

**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
held DECEMBER 5, 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 December 5, 2017. Mayor Bruce Wilkerson called the meeting to order. An invocation was given by Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash, 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 Sue Parrigin, Commissioner Rick Williams, Commissioner Joe W. Denning, Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash and Mayor Bruce Wilkerson. Absent: none. There was a full quorum of the Board of Commissioners.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Wilkerson commented about the success of the recent Downtown Lights Up event at Fountain Square Park. He also announced free carriage rides would be provided in downtown on December 8, 15 and 22 from 6-9 p.m. inviting people to continue to enjoy the lights at Fountain Square Park.

CITY MANAGER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 21, 2017

Minutes of the above-referenced meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for their review. Motion was made by Williams 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: Parrigin, Williams, Denning, Nash and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2017 was approved by unanimous vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 52

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE CLOSING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

**ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CLOSING OF AN UNNAMED
ALLEY LOCATED OFF PARK STREET ADJACENT TO 946 PARK
STREET**

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 52 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash 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, Nash and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2017 - 52 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 53

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING 0.72 ACRE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO CB (CENTRAL BUSINESS) LOCATED AT 850 AND A PORTION OF 866 BROADWAY AVENUE, PRESENTLY OWNED BY COBBLESTONE CAPITAL, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 53 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash 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, Nash and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2017 - 53 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 54

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 60.71 ACRES FROM RM-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND F (FLOODPLAIN) TO RS-1D (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND F (FLOODPLAIN) LOCATED ON MCFADIN STATION STREET, PRESENTLY OWNED BY RIVER'S LANDING EDGE, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 54 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash 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, Nash and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2017 - 54 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 55

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING 0.2516 ACRE FROM RM-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO

RM-4 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) LOCATED AT 1438 KENTON STREET, PRESENTLY OWNED BY LAN AND HONG NGUYEN

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 55 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Williams 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, Nash and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2017 - 55 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 56

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.74 ACRE FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO HB (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) LOCATED AT 397 THREE SPRINGS ROAD, PRESENTLY OWNED BY LE REVE OF KENTUCKY, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 56 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Williams 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, Nash and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2017 - 56 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2017 - 57

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.16 ACRES FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO LI (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) LOCATED AT 2361 LOUISVILLE ROAD, PRESENTLY OWNED BY PERFORMANCE FEEDS, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2017 - 57 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash 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, Nash and Wilkerson
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2017 - 57 was adopted by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 244

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT OF R. BRANDON PIERCEY TO THE POSITION

OF CARPENTER IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 244 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 mentioned a vacancy in this position occurred following a promotion. He reviewed and recommended the appointment. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 244 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 245

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF MARY F.
HUDSON TO THE POSITION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (NCS)
DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 245 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 reviewed and recommended the transfer from the Police Department to NCS, and indicated that Ms. Hudson (formerly Ms. Winger) had previously served as the City's Animal Control Officer in 2005/2006. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 245 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017 - 246

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING BID
#2018-36 FOR THE SLOAN CONVENTION CENTER INDUSTRIAL
DISHWASHER FROM HOTEL & RESTAURANT SUPPLY, INC. OF
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,599

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2017 - 246 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Williams for consideration of said Municipal Order. DeFebbo reviewed and recommended the bid award which will also require approval from The Convention Center Corporation. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Municipal Order No. 2017 - 246 was approved by unanimous vote.

WORK SESSION

Fire Chief Jason Colson presented an analysis of existing and anticipated conditions regarding the ability to provide the best possible fire protection services to the residents and businesses of Bowling Green. He stated he prepared an evaluation of services using travel time, demand for services, future growth needs, traffic features and personnel available. Chief Colson summarized the methodology used to complete the evaluation and provided statistics for current travel time and showed specific examples to illustrate the results. He recommended the addition of a new fire station to service the Lovers Lane area and relocating the Northside Fire Station currently on Porter Pike to be more central to its district and closer to the Kentucky Transpark. Chief Colson confirmed no additional personnel, equipment or fire apparatus would be required for the relocation of the Northside Fire Station, only construction of the new facility would be required. He also confirmed the training center would continue to operate at the existing Porter Pike location. To outfit the new station in the Lovers Lane area, Chief Colson recommended hiring nine new firefighters, at a first year cost of approximately \$802,000 with \$61,000 of that amount being for one-time costs, which hiring could be phased-in over two to three years. He reported six existing positions and one existing fire apparatus would also be reassigned to this new station to provide a total of 15 shift personnel.

In response to questions from the Board, Chief Colson reiterated all run times and locations would be taken into consideration to find the most optimal location for each new station. He also mentioned the Fire Improvement Fund would cover the costs related to property acquisition, design and construction of the two new stations. At the request of the Mayor, Chief Colson agreed to look at the construction of a new access road around the Airport or potential relocation of the Airport Fire Station closer to Lovers Lane to avoid having to build a new station requiring additional personnel. However, he clarified the Airport posed other requirements for service delivery which would also have to be taken into consideration as part of that evaluation. With no objections by the Board, DeFebbo confirmed the next step in this process would include an analysis of idealized locations for the new stations to be presented to the Board at a future date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Following the conclusion of the regular agenda, Mayor Wilkerson opened the floor for any public comments about items not included on the agenda. Seth Peckham urged passage of a fairness ordinance to end discrimination against LGBTQ individuals. He indicated since the Board of Commissioner has been unwilling to adopt a fairness ordinance, it sends a message the City does not support all of its residents.

Mike Ayers said he wants to sell his parents' property at 750 Pearl Street to the City and does not understand why it was not already purchased by the City as part of the Whiskey Run expansion back in the 1970s since all of the surrounding properties were. He described the current condition of the property including drainage structures and flood zone area. Mr. Ayers remarked he appreciated the City's recent offer to pay for easement rights at \$2,400, but he would rather sell the property and thought \$6,100 was reasonable compensation. Both Commissioners Denning and Nash expressed an interest in purchasing the property.

Jennifer Morlan said the City needed to provide Fire protection and a Police Officer assigned to take care of fraud. She noted the next election year was coming and people were getting tired of nothing getting done.

Adeleke Ademuyewo invited everyone to attend Western Kentucky University's graduation ceremony on Saturday, December 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 5:50 p.m., Mayor Wilkerson declared this meeting adjourned.

ADOPTED: December 19, 2017

APPROVED: Bruce Wilkerson
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Katy Schaller Ward
City Clerk

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