

**MINUTES of SPECIAL WORK SESSION / FALL RETREAT
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
held SEPTEMBER 23, 2016**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky met in special session in the CrossWinds Board Room at the Sloan Convention Center, Bowling Green, Kentucky at 8:00 a.m. on September 23, 2016. The meeting was called to order and the following members were present: Commissioner Melinda M. Hill, Commissioner Sue Parrigin, Commissioner Rick Williams and Mayor Bruce Wilkerson. Absent: Commissioner Joe W. Denning. There was a quorum of the Board of Commissioners present. Although Commissioner Hill had to leave at approximately 1:05 p.m., a quorum of the Board of Commissioners remained and the special session continued.

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:

- Importance of records retention and central repository for City records;
- Downtown wayfinding plan and other proposed improvements to the downtown square;
- Fountain Square Park capital project and other proposed improvements, and a change in holiday lighting displays;
- Fairview Cemetery pauper burials and potential for running out of available burial space in the next eight years;
- Parks and Recreation Department capital projects for Lovers Lane Soccer Complex (LLSC) and Lampkin Park, and an update regarding the batting facility built at Kereikes Park;
- Lawn and landscape service trailers being temporarily parked on heavily traveled residential streets and the potential to cause dangerous traffic conditions;
- Future use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding and amending the Consolidated Plan to direct funding toward the Neighborhood Improvements Program versus outside agencies;
- Establishing program performance measures for agencies funded by the City;
- Temporary sign enforcement for community interest signs in violation of the existing ordinance and restricting sign placement on City property;
- Establishing a policy for public use of City facilities and eliminating Police and Fire department facilities from public use;
- Continued discussion of proposed revisions to Mutual Aid Agreements with the Fire Department; and
- Workforce recruitment and outreach update regarding the special designation of three Police cadet positions for minority hires and implementation of a new television and digital advertisement campaign for public safety positions.

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 2:45 p.m., the special session was adjourned.

ADOPTED: October 18, 2016

APPROVED: Bruce Wilkinson
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Katie Schaller-Ward
City Clerk

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