

**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING  
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS  
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY  
held MARCH 5, 2019**

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 March 5, 2019. Mayor Bruce Wilkerson called the meeting to order. An invocation was given by Mayor Bruce Wilkerson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash. City Clerk Ashley Jackson called the roll, and the following members were present: Commissioner Dana Beasley-Brown, Commissioner Joe W. Denning, Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash, Commissioner Sue Parrigin and Mayor Bruce Wilkerson. Absent: none. There was a full quorum of the Board of Commissioners.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

City Manager Jeffery B. Meisel announced the City received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2019 budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. He congratulated the Finance Department staff on receiving this achievement.

Mayor Wilkerson mentioned the City of Bowling Green has been recognized nationally by Money Magazine, a Time Magazine publication, as the best place to live in Kentucky. He also recognized Site Selection Magazine, a premier economic development periodical, ranks the City #1 nationwide for the best place to bring a new company or manufacturer among communities with populations less than 200,000.

**CITY MANAGER**

The City Manager had no further comments at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 19, 2019.

Minutes of the above-referenced meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for 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: Beasley-Brown, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
                      Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2019 was approved by unanimous vote.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA**

Without objection, Mayor Wilkerson changed the order of the agenda to move Ordinance No. BG2019-3 to the end of the agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2019 - 4

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 9.9035 ACRES FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO LI (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) LOCATED AT 0 THREE SPRINGS ROAD, PRESENTLY OWNED BY CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER, WITH GOLDEN FLOWER, LLC C/O RICHARD FELDMAN AS CONTRACT VENDEE

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2019 - 4 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Parrigin for second reading of said Ordinance. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2019 - 4 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2019 - 5

(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE RELATING TO BUDGET AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO TO THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2019 - 5 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Denning for second reading of said Ordinance. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
Voting Nay: None

Ordinance No. BG2019 - 5 was adopted by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019 - 34

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE CAREER PATH ADVANCEMENT OF JOSHUA JOHNSON TO THE POSITION OF EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN - MASTER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2019 - 34 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash for consideration of said Municipal Order. Public Works Director Greg Meredith reviewed and recommended the Career Path Advancement of Joshua Johnson to Equipment Technician - Master. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2019 - 34 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019 – 35

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF DANIELLE PIPER TO THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2019 – 35 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash for consideration of said Municipal Order. Police Chief Doug Hawkins reviewed and recommended the promotion of Danielle Piper to Communications Dispatcher Supervisor. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea:   Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
                          Voting Nay:   None

Municipal Order No. 2019 – 35 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019 – 36

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. HAROLD LITTLE TO THE BOWLING GREEN-WARREN COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2019 – 36 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Denning for consideration of said Municipal Order. The Mayor recommended the reappointment of Dr. Little to the Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport Board. He asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea:   Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
                          Voting Nay:   None

Municipal Order No. 2019 – 36 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019 - 37

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR CITY MANAGER JEFFERY MEISEL TO ATTEND THE KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES CITY DAY/NIGHT IN FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY AND THE 2019 KENTUCKY CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WINTER CONFERENCE IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2019 – 37 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Nash for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel expressed his appreciation to be able to attend the conference. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea:   Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
                          Voting Nay:   None

Municipal Order No. 2019 – 37 was approved by unanimous vote.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019 - 38**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER CORRECTING AN ORIGINAL KRS 81.045 FILING RELATED TO ORDINANCE NO. BG80-42 AND ADOPTING A MODERN AND ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED BY ORDINANCE**

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2019 - 38 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Denning for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel explained this item, as well as the next Municipal Order No. 2019-39, are clean-ups related to previously approved annexations and the Secretary of State recommends the adoption of modern and accurate legal descriptions. In addition, he reviewed the next agenda item Municipal Order No. 2019-40, which relates to an amendment to Municipal Order No. 2018-183 as the Public Works staff recognized a gap in the mapping and an amendment is necessary. Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2019 - 38 was approved by unanimous vote.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019 - 39**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER ADOPTING MODERN AND ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED BY ORDINANCE NO. BG82-3**

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2019 - 39 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Denning and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. Mayor Wilkerson mentioned this was discussed during the previous municipal order and asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2019 - 39 was approved by unanimous vote.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019 - 40**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2018-183 RELATED TO THE MODERN AND ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED BY ORDINANCE NO. BG97-30**

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2019 - 40 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. This item was explained along with Municipal Order No. 2019-38, and Mayor Wilkerson asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL:           Voting Yea: Beasley-Brown, Denning, Nash, Parrigin and Wilkerson  
                          Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2019 - 40 was approved by unanimous vote.

Prior to the consideration of Ordinance No. BG2019-3, Mayor Bruce Wilkerson excused himself from the discussion and stepped down. Mayor Pro Tem Sue Parrigin presided over the following agenda item.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2019 - 3  
(Second Reading)  
ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING A PORTION OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.23 ACRE FROM RM-4 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) LOCATED AT 0 CAMPBELL LANE, PRESENTLY OWNED BY SANDRA STEWART, WITH BUCKHEAD KITCHEN & BAR LLP C/O CAITLIN DAVIS AS CONTRACT VENDEE

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2019 - 3 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Parrigin for second reading of said Ordinance. Commissioner Beasley-Brown stated it was determined after the first reading of this rezoning she had a connection with someone involved in the rezoning request. Therefore, in order for her to follow the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest language, she recused herself from the discussion and action. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Ordinance No. BG2019 - 3 was adopted by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Following the regular agenda and a brief recess at 4:45 p.m., at approximately 4:50 p.m., Mayor Wilkerson opened the floor for any public comments about items not included on the agenda. Craig Patterson with the Barren River District Health Department reviewed some health regulations such as food trucks being allowed to stay on property for 14 consecutive days and then must move and not come back to the same spot for 30 days. He also explained the need for an address, a designated contact person, restroom facilities, established area for dumping waste, and set hours of operation. It was further discussed all food truck vendors are required to obtain proper inspection by the Health Department. In response to a question, Planning Commission Executive Director Ben Peterson confirmed the health regulations were not considered or consulted as the Planning Commission's objective was to rezone the property. Commissioner Nash clarified the rezoning and the health regulations are separate issues, and the health regulations are between the Health Department and the developer, not the City or Planning Commission.

Timothy Mullen reviewed an experience he had and spoke in support of a fairness ordinance. He provided a written statement to be included in the minutes as attached.

ADJOURNMENT

Once all discussion concluded and there being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Mayor Wilkerson declared this meeting adjourned.

*(Minutes-Board of Commissioners-March 5, 2019)*

ADOPTED: March 19, 2019

APPROVED: Bruce Williams  
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Ashley Jackson  
City Clerk

*Minutes prepared by City Clerk Ashley Jackson*

Timothy Mullin

## My Story

Good evening Mayor and council members. Thank you for the opportunity to address council.

I am retired from WKU where I was a professor for 10 years. During my time working at the Kentucky Museum I encountered a situation that could have gone much worse. Any other employer in Bowling Green could have fired me, but luckily, WKU is a bit more progressive. A student worker complained to HR because he found working with me to be intolerable, because I was open about my sexuality. I was called before the Compliance Officer and the Vice-Provost to defend myself against the student's prejudice. The Compliance Officer concluded that I had done nothing wrong, however, she felt comfortable setting rules for my continued employment, restricting my conduct and putting conditions on hiring student workers in the future. I felt violated, I hadn't done anything wrong, yet I was the one being punished. Had the student complained because of the color of my skin, or my ethnic origin, or my religion, I would have been protected by law. But because the student was homophobic...I was basically told to 'act straight' and deny my identity.

As one might expect, the rumors began to circulate and grow with fabrications, and the Compliance Officer threatened to seek out every student worker who ever worked for me over ten years, until she could find one who would verify these nasty rumors. While those students who enjoyed working for me have gone on to careers at the Speed Museum in Louisville and Christie's in NYC, there were those students who disliked working at the museum, and I have no doubt that they would happily support the vile rumors. I felt like I was in the center of a witch hunt, the Compliance Officer had already concluded that I was guilty, and she was going to continue her investigation until she could find a student willing to perjure themselves. I chose to retire from the very unfair and pre-determined conclusion.

My ancestors came to America in the 1640s. Over 14 generations they included Doctors and lawyers, politicians, religious leaders, and even a signer of the U. S. Constitution. They fought in every war from the French & Indian War right up to Iraq. My ancestors fought for freedom, and I am here tonight doing the same. My landlord could break my lease at any time simply because of my sexual orientation and that is not fair. My employer could have fired me, rather than giving me the option to retire, because of my sexual orientation. That is also not fair. Everyone deserves to be free from discrimination when it comes to housing and employment.

I am asking that this council consider Fairness wording in the city laws so that, in the future, others subjected to discrimination due to their gender identity and/or sexual preference will be protected by the law and not have to risk being fired or forced to retire.

Thank you.