

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
held April 1, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky met in special session in the Commission Chamber of City Hall, Bowling Green, Kentucky at 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2021. Mayor Todd Alcott called the meeting to order. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 16, 2021.

Minutes of the above-referenced meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Parrigin 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

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2021 was approved by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL AGENDA

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2021 – 42

**MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF JUSTIN
DONNELLY TO THE POSITION OF FIRE ENGINEER IN THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2021 – 42 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. City Manager Jeffery Meisel congratulated the recent retirement of Billy Daniels in the Fire Department for his 20 years of service. Fire Chief Jason Colson reviewed and recommended the promotion of Justin Donnelly to Fire Engineer. 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. 2021 – 42 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2021 – 43

**MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENTS OF TRISTAN ALEXANDER, BRANDON BOARDS,
BROCK CLEARY, JAMAL COMBS, MICHAEL TYLER GENTRY,
HADON JAMES, MICHAELA KING, RASHAD TRIMBLE AND
ANDREW WARD TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2021 – 43 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Beasley-Brown for consideration of said Municipal Order. Human Resources Director Erin Hulsey reviewed and recommended the appointments to Police Officer. The Board of Commissioners welcomed and congratulated the Police Officers, and Mayor Alcott asked for a roll call vote.

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

Municipal Order No. 2021 – 43 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2021 – 44

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA FRANKLIN AND REAPPOINTMENT OF HARRY FORD TO THE HOBSON HOUSE COMMISSION

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2021 – 44 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Beasley-Brown for consideration of said Municipal Order. Mayor Alcott recommended the appointment and reappointment to the Hobson House Commission. 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. 2021 – 44 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2021 – 45

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2021 – 45 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel reviewed and recommended approval to submit the Fiscal Year 2022 Housing Choice Voucher Program Annual Plan. Following a status report about the mainstream voucher program, 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. 2021 – 45 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2021 – 12

(Second Reading – Binding)

ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLES 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 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. BG2021 – 12 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Hill 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. BG2021 – 12 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2021 – 13
(First Reading – Non-Binding)
ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING 4.3658
ACRES FROM R-E (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE) AND F (FLOODPLAIN)
TO RM-4 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND F (FLOODPLAIN)
LOCATED ON OLD SCOTTSVILLE ROAD, PRESENTLY OWNED
BY MFG BOWLING GREEN LAND, LLC

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2021 – 13 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Bailey for the first and non-binding reading of said Ordinance. City Attorney Hillary Hightower and Attorney Matt Cook, representing the City for outside legal counsel services, provided background information about the rezoning. The rezoning was originally approved by the City-County Planning Commission in 2017 and brought before the Board of Commissioners for recommendation in 2018. The Board of Commissioners rejected the rezoning recommendation, which the decision was appealed to Warren Circuit Court. Judge John Grise determined the facts and findings were insufficient, therefore it was remanded back to the Board of Commissioners for the following considerations: approve the initial recommendation to rezone, reject it again with adequate findings and facts, or the Board of Commissioners could have its own hearing.

There were two (2) attorneys present to make remarks. Chris Davenport was present on behalf of the developer, MFG Bowling Green Land, LLC, and Buzz English was present on behalf of the neighbors who oppose the rezoning. The Mayor indicated each attorney would be allotted 15 minutes to provide comments. Mr. Davenport reported the rezoning was approved by the City-County Planning Commission and included an appropriate 40 foot landscape buffer along Old Scottsville Road and the planting of 6 foot trees. He further explained the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) was discussed during the City-County Planning Commission hearing, however the FLUM was not a part of this rezoning recommendation. Mr. Davenport argued the City-County Planning Commission was correct in its determination that there had been significant physical and economic development in the area, which justified the recommendation to rezone. Mr. English explained he represented residents of Old Scottsville Road area and mentioned the FLUM was brought forward first and was not approved, and later the rezoning recommendation was approved by City-County Planning Commission. He argued there was no other development on Old Scottsville Road similar to the one proposed, with buildings three (3) stories tall and a 223 space parking lot in the area. Mr. English stated developments like this one were meant for the Cumberland Trace area, but not Old Scottsville Road, which should remain low density. Commissioner Beasley-Brown stated after review of the findings, she believed the FLUM was designed to anticipate growth along Cumberland Trace and understood the reasoning for Old Scottsville Road to remain a low density area. Therefore, she agreed with the previous Board of Commissioners decision that the rezoning was not appropriate for the area and would support rejecting the rezoning. Commissioner Bailey agreed and stated there had been no substantial change to the Old Scottsville Road area. He further expressed concern about the close proximity of the development to the roadway.

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Commissioners Hill and Parrigin thanked the City-County Planning Commission for its work and expressed the importance of supporting its recommendations. Once discussion concluded, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Hill, Parrigin and Alcott
 Voting Nay: Bailey and Beasley-Brown
First reading Ordinance No. BG2021 – 13 was approved by majority vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Mayor Alcott declared this meeting adjourned.

ADOPTED: April 20, 2021

APPROVED: 
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Ashley Jackson
City Clerk

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Ashley Jackson