

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020

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 Hollenbaugh. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Robinette, and Zanfardino were present. Council Members Herald, Leontis, Phipps and Rowland attended via teleconferencing. Also present were Mayor Mike Aspacher, Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter, City Attorney Michael Marsh, Utilities Director Brian O'Connell, and Planning Director Heather Saylor. Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley and Public Works Director Brian Craft were not present.

Council Member Robinette moved, Zanfardino seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2020 as distributed. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk of Council Kay Scherreik noted for the record that copies of the Budget Summary Report for the month of June 2020 was distributed to Council prior to this evening's meeting.

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

Clerk read a list of two appointments to City Boards and Commissions as submitted by Mayor Aspacher for confirmation by City Council. The listing is as follows:

New Appointments

Historic Preservation	John Wade	5/31/2023
Board of Public Utilities	Trevor Jesse	5/31/2021

Council Member Rowland moved, Robinette seconded, to approve the appointments as requested by the Mayor. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried.

LOBBY VISITATIONS

Clerk reported that two emails were received for lobby visitations this evening, copies of which were distributed to Council Members. The emails are as follows:

- Steve DeMuth, 152 Winfield Drive – commending Council for making face masks mandatory and also thanked those involved with canceling the Force Science police training scheduled for September.
- Maria Zirbel, no address given – commending the cancelation of the Force Science police training.

Lindsay Durham, 853 Parker Street, thanked City Council for adopting the racial equity resolution at its July 6 meeting. She indicated that while this is an important step in the right direction, it is not enough. She stated that it is unfair to put responsibility on the backs of black people to educate the white people. She noted that she is on the Board of Directors of the organization called BRAVE, which stands for Black Rights Activism, Visibility, and Equity. Durham noted that City Council held a special meeting regarding the mask mandate and asked when one would be scheduled regarding the prevalent racial issues in the community. She also indicated that BRAVE would like to establish a task

force that involves members of the community as well as the City. She stated that if Bowling Green is really trying to eliminate the racial vast that exists then they expect full support and cooperation from the City as there is a long way to go until this is a welcoming community for everyone.

Chris Douglas, 853 Parker Street, spoke to Council because he believes that too few black voices are heard from in this community. He noted that he has lived in Bowling Green for 10 years and in that time has encountered bigotry, racism and alienation from his own community. He stated that there are no black programs in middle school or high school and very few black owned businesses in town. He also said that he has lived here long enough to remember why Not In Our Town (NIOT) was brought here and that hate crimes do happen in Bowling Green. Creating change does not come easy. It takes a community dedicated to a brighter future. As a member of BRAVE, he indicated that they are forming a task force to actively combat these issues.

Beatrice Fields, 301 S. Main Street, stated that she is a life-long resident of Bowling Green. She indicated that she, along with other people, have formed an organization called Community for Reallocation of Public Funds (CRPF). Currently the group is working on a petition for fiscal and financial responsibility to ensure that what the City is spending also reflects its values as indicated in the City Charter. She also noted that the group recently held a car demonstration against the Force Science Institution training and appreciated the cancellation of that training. Fields also indicated that the group is aggressive and direct, but wants to have conversations with City leaders. The group is dedicated to direct action regarding transparency and accountability. She said that they are excited to get more young people living in Bowling Green and those that would stay to build the community.

Council Member Leontis thanked those who just spoke and for engaging Council on these important issues. He indicated that he appreciates Lindsay challenging Council to educate ourselves and to find the materials that are needed to understand the issues. Leontis noted that he has been educating himself and is planning to put together a reading list for other Council Members. He also noted that he is looking forward to working with these groups.

Council Member Rowland also thanked the speakers noting that she has known Beatrice for quite a while. Rowland agreed with what she said and that she would like to see more black owned businesses in town and more black residents. She stated that she believes Bowling Green is a community that can stand out and attract more young people to live here.

Council President Hollenbaugh thanked the lobby visitors for coming, attending the meeting and speaking to Council personally in spite of the current virus situation.

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Council Member Robinette, 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, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

Council Member Robinette, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance amending and adopting Section 33.31(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding uniforms for City employees, and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Robinette, for the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance determining to proceed with the Plan of Services of the expanded Bowling Green Central Business Special Improvement District, Inc., and providing for the levy of assessments therefore, and declaring an emergency.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Mike Aspacher had no report.

Municipal Administrator Lori Tretter had no report.

Planning Director Heather Saylor had no report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Otley was not present.

City Attorney Michael Marsh had no report.

Utilities Director Brian O'Connell had no report.

Public Works Director Brian Craft was not present.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Phipps reported that the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee held a public hearing earlier this evening regarding Ordinance #8855 regarding the establishment of the Gateway Zoning District. Phipps indicated that there was no public comment heard by the Committee.

Council Member Zanfardino asked that Council keep in mind the rental registration, licensing and inspection topic that was being discussed prior to the pandemic and wondered if it was too early to consider revisiting that issue. President Hollenbaugh stated that he had initially scheduled a meeting in August until there was an uptick in COVID-19 cases and it was subsequently removed from the calendar. He understands that we need to return to that issue and wants to do that as soon as possible. However, the nature of the conversation means that we need to be at a place when more than 6 or 7 people can be in the room at the same time and he is uncertain when that will be. Council Member Leontis proposed utilizing the Zoom meeting platform for public participation and proposed using it for Council meetings as well. Leontis commended the Administration for the roll out of the mask ordinance and thanked citizens for their compliance.

READING OF LEGISLATION

Clerk read Ordinance #8862 providing supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, for first reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Zanfardino seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8862 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Leontis, Phipps, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8862 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Robinette moved, Leontis seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8862. On roll call vote, Council Members Leontis, Phipps, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Herald, and Hollenbaugh voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8862 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8863 amending and adopting Section 33.31(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, regarding uniforms for City employees, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Rowland seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8863 its second and third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Phipps, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Herald, Hollenbaugh, and Leontis voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8863 for second and third reading by number and title only.

Council Member Robinette moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt the emergency clause for Ordinance #8863. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Leontis, and Phipps voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and the emergency clause adopted.

Council Member Robinette moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8863. On roll call vote, Council Members Rowland, Zanfardino, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Leontis, Phipps, and Robinette voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8863 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8864 determining to proceed with the Plan of Services of the expanded Bowling Green Central Business Special Improvement District, Inc., and providing for the levy of assessments therefore, and declaring an emergency, for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8858 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for electric distribution improvements at the Water Pollution Control facility, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8859 accepting a deed from HCF Realty of Bowling Green, Inc., for right-of-way and utility purposes on W. Poe Road, for second reading.

Clerk read Ordinance #8860 authorizing the Utilities Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the lease of certain municipal property for agricultural purposes, for second reading.

Council President Hollenbaugh moved, Herald seconded, to suspend the rules and give Ordinance #8860 its third reading. On roll call vote, Council Members Zanfardino, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Leontis, Phipps, Robinette, and Rowland voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and rules suspended.

Clerk read Ordinance #8860 for third reading by number and title only.

Council President Hollenbaugh moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8860. On roll call vote, Council Members Herald, Hollenbaugh, Leontis, Phipps, Robinette, Rowland, and Zanfardino voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8860 adopted.

Clerk read Resolution #3770 adopting and authorizing an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Policy & Procedures Manual, for third reading.

Council Member Zanfardino moved, Herald seconded, to adopt Resolution #3770. On roll call vote, Council Members Hollenbaugh, Leontis, Phipps, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, and Herald voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Resolution #3770 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8853 for cleaning of streets by special assessment, for third reading.

Council Member Robinette moved, Zanfardino seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8853. On roll call vote, Council Members Leontis, Phipps, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Herald, and Hollenbaugh voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8853 adopted.

Clerk read Ordinance #8855 creating and adopting Section 150.49 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, establishing the Gateway Zoning District, for third reading.

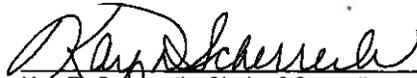
Council Member Phipps moved, Robinette seconded, to amend Ordinance #8855 by substitution to include some clarification items discussed at the public hearing. On roll call vote, Council Members Phipps, Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Herald, Hollenbaugh, and Leontis voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8855 amended by substitution.

Council Member Phipps moved, Robinette seconded, to adopt Ordinance #8855 as amended. On roll call vote, Council Members Robinette, Rowland, Zanfardino, Herald, Hollenbaugh, Leontis, and Phipps voted yes. Council President Hollenbaugh declared motion carried, and Ordinance #8855 adopted as amended.

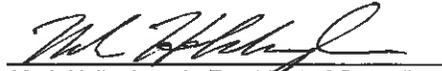
Council Member Rowland commented that she believes it to be a monumental achievement to have adopted Ordinance #8855 and establish a Gateway Zoning District for the City. She stated that this is something that has been wanted for many years. She believes that there is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to move forward with this.

Council Member Zanfardino agreed with comments by Council Member Leontis regarding the response by the community to the wearing of masks. He stated that he feels the response has been phenomenal.

Council Member Herald moved, Leontis seconded, to adjourn. On unanimous voice vote, Council President Hollenbaugh adjourned the July 20, 2020 regular meeting of the City Council at 7:32 p.m., subject to call.



Kay D. Scherrek, Clerk of Council



Mark Hollenbaugh, President of Council



FINANCE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

July 20, 2020

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

Transfers requested for the month of July include:

From	To	Amount	Description	From	To
1010	190	92400	General, Miscellaneous, Transfer To Capital Projects	\$ 336,000.00	
4056	000	69410	City Park Building Fund, Revenue, Transfer From General		\$ 336,000.00