CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL/CAUCUS MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2016 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the special meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

There were no citizen comments.

First Reading of Ordinance 06-16 – An Ordinance changing an approximate 5.6-acre area located on the northwest side of the intersection of Highland Pike and Bluegrass Drive from R1-C and R1-CC to R1-FF

A public hearing was held at PDS offices for this property and the proposed change of the map amendment and official zoning ordinance of 5.6 acres, submitted by James Roenker, on behalf of Eileen Herzog. This change will allow residential development up to a density of 7.3 dwelling units per net acre. Plans for this development is three or four homes for family residences. This property is located behind 142 Basswood Circle.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wessels stated that if only three or four homes are to be built, why would they request a zone change? Council decided that they did not have enough information to continue with this vote of council.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to table the previous motion and second. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall, Averdick, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to schedule a public hearing for Ordinance 06-16 on 08-30-16 at 6:00PM regarding this land issue. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall, Averdick, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the special meeting. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer, Wall, Averdick, Wessels and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Hatter called the caucus meeting to order at 6:35PM. All previous members in attendance.

Items for Discussion

Regarding a request to temporarily amend the Sunday Alcohol sale hours on October 30, 2016

We have had a request from a local business to allow alcohol sales earlier than allowed, at 9:00AM, for that day only to cater to the customers that will be watching the Bengals football game from England. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Regarding possible Land Swap with the City of Covington

Mr. Wessels stated that he would like to give the land that is off of Sleepy Hollow Road and extends into Devou Park to the City of Fort Wright, in exchange for property that is currently part of Devou Park in the Fort Henry/General Drive area. Discussion followed.

It was decided that Mr. Butler and Mr. McMurtry regroup and talk to City of Covington Attorney Warnock to get definite details and come back to council with more information if the city wants to move forward with this plan.

Regarding Audit Services

Mr. Butler to request responses for audit services who are interested in conducting the city's audit for 2016 and get an overview on costs. Mr. Butler would review the information and make a recommendation to the finance committee for their review.

Regarding SD1 Private Sewer Lateral Agreement

Mr. McMurtry has a copy of the agreement and it was suggested that we sign the most recent agreement so that our residents do not have problems.

Regarding 2016 Soap Box Derby

There were some issues with the promoter after last year's event and the City does not want those to be repeated. The event will be scheduled on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Wright's Summit Business Park. The City will enter their car and ask for donations from the advertisers that have stickers on the car.

Regarding KLC Certified City of Ethics Program

Mayor Hatter likes this idea and would like the City to participate. He will report back with more information on this project.

Regarding City Zoning Ordinances on Neon/LED Lighting – Texas Roadhouse

There are other restaurants in Fort Wright that has this lighting and Texas Roadhouse would like to have their outline of the sign in the brighter lights. When the restaurant was built they were told they were not allowed, but after seeing them at other places they are now asking to be allowed the same thing. This will be under review by the Community Preservation Committee.

Regarding the Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Luncheon for Seniors

The City will again sponser the Thanksgiving luncheon for the Fort Wright seniors at the South Hills Civic Club. Atria Highland Crossing will provide the food and the city will provide drinks and door prizes.

The Christmas luncheon will be provided if the Hilltoppers Senior Club request that the city provide the food. This takes place at the Fort Wright Civic Club.

Regarding the Trail Concept Design

Mr. Jason Reser has plans to create a Kenton county network of trails, but could not attend tonight's meeting. This item will be tabled until a future meeting.

2016 Tax Rates

We will provide the tax information to Council as soon as we receive it from Kenton County and schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee for discussion.

We have received a donation from Walt's Hitching Post in the amount of $1500.00, to purchase body cameras for the Police Department.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wessels to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wessels, Wall, Averdick, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk