

**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
held August 18, 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 August 18, 2026. Mayor Todd Alcott called the meeting to order. Dr. Terry Daniels 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.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Director of Government Affairs Gracie Kelly presented 2026 Friends of Cities awards to Senator Mike Wilson, Representative Kevin Jackson, Representative Michael Meredith and Representative Robert Duvall.

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.

Meisel also congratulated Police Chief Michael Delaney for being awarded the 2026 Police Chief of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chief Financial Officer Erin Ballou and Staff Accountant II Zane Martin conducted a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining comments from residents regarding the proposed 2026 property tax rates. She reported that the total real estate property growth was 5.3%, with existing property growth at 3.7% and new property growth at 1.6%. Ms. Ballou explained it was a requirement to hold a public hearing when the rate is set between the compensating rate and a rate with a 4% increase. She recommended the 2026 real property tax rate to remain the same as the previous year at \$0.203, and personal property tax rate also to remain the same as the previous year at \$0.260. There was some history of the new, existing and total growth rates of real property values provided, as well as a 10-year actual rate history, and the comparison of the 2025 Kentucky tax rates. The property taxes are due December 31, 2026, with a 10% penalty to be applied beginning on January 1, 2027. Since it was a public hearing, Ms. Ballou inquired if anyone from the public wished to speak on the issue. Mark Davis requested clarification regarding the over 5% total assessed property value growth mentioned in the presentation, and City Manager Meisel confirmed the percentage was an overall increase in assessment dollars. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting August 4, 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 Bailey 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 August 4, 2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 184

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF TYLER CREEK TO THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 184 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. Assistant Communications Director Danielle Piper reviewed and recommended the promotion of Tyler Creek to the position of Communications Dispatcher II 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 – 184 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 185

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT OF LINDSEY NOLTKAMPER TO THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 185 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Parrigin and seconded by Beasley-Brown for consideration of said Municipal Order. Human Resources Manager Lori Gray reviewed and recommended the appointment of Lindsey Noltkamper to the position of Communications Dispatcher II 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 – 185 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 186

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF BRITTANY RICH TO THE POSITION OF FIRE CODE INSPECTOR IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 186 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. Fire Chief Justin Brooks reviewed and recommended the transfer of Brittany Rich to the position of Fire Code Inspector in the Fire 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 – 186 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 187

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENTS OF TRISTEN CARTER, CARY KING, CAMERON
STINE AND ANDERSON YOUNG TO THE POSITION OF
FIREFIGHTER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 187 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Hill for consideration of said Municipal Order. Human Resources Manager Tiara Britt reviewed and recommended the appointments of Tristen Carter, Cary King, Cameron Stine and Anderson Young to the position of Firefighter in the Fire 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 – 187 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 188

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND
SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 SECTION EIGHT
MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SEMAP)
CERTIFICATION FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER
PROGRAM

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 188 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel reviewed and recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 and submission of the Fiscal Year 2026 Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification for the Housing Choice 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. 2026 – 188 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 189

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING AND ACCEPTING FIVE (5)
VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING VOUCHERS FOR
THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 189 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Bailey for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel reviewed and

recommended acceptance of five (5) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers for the Section 8 Housing Choice 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. 2026 – 189 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 190

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES FROM DON FRANKLIN SOMERSET INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$574,056 THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASE UNDER KENTUCKY STATE PRICING CONTRACT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 190 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 the purchase of police vehicles from Don Franklin Somerset Inc. in the total amount of \$574,056 through cooperative purchase under Kentucky State Pricing Contract. 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 – 190 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 191

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH OLATHE FORD SALES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A F750 CREW CAB TRUCK AND ATTACHMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$212,697 THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 191 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Beasley-Brown for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel recommended approval of a contract with Olathe Ford Sales for the purchase of a F750 crew cab truck and attachments for the Public Works Operations Division in an amount not to exceed \$212,697 through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract. 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 – 191 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 192

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FROM GARY YEOMANS FORD FRANKFORT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$244,973 THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASE UNDER KENTUCKY STATE PRICING CONTRACT

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 192 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. Meisel reviewed and recommended the purchase of vehicles from Yeomans Ford Frankfort in the total amount of \$244,973 through cooperative purchase under Kentucky State Pricing Contract for the Public Works Operations Division and fire 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 – 192 was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2026 – 193

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE MASTER PLAN FOR
RUSSELL SIMS AQUATIC CENTER AS PREPARED BY LUCKETT &
FARLEY

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2026 – 193 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Beasley-Brown and seconded by Parrigin for consideration of said Municipal Order. Luckett & Farley Manager of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning Matt Gullo and Projector Director George Deines of Counsilman-Hunsaker Aquatics for Life provided an overview of the Russell Sims Aquatic Center Master Plan. It was said the planning focus areas included longevity and infrastructure, enhanced experience and safety, revenue diversification and future growth and regional attraction. The plan was structured around facility needs assessment, visioning and programming and an action plan through the year 2050. It was recommended to complete projects in phases, and the areas of interest were based on analysis, concept development and community feedback. Year One consisted of immediate needs such as maintenance upgrades, new cabana cove, new shade structures, existing restroom renovation, zero-depth play pool feature upgrades, new splashpad and new concessions and party building. Year Five would include the long-term needs, for example, new lazy river, new water slide, entrance enhancements, jump platform installation and staff breakroom renovation. Years 10-25 would include additional things as deemed necessary, however the plan suggested concessions reprogramming, existing admissions building renovation and additional shading and seating. Following some questions, it was confirmed there was no current budget for the projects included in the plan for Fiscal Year 2027, but it could be discussed during the Fiscal Year 2028 budget process and further assessed at the Board of Commissioners Strategic Goal Planning. Once discussion concluded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Municipal Order No. 2026 – 193 was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. BG2026 – 14

(First Reading – Non-Binding)

ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE

ORDINANCE REZONING A PORTION OF A TRACT OF LAND
CONTAINING 2.67 ACRES FROM P (PUBLIC) TO HB (HIGHWAY
BUSINESS) LOCATED AT 1000 WOODHURST STREET PRESENTLY
OWNED BY THE BOWLING GREEN-WARREN COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT WITH LEACHMAN HARRY MOTORS, INC.
AS THE APPLICANT

Title and summary of Ordinance No. BG2026 – 14 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 explained the rezoning was a unanimous recommendation from the City-County Planning Commission. Mayor Alcott explained he requested the item be added to the agenda since the property was located at 1000 Woodhurst Street and owned by the Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport. Airport Manager Susan Harmon explained the rezoning was to allow the Airport to lease a portion of property to Leachman to construct a new 27,000 square foot vehicle repair facility with associated parking. Additionally, she said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was required to approve the lease as well, and Leachman would be responsible for all the infrastructure expenses. 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 – 14 was approved by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Mayor Alcott declared this meeting adjourned.

ADOPTED: September 1, 2026

APPROVED: 
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Ashley Jackson