

MINUTES of SPECIAL WORK SESSION / FALL RETREAT
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
held SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky met in special session in the Southern Magnolia Ballroom (AB) at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bowling Green, Kentucky at 8:00 a.m. on September 28, 2017. The meeting was called to order and the following members were present: Commissioner Sue Parrigin, Commissioner Rick Williams, Commissioner Joe W. Denning and Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash. Absent: Mayor Bruce Wilkerson. There was a quorum of the Board of Commissioners present.

The purpose of this special work session/fall retreat was to discuss ideas and policy initiatives as well as goals and objectives for the City of Bowling Green. Topics discussed included the following:

- Permitting process for new developments to include a preliminary review and the possibility of adding a new position at the City-County Planning Commission to facilitate/manage the process;
- Including the Board of Commissioners as part of the approval process for amendments to any binding elements when it involves changes to the use of Heavy Industrial property;
- City-County Planning Commission membership representation of incorporated and unincorporated areas of Warren County and voting structure;
- Proposed changes to the City's self-funded health insurance program and Employee Medical Benefits Plan;
- Analysis of existing Fire Department travel times for unit responses and proposed future fire station locations to shorten response times and anticipate the needs from growth and development in the Lovers Lane and Northside areas of the City;
- Supporting future economic development initiatives related to the expansion of the Kentucky Transpark and infrastructure development for other existing business expansions;
- Continuing current public safety services provided on I-65, Natcher Parkway and their extensions, and also looking at partially annexed roadways or other roadways which are not part of city limits but surrounded on both sides;
- Proposed street lighting pilot project location for an energy savings update to LED in a new residential development and possible existing development as well as potential revisions to current utility investment charges;
- Proposed reorganizational plan for facilities management;
- Hobson House structural improvements and estimated costs;
- Ability to reclaim unused plots over 100 years old at Fairview Cemetery, process for determining which plots are not in-use, and proposal to add a mausoleum in the location of the former cemetery maintenance building;
- Potential locations for dog parks in the downtown area, rezoning property at the base of Reservoir Hill Park to public to keep it part of the park, and adding signs to the water fountains at Hills Bark Park to identify which fountain operates year round;
- Efforts to address aggressive panhandling, including revisions to existing ordinances, the potential to require registration and permitting process, and the need for educating the public about the issue; and
- An in-door community pool which could also be used by the Bowling Green High School.

ADJOURNMENT

This being a special work session/retreat with no formal action permitted and with no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 4:15 p.m., the special session was adjourned.

ADOPTED: October 17, 2017

APPROVED: Brian Wilkerson
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Katie Schaller-Ward
City Clerk

Minutes prepared by Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Katie Schaller-Ward