work exploring ways to make the City more sustainable.

Lee Hakel, 1435 Cedar Lane, addressed City Council asking them that as they go about making laws that they would make it as easy as possible to dispose of garden waste. She also noted that landscaping improvements need to be made at the southeast and southwest corners of Main Street & Poe Road to make it more welcoming to those visiting the City. She also indicated that areas along E. Poe Road have become a dumping grounds for construction equipment and that it would be nice if that could be screened somehow with a row of arborvitae or have the area cleaned up in some manner.

Carolyn Kawecka, 517 S. Main Street, expressed her support for the plastic bag ban. Kawecka also indicated that she does not support House Bill 6 indicating that even big corporations in Ohio are against it. She listed her reasons for being against it which included increased energy costs to consumers, loss of funds to Bowling Green, and the encouragement of nuclear and coal energy rather than promoting renewable energy.

Mary Hinkleman, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council regarding the BG Fireworks upcoming fundraisers and encouraged citizens to come out and support the Foundation's fundraising efforts.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution adopting the Estimate of Revenues for the year 2020.

Council Member Jeffers, for the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution strongly urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels.

Council Member Rowland, for the Parks and Recreation Committee, introduced a resolution authorizing the City of Bowling Green to participate in the Local Park Improvement Grant Program and to file an application and accept grant funding upon grant application approval.

Council President Aspacher, for the Committee-of-the-Whole, introduced a resolution opposing Ohio House Bill 6.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dick Edwards introduced Margaret Montegue and Lisa Hanasono who briefed Council on the recently held "Dinner Dialogue" event held regarding the opioid crisis. Montegue explained that the program was made possible through a University MAC grant for engagement regarding an issue with participation by members of the community and the University.

Mayor Edwards thanked Council Member Robinette and the Planning, Zoning & Economic Development Committee for their continued work on the E. Wooster Street corridor. Mayor Edwards also thanked Council President Aspacher for traveling down to Columbus with Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter and Utilities Director Brian O'Connell to meet with legislators regarding House Bill 6. Edwards indicated that there have been good conversations with Senator Gavarone in an effort to have some things "grandfathered" in so that the tax credit wouldn't be lost because the City has made a big investment into its energy program.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter had no report.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley updated Council on upcoming Parks and Recreation events and distributed flyers.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell reported that 2.6" of rain was recorded at the Water Treatment Plant on Saturday. He reported that there was one CSO event but did not think that it would count against the four allowed per year because of the amount of rain received. O'Connell also indicated that there were no power outages during that storm. O'Connell asked Council Members if they had any questions for him regarding House Bill 6 and thanked Council President Aspacher and Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter for going down to Columbus with him last week to speak to Senator Gavarone. Council President Aspacher praised O'Connell for his grasp on the legislation and the facts and how they are going to impact the City's utility operations, along with his ability to relate those to legislators in a manner that is not confrontational was very impressive. Aspacher stated that the bill unnecessarily penalizes municipalities like Bowling Green that have done the right things and invested in clean air energy sources. He indicated that it is not hard for him to support the resolution that introduced tonight by City Council opposing HB 6.

Council Member Rowland asked O'Connell for some talking points that Council Members can use in responding to citizen concerns to which O'Connell responded that the biggest effect would be the City's inability to participate in the selling of its Renewable Energy Credits in the state of Ohio costing an estimated \$400,000 in revenue annually.

Council Member Herald asked if HB 6 in its current form would put a damper on Ohio's trajectory towards more renewable sources of energy. O'Connell responded that he believes it would because that would be a revenue source that would not be available to developers of renewable sources.

Public Works Director Brian Craft updated Council on the construction projects in the downtown area and the roundabouts. Craft also noted that curbs are being replaced in the vicinity of Wooster Green. Brush collection after the storm is also ongoing. Craft mentioned in response to a lobby visitor that there is a yard waste drop off location at the Public Works garage.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Robinette reported that the Planning, Zoning & Economic Development Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the Development Strategies report regarding the E. Wooster Street corridor. Robinette noted that the committee has a group of recommendations to forward to Council that he will finalize over the next two weeks and have available at the next Council meeting. Council President Aspacher responded that it was a good discussion and thanked the committee members for participating. Aspacher indicated that he heard committee members saying that we have reached the point of action. Aspacher added his voice of support for that approach. He indicated that all of Council is ready to work with the community partners to initiate action. Council Member Herald commended the committee for its work in guiding Council through the lengthy process and bringing the different plans together.

Robinette explained that at the last meeting he was summarizing the results that have been done with the CAP very broadly based on a report that he submitted earlier and dated March 1, 2019. Robinette offered copies of the March 1 report to Council Members.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Resolution #3733 adopting the Estimate of Revenues for the year 2020, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3734 strongly urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, for first reading.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Zanfardino seconded, to suspend the rules and give Resolution #3734 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Aspacher voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Resolution #3734 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Jeffers moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Resolution #3734. Council President Aspacher noted that the time on adopting this resolution is very important which is why Council is accelerating its readings. Aspacher explained that he thinks it is important for Council to lend its voice with other municipalities who are urging state lawmakers to consider returning tax dollars to local communities. All on Council have seen the negative impacts of the reduction in investment in the local community by the deterioration of the City's infrastructure primarily. Council Member Herald agreed with Council President Aspacher and added that how many of the challenges at the local level are somewhat related to actions taken at the state level. He indicated that it is frustrating to him that the City is so hamstrung by actions at the state level, therefore, he whole heartedly endorses this resolution. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Herald voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Resolution #3734 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3735 authorizing the City of Bowling Green to participate in the Local Park Improvement Grant Program and to file an application and accept grant funding upon grant application approval, for first reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3736 opposing Ohio House Bill 6, for first reading.

Council President Aspacher moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Resolution #3736. On roll call vote, Council Members Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, and Hollenbaugh voted yes. Council Member Herald abstained. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried.

Clerk read Resolution #3736 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council President Aspacher moved, Jeffers seconded, to adopt Resolution #3736. Council Member Herald explained that he is abstaining from voting on this issue because he is employed by First Solar and wants avoid the appearance of impropriety. Council Member Robinette noted that he reached out to State Representative Ghanbari before the vote by the House last week to share his views on HB 6 with him and to ask for his support for Bowling Green. Robinette indicated that he was extremely disappointed with the vote on this issue, but as mentioned earlier, there are a couple of different avenues on which Bowling Green can still pursue its interests. Robinette said that even if the bill passes as it is written, there is an opportunity for subsequent legislation to gain the relief that is needed for Bowling Green. At a minimum, he did get Representative Ghanbari's assurance that if Bowling Green is left out of the final legislation, that he would have Bowling Green at the table for future discussions regarding subsequent legislation. Robinette indicated that he feels this resolution that Council is adopting is important and is very much needed at this point. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Hollenbaugh, and Jeffers voted yes. Council Member Herald abstained.

Clerk read Resolution #3730 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, to file an application and enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of acquiring financial assistance from the NatureWorks Program, for second reading.

Clerk read Resolution #3731 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 executing a contract/grant for the FY 2020 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, and 5339 and/or 5311 funding for capital and/or operating assistance, and executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal(s) and/or application(s) approval, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8775 levying a \$5.00 motor vehicle license tax as authorized by Ohio Revised Code, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8776 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts to replace the ATAD tank covers at the Water Pollution Control facility, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8771 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Bowling Green for property generally known as 525 Ridge Street from B-1 Limited Commercial to R-5 University Related Residential zoning, for third reading.

Council Member Robinette commented that a public hearing is scheduled for Ordinance #8771 on June 17, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. and moved to table the ordinance until that date. Jeffers seconded the motion. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Zanfardino, Aspacher, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, and Robinette voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8771 tabled until June 17, 2019.

Clerk read Ordinance #8773 authorizing the Municipal Administrator and the Utilities Director to request qualifications and enter into a contract or contracts for architectural and engineering services related to a City Administrative Services building feasibility study, for third reading.

Council President Aspacher moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8773. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Aspacher, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8773 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8774 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts and/or participate in the Interlocal Purchasing System for roof replacement at the Water and Sewer Facility, for third reading.

Council Member Aspacher moved, Rowland seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8774. On roll call vote, Council Members Aspacher, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Jeffers, Robinette, Rowland, and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Aspacher declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8774 adopted.

Council Member Herald moved, Rowland seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Aspacher adjourned the June 3, 2019 regular meeting of the City Council at 8:30 p.m., subject to call.


Kay D. Scherreik, Clerk of Council


Michael Aspacher, President of Council



June 3, 2019

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

Transfers requested for the month of June include:

Fund	Dept.	Account	Description	From	To
1010	190	92400	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 3,042.58	
4030	000	69410	Green Space Acquisition Fund, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 3,042.58
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	\$ 7,500.00	
3025	000	69420	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Special Revenue		\$ 7,500.00
4018	810	92300	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 33,055.25	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 33,055.25
4018	810	92400	Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 11,616.67	
4005	000	69440	Equipment Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 11,616.67
4055	710	92400	Aquatic Facility Capital Improvement, Recreation Department, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 2,083.33	
4010	000	69440	Facility Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 2,083.33
4029	423	92300	Street Repair, Street Repair, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 38,481.58	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 38,481.58
1010	190	92200	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Special Revenue	\$ 4,542.92	

2021	000	69410	ODOT Transportation Grant (Taxi), Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 4,542.92
4055	710	92300	Aquatic Facility Capital Improvement, Recreation Department, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 21,001.58	
3025	000	69440	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Capital Projects		\$ 21,001.58
2016	710	92300	Park, Playground and Recreation, Recreation Department, Transfer To Debt Service	\$ 17,389.08	
3025	000	69420	Debt Service, Revenue, Transfer From Special Revenue		\$ 17,389.08
5111	651	92500	Electric Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 184,036.00	
5112	000	69450	Electric Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 184,036.00
5221	651	92500	Water Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 78,623.00	
5222	000	69450	Water Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 78,623.00
5331	651	92500	Sewer Revenue, Administrative and General, Transfer To Enterprise	\$ 16,040.00	
5332	000	69450	Sewer Capital Reserve, Revenue, Transfer From Enterprise		\$ 16,040.00
Total				\$ 422,553.66	\$ 422,553.66