

**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING  
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS  
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY  
held June 2, 2026**

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 June 2, 2026. Mayor Todd Alcott called the meeting to order. Julian Drew provided the invocation, and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Ashley Jackson called the roll, and the following members were present: Commissioner Melinda Hill, Commissioner Sue Parrigin, Commissioner Carlos Bailey, Commissioner Dana Beasley-Brown and Mayor Todd Alcott. Absent: none. There was a full quorum of the Board of Commissioners.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jeffery B. Meisel requested the audience to sign up at the back of the Commission Chamber to speak during public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 19, 2026.

Minutes of the above-referenced regular meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Beasley-Brown to approve said minutes. Mayor Alcott asked for discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 120

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF ALANNA  
CLAYWELL TO THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 120 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. Police Chief Michael Delaney reviewed and recommended the promotion of Alanna Claywell to the position of Communications Dispatcher Supervisor in the Police Department. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 120 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 121

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH JESSUP TO THE POSITION OF CREW LEADER IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 121 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. Human Resources and Risk Management Director Erin Hulsey reviewed and recommended the appointment of Joseph Jessup to the position of Crew Leader in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 121 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 122

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT OF CURTIS JOHNSON TO THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 122 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Beasley-Brown for consideration of said Municipal Order. Human Resources Manager Tiara Britt reviewed and recommended the appointment of Curtis Johnson to the position of Community Center Coordinator in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 122 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 123

MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE BOWLING GREEN ITA, INC. FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 123 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Beasley-Brown for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel and Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce Interim President/CEO Meredith Wilson reviewed and recommended approval of the Bowling Green ITA, Inc. Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 123 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2026 – 10  
(First Reading – Non-Binding)  
ORDINANCE ADOPTING ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 10 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Beasley-Brown for the first and non-binding reading of said Ordinance. City Manager Meisel and Assistant City Manager Katie Schaller-Ward reviewed and recommended the Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget and thanked the budget team and all city staff involved in the budget preparation. A summary was provided by Schaller-Ward and it was said the proposed budget included \$110.2 million in the General Fund, a \$6.7 million decrease from Fiscal Year 2026, and \$189.3 million in All Funds, a \$7.9 million decrease from Fiscal Year 2026. It was said the primary reason for the decrease in the proposed budget was to reset revenue growth, as the city saw a revenue source decrease from the previous fiscal year, which was expected to fall below the revenue budget nearly \$6.8 million. Schaller-Ward further reviewed the General Fund Revenue Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount of \$110,165,000, which included occupational fees, taxes, license and permits, Parks and Recreation and other revenues. Additionally, other expenditures, personnel costs, including cost-of-living adjustments for employees, and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects, were all discussed. Schaller-Ward added agency funding was recommended in the total amount of \$1,334,010. Residents were reminded that the complete budget presentation video was available for review on the city’s website and social media outlets. Following compliments to the budget team and all departments, Mayor Alcott asked for a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

First Reading of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 10 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2026 – 11  
(First Reading – Non-Binding)  
ORDINANCE RELATING TO CLASSIFICATION/PAY SCHEDULES

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION/PAY SCHEDULES “G” FOR GENERAL CLASSIFIED, “F” FOR FIRE, “P” FOR POLICE AND “D” FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD / MANAGEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING PAY INCREASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 11 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Beasley-Brown for the first and non-binding reading of said Ordinance. Meisel recommended the amended Classification/Pay Schedules for “G” General Classified, “F” for Fire, “P” for Police and “D” for Department Head/Management and pay increases for Fiscal Year 2027. There were no changes to the “U” for Part-Time. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

First Reading of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 11 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 124

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING BID #2026-58 FOR PEDIGO PARK CONCRETE PAD AND SIDEWALK INSTALLATION FROM BAKER CONTRACTING LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$97,532.25

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 124 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel reviewed and recommended approval of Bid #2026-58 for Pedigo Park concrete pad and sidewalk installation from Baker Contracting LLC in an amount not to exceed \$97,532.25. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 124 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 125

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF BID #2025-34 FOR PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES FROM J & F JANITORIAL SERVICES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$355,600

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 125 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel reviewed and recommended renewal of Bid #2025-34 for professional cleaning services from J & F Janitorial Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$355,600. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 125 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 126

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING CONSTRUCTION AND ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE OF HAZEN COURT IN GREENHILLS SUBDIVISION

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 126 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel recommended approval and acceptance of construction and maintenance of 647 linear feet of roadway and associated sidewalk and storm sewer on Hazel Court in Greenhills Subdivision. It was said the specifications met all standards by the City-County Planning Commission and City Public Works Department. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 126 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 127

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BOWLING GREEN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, INC. TO LEASE CIRCUS SQUARE PARK AND DESIGNATED STREETS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26, 2026, AND FURTHER WAIVING THE NORMAL RENTAL FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF CIRCUS SQUARE PARK FOR THIS EVENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 127 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Beasley-Brown for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel recommended approval of a Lease Agreement with Bowling Green International Festival, Inc. and the waiving of rental fees for the rental of Circus Square Park for the annual International Festival in September. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 127 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 128

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ARTS OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY, INC. DBA SOUTHERN KENTUCKY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TO LEASE CIRCUS SQUARE PARK FOR CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 128 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel recommended approval of the Lease Agreement with Arts of Southern Kentucky, Inc. dba Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKYPAC) and the waiving of rental fees for the rental of Circus Square Park for Concerts in the Park beginning in June. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 128 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 129

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF MARY VITALE AND DEAN WARREN TO THE CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION OF WARREN COUNTY

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 129 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. Mayor Alcott recommended the reappointments of Mary Vitale to the University District Review Committee. He asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 129 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 130

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
FRAN BOWEN TO THE CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 130 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. Mayor Alcott recommended the reappointment of Fran Bowen to the City-County Board of Adjustments. He asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 130 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 131

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GENE  
HARMON AND REAPPOINTMENT OF BARRY PRUITT TO THE  
BOWLING GREEN AUDIT COMMITTEE

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 131 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. Mayor Alcott recommended the appointment of Gene Harmon and reappointment of Barry Pruitt to the Bowling Green Audit Committee. He asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 131 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 132

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENTS OF ALEX  
DOWNING AND MITCHELL PEARSON AND REAPPOINTMENT OF  
GRAY CAUDILL TO THE BOWLING GREEN HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION BOARD

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 132 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. Mayor Alcott recommended the appointments of Alex Downing and Mitchell Pearson and reappointment of Gray Caudill to the Bowling Green Historic Preservation Board. He asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 132 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 133

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES  
ADAMS TO THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT  
APPEALS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL BOARD OF PROPERTY  
TAX APPEALS

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 133 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. At the request of the Mayor, Commissioner Parrigin recommended the appointment of James Adams to the Warren County Board of Assessment Appeals. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 133 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2026 – 9

(Second Reading – Binding)

ORDINANCE APPROVING PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT

ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH PROMISSORY NOTE; AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS REGARDING SUCH PROMISSORY NOTE

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 9 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Bailey for the second and binding reading of said Ordinance. Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2026 – 9 was adopted by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 134

MUNICIPAL ORDER CREATING A DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS ON DATA CENTER APPLICATIONS, ZONING AMENDMENTS AND/OR PERMITS, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, BUILDING PERMITS, SITE PLANS, BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS AND ANY OTHER REQUESTS RELATED TO THE LOCATION OF DATA CENTERS IN THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 134 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. Commissioners Bailey and Beasley-Brown sponsored the municipal order, and requested City Attorney Hillary Hightower provide an overview of the draft municipal order. Hightower explained the language included a due diligence period of six (6) months to allow an opportunity to hold work sessions, community engagement and research before making decisions or allowing building permits or business licenses for data centers. It was further explained the next item on the agenda was the zoning text amendment ordinance, recommended by the City-County Planning Commission, which included restrictions on data centers that were currently not in place. Commissioners Beasley-Brown and Bailey both expressed concerns related to how other cities nationwide have handled data centers, utility rate payors, infrastructure impacts, transparency and local input from residents. Mayor Alcott and Commissioners Hill and Parrigin were not in favor of creating a due diligence, or moratorium, as the delay may be perceived as though the city was

not open to having discussions with data centers and would not be economically friendly. Commissioner Parrigin stated the Chamber of Commerce, alongside the city, county and utility companies, provide due diligence in recruitment and economic development efforts, which are in the best interest of the community. Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce Interim CEO/President Meredith Wilson explained not all data centers are created equally, and crypto mining data centers differ from general data centers. Additionally, she explained the data centers would not qualify for incentives through the state, therefore the large number of jobs and salaries would have a positive impact on the city. It was further reported the companies would be required to pay for any infrastructure improvements, and she would not recommend approving the due diligence action. Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (BGMU) General Manager Mark Iverson spoke about utility impacts of data centers and stated there would be no burden to the taxpayers as additional investments would be at the cost of the company. Following questions, Iverson stated BGMU water was not an issue for Bowling Green, as there was substantial capacity. Commissioner Hill explained she would like to see an open house with key players, such as the Chamber of Commerce, utility companies and governmental entities, to answer questions from residents, and the Board of Commissioners agreed. City-County Planning Commission Executive Director Ben Peterson reviewed the next item, Ordinance No. BG2026-6, and provided a summary of the new data center regulations included in the Zoning Text. Following some questions, the Board of Commissioners made closing remarks in favor of or against the due diligence period for data centers. Once discussion concluded, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea:   Bailey and Beasley-Brown  
                          Voting Nay:   Hill, Parrigin and Alcott  
Municipal Order No. 2026 – 134 failed for a lack of a majority vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2026 – 6  
(First Reading – Non-Binding)  
ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLES 3, 4, 5, 8 AND ADDING  
APPENDIX C OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF  
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 6 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Hill for the first and non-binding reading of said Ordinance. Meisel stated the ordinance was postponed at the April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting for further review, and an overview was provided with the previous item. Commissioner Beasley-Brown recommended an amendment on the floor to include a revision to the Use Regulations, Article 5, Section 5-6, Use Category – Data Centers to remove “P” (Permitted Use) under High Industrial (HI) and replace with “C” (Conditional Use). With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea:   Bailey and Beasley-Brown  
                          Voting Nay:   Hill, Parrigin and Alcott  
Amended First Reading of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 6 failed for lack of a majority vote.

Mayor Alcott asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken on the ordinance as presented.

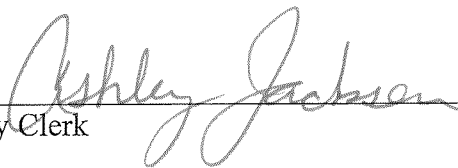
ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea:   Hill, Parrigin, Bailey, Beasley-Brown and Alcott  
                          Voting Nay:   None  
First Reading of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 6 was approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 6:50 p.m., Mayor Alcott declared this meeting adjourned.

ADOPTED: June 16, 2026

APPROVED:   
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

*Minutes prepared by City Clerk Ashley Jackson*