

**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
held JANUARY 17, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky met in regular session in the Commission Chamber of City Hall, Bowling Green, Kentucky at 4:30 p.m. on January 17, 2017. Mayor Bruce Wilkerson called the meeting to order. An invocation was given by Police Chaplain Mike Holian, and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Katie Schaller-Ward called the roll, and the following members were present: Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash, Commissioner Sue Parrigin, Commissioner Rick Williams, Commissioner Joe W. Denning and Mayor Bruce Wilkerson. Absent: none. There was a full quorum of the Board of Commissioners.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Wilkerson proclaimed 2016 as "the Season of Bowling Green Purples Football" for their fifth Kentucky 5A Championship win in six years. He recognized Coach Kevin Wallace and several of the seniors on the football team. Mr. Wallace thanked the City for its continued support. Mayor Wilkerson also announced the United States Postal Service issued a public meeting notice regarding the potential relocation of the post office to be held January 31st at 6:00 p.m. at 601 State Street.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kevin D. DeFebbo had no comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 3, 2017.

Minutes of the above-referenced meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for their review. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash to approve said minutes as written. Mayor Wilkerson asked for discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2017 was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Grayson Hunt and Jennifer Morlan each spoke in favor of a fairness ordinance. Mr. Grayson asked that gender identity and sexual orientation be added to the anti-discrimination laws of the City. He indicated that fairness, love and respect were good for business and everyone in Bowling Green had something to gain with the adoption of a fairness ordinance. He also urged the Board to open the dialogue and have a public conversation about the issue. Ms. Morlan said everyone needs to unite the country and stop discrimination. She stated gay rights should be added to the current laws on the books and it was time to stand for civil rights for all. She also urged the Board to do the right thing by adding the item to the agenda for the public to have a chance to speak their mind.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 1

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.902 ACRES FROM HB (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) TO RM-4 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF PORTER PIKE AND PARKER AVENUE, PRESENTLY OWNED BY SCOTTSVILLE ROAD PARTNERS, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 1 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Williams for second reading of said Ordinance. Pending additional information being gathered, Mayor Wilkerson said he had been asked by the property owner to table second reading of this ordinance, and made the motion to table which was seconded by Williams. With no discussion on a motion to table, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Motion to table second reading of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 1 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 2

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING 30.93 ACRES FROM HB (HIGHWAY BUSINESS), RS-1A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), OP-C (OFFICE/PROFESSIONAL - COMMERCIAL) AND F (FLOODPLAIN) TO RM-4 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), HB (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) AND F (FLOODPLAIN) LOCATED ALONG OLD SCOTTSVILLE ROAD AND CUMBERLAND TRACE ROAD, PRESENTLY OWNED BY SH MANAGEMENT, LLC C/O DEAN MONTGOMERY

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 2 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Parrigin for second reading of said Ordinance. Mayor Wilkerson asked for discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: Nash

Ordinance No. BG2017 - 2 was adopted by majority vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 10

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BRETT HIGHTOWER TO THE BOWLING GREEN-WARREN COUNTY MILITARY LIAISON BOARD

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 10 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Denning and seconded by Nash for consideration of said Municipal Order. Mayor Wilkerson recommended the reappointment. With no other discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 10 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 11

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING BID #2017-35 FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AMMUNITION FROM VANCE OUTDOORS, INC. OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, BOTACH, INC. OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA AND KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY, INC. OF JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,702.70

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 11 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. DeFebbo reviewed and recommended the bid award to purchase at the lowest and best price for each type of ammunition needed. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 11 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 3

(First Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING 6.8718 ACRES FROM LI (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) LOCATED AT 6132 AND 6140 SCOTTSVILLE ROAD, PRESENTLY OWNED BY NEXT PHASE, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 3 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Williams for first reading of said Ordinance. Mayor Wilkerson indicated the Board received the details of the rezoning recommendation in their packets prior to the meeting. He asked for discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

First reading of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 3 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 4

(First Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING 1.45 ACRES FROM RM-4 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO OP-C (OFFICE/PROFESSIONAL - COMMERCIAL) LOCATED AT 1502, 1508 AND 1514 WESTEN STREET, PRESENTLY OWNED BY WESTEN PROPERTIES OF BOWLING GREEN, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 4 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Williams for first reading of said Ordinance. City-County Planning Commission Director Ben Peterson responded to a question about the cleanup of this rezoning to make it compliant with current use in order to allow for expansion of the properties. Following the discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

First reading of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 4 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 12

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF 2017 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE APPALACHIA HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) THROUGH THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 12 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash for consideration of said Municipal Order. DeFebbo reviewed and recommended the grant funding. Grants Manager Nick Cook confirmed all the funds would be used to reimburse the overtime costs associated with two Bowling Green Police Officers. Commissioner Parrigin commented about the work being done by the Drug Task Force. Once the discussion ended, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 12 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 13

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING AND ACCEPTING LITTER ABATEMENT FUNDING FROM THE KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,613.89

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 13 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Denning for consideration of said Municipal Order. DeFebbo recommended acceptance of the grant funds which could be used to offset the costs of street sweeping or other litter abatement purposes. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 13 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 14

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE NP BOWLING GREEN, LLC INDUSTRIAL PROJECT INVOLVING THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WARREN COUNTY AND NP BOWLING GREEN, LLC, OR AN AFFILIATE THEREOF

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 14 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash for consideration of said Municipal Order. City Attorney Gene Harmon outlined the PILOT Agreement which was tied to the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB) related to a \$27-29 million economic development project in the Transpark creating 75 new jobs. He explained with the IRB, the property would be removed from the tax rolls and the Agreement established a prorated payment in lieu of taxes for the next 20 years. Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer Meredith Robinson responded to questions about the project and type of jobs being created. Once the discussion ended, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 14 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 15

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED WORKFORCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN AND SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY WORKS (SCKYWorks), INC.

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 15 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Williams for consideration of said Municipal Order. DeFebbo stated the community is in a period of transition regarding workforce and development. He indicated the City participated in a new program last year to help address the challenge of developing more skilled workers to meet the needs of new and expanding businesses. Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce COO/CFO Meredith Robinson remarked there are 13,000 job openings in the top six sectors that need to be filled and only about 4,500 unemployed workers which have been identified in the area. She explained these funds are being used to bring in outside experts to help expedite the process of setting up the workforce system which was supposed to have been put in place back in 1998 and never was. Chief Financial Officer Jeff Meisel explained the City had repurposed its Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) dues for this purpose.

Ms. Robinson and Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer Ron Bunch responded to questions about the workforce system and its relationship with the Career Development Center as well as the ability to bring together several other agencies into a one-stop shop to augment and support Team Workforce. Mr. Bunch confirmed the number of open positions and number of unemployed represented the entire ten county area and that recruitment would have to come from other areas to fill the gap.

Commissioner Parrigin remarked being in an economic expansion was a good problem to have, but one that creates other challenges. Mayor Wilkerson commented it was important to set up the workforce system the right way from the beginning with the use of a consultant. Once the discussion ended, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Nash, Parrigin, Williams, Denning and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 15 was approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 5:10 p.m., Mayor Wilkerson declared this meeting adjourned.

ADOPTED: February 7, 2017

APPROVED: Bruce Wilkerson
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Katie Schaller-Ward
City Clerk

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