

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL/CAUCUS MEETING

APRIL 17, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the Special Meeting at 6:03PM. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Joe Averdick. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, Alyse Bender (sitting in for City Attorney Todd McMurtry), Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:16PM and Mr. Adam Feinauer was unavailable for this meeting.

1st Reading – Ordinance 07-13 – Text Amendment

NKAPC staff recommendation was favorable to amend this Text Amendment, this would add a definition for “Outlots, Shopping Center” and reducing the area requirements and adding building material restrictions for outlots in the SC (Shopping Center) Zone. Alyse Bender read this Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Voting in favor were Wall and Averdick, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn the Special Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Call to Order Caucus Meeting

Rumpke Contract

The Rumpke contract that was signed in 2010, had four extensions that were available to us through 06/30/2019. The first extension will run from 07/01/13 to 06/30/2015 and the cost will only increase by \$.34 per month. It seems that everyone is satisfied with their service and the increase in price is very minimal. We will vote on the extension contract approval at our May 1st meeting.

Signs

Mayor Nienaber addressed Council regarding the sign controversy at Sub-Station and throughout the City. Our latest Ordinance does not address temporary signs and if the business name is on a No Parking, or reserved for business customer they are considered advertising and not allowed. Mayor Nienaber stated that we have to be consistent with all retail business on signs and parking regulations. Discussion followed. We need to look at the sign ordinance and zoning issues that will pertain to every business, and re-direct the focus on Dixie Highway. Invite someone knowledgeable to join us for a meeting to discuss a TIF District for Dixie Highway. It was suggested to have a copy of our TIF District regulations and also Covington’s agreement and discuss this as a Council and decide on a plan.

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Hatter suggested that the City join the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hatter thinks it would be a worthwhile investment, Mr. Wessels does not agree. Mayor Nienaber advised Mr. Hatter to send a link to their website to all members of Council. We currently belong to the Northern Kentucky Chamber for this area

Vehicle Fee

Mr. Huff advised Council that he had received a letter (copy in packet) and phone call from Sue Huellemeier regarding the City's new vehicle sticker fee that went into effect on January 1, 2013. This car is parked in a garage and is not drivable. She pays the taxes on the car each year, but would like to be exempt from our \$35.00 fee. Council discussed this request and it was decided that she was responsible the fee.

Mr. Huff received a call from a resident of Rivard Drive regarding the truck loaded with junk that parks in front of her house. The resident spoke to the gentleman on one occasion and it ended in a heated argument. This truck is parked across from the driveway that is in disrepair. Mr. Maloney is looking at this situation and will keep Council up to date.

Mr. Wessels advised Council that he and Mr. Abeln have been attending meetings with Fort Mitchell Council regarding the Goals and Objectives being established by NKAPC. He passed out a first draft document and would like for Council to read through it and give any comments that they may have. Sharmili will then take it back to NKAPC and let them know that Fort Wright and Fort Mitchell will approve it. We still have not received a legal opinion from Garry Edmondson on the legality of having separate goals and objectives.

Mr. Maloney advised that the Ashlawn street construction is going well, but rain has interrupted the progress.

Mr. Maloney had a call from a resident of Reeves Drive stating that she was almost involved in an accident that morning turning left from Highland Pike to Reeves Drive coming up the hill. She stated if people are not paying attention and a vehicle is stopped to turn onto Reeves Drive, they have to swerve to avoid hitting the car that is stopped and swerve into the next lane, into oncoming traffic. Mr. Maloney advised her to call the Highway Department, since this is a State Road.

Mr. Dave Middendorf had asked if we could contact the State regarding directional arrows on the signs that direct drivers on Kyles Lane as they continue on down the hill it is very confusing for people not from this area traveling through the intersection at Kyles Lane and Highland Pike.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk