

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

01/11/06 – 6:00PM

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Matt Barker. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Frank Henn of 412 Olivia Lane addressed Council and advised that in December he sent a letter of appreciation regarding Ford Development and Sanitation District No. 1 about the work done in his neighborhood. He stated that he also wanted to let Council know what a good job Tim Maloney did on this project, and wanted to personally thank him.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve the minutes of the 12/07/05 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, and Barker voting in favor, Hiltz and Wolnitzek abstained. Motion passed

Executive Order 2-06 – Appointment of Police Officer

Chief Kreinest introduced John Mairose to Council and advised he previously worked for Kenton County Sheriff Department and Edgewood Police Department. John introduced his wife and two sons to everyone. Mr. Summe read this order.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver swore in Officer John Mairose and welcomed him and his family and wished him a long career in Fort Wright.

Second Reading of Ordinance 1-06 – Recodification of City Ordinances

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Nienaber to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek, Feinauer and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2-06 – Zoning Map Amendment

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 3-06 – Zoning Text Amendment

Mr. Klein advised this zoning text amendment amends our neighborhood shopping center zone which is basically the area on Highland Pike which includes the Wal-Mart site, medical building, banks and strip center on the corner. What this does is require any new restaurants be sit down restaurants only and no fast food drive-thru. This kind of business generate more traffic in this already busy area. This would not affect any business now in the area. Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Mr. Wolnitzek questioned why we were doing this. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolnitzek proposed we amend the language to exclude drive up windows, drive-thru windows or drive-ins, but allow carry out service. Mr. Hiltz and Feinauer accepted the amendment to the language. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wolnitzek, Barker and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Zoning Map Amendment- Old KY 17

Mr. Klein introduced Mr. Jack Tatusko and Mr. Mark Schumacher from Jackson Homes. Staff has met with these gentlemen regarding authorizing Mr. Klein to submit a zoning map amendment to NKAPC for an area on Old KY 17. This is for two parcels that comprise around 40 acres. They want to change this area to residential cluster development to permit the density of development and allow some variation in set backs because of the hillside topography. They are proposing 170 condominium units, with three different models. Mr. Tatusko and Schumacher explained what these condos would be like and all the amenities that would be included in this project. Discussion followed. The developers will submit their application to NKAPC.

Resolution 1-06 – CDS Professional Engineering Services

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. Fee schedule attached to paperwork. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested that we do a survey just to see what other cities are paying. Everyone is very satisfied with the work CDS and Associates Inc. have done for the city. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 1-06 – Appointment to Kenton County Planning Commission

Mr. Summe read this Order appointing Rick Wolnitzek as the City's representative to the Kenton County Planning Commission for a four year term. Motion by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Mr. Hatter questioned why Mr. Wessels was removed from this position and there was no previous discussion on this subject. Mayor Weaver stated that it was his decision and Mr. Wessels has served very well, but he thought it was time for a change. Mr. Wolnitzek is an architect and works in the industry and knows the process. Motion by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, Mr. Hatter voting no. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

FYE 2005/2006 & 2006/2007 Street Program Update

Mr. Klein advised that we are combining a two year street program since the streets are so close together. The Kenton County Water District wants to replace the water main on St. Anthony and Marcella Drive when this project is being done. Storm water improvement will be done on Lake Street.

A letter was received and distributed from Mr. Tom Zalla of Lake Street, who is present at tonight's meeting. He spoke regarding the feelings of himself and neighbors on Lake Street to save this circle at the end of the cul-de-sac with some shifting of the circle area. Mayor Weaver suggested that City representatives, residents of Lake Street and City Engineer Mark Brueggemann meet to decide what should be done.

Highland Avenue Sidewalk/Trail Grant Application Update

Intent to apply letter was submitted to the Transportation Cabinet and they liked our concept and we have approval to submit a full application for the ISTEAGrant. This would be for a sidewalk from Kyles Lane to Bluegrass Drive and then to the park property. This would be about a \$160,000.00 project. The application is due in Frankfort by February 21, 2006 and we will have a Resolution on the agenda at the next meeting that Council is required to approve stating that they support the project and will maintain the sidewalk when the project is completed.

Civil War Museum Update

The museum will re-open on February 3rd with some new displays and exhibits. The Public Works department is doing some general maintenance. The attendance so far has been about 2500 people. The Board has raised some funds to help maintain and develop exhibits. Mr. Klein advised we are looking at developing this property in phases. Discussion followed.

MOA KY 17 Roundabout Study

The KY 17 Modern Roundabout Study has been awarded to DLZ, Inc. by the Transportation Cabinet. They will use traffic counts to determine the best way to solve traffic congestion on southern and northern KY 17.

Kyles/Henry Clay Intersection Project

All affected property owners have been notified in October, 2005. Mr. Summe is preparing the legal documents needed and a right-of-way agent will also be meeting with the property owners.

Adopt-A-Military Unit Update

The City has adopted a second military unit, the Iron Rakkasans of the 3-187 Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne. We are still accepting donations of supplies and cash to help with the cost of shipping. Thanks to St. Agnes Parish who are still contributing monthly.

“One Stop Shop” Update

Information included in the packet regarding the “One Stop Shop”. There are many problems that are getting resolved. Mr. Hatter suggested that Council receive reports periodically. Mr. Henn as a plumbing contractor stated that he thinks it works very well.

Annual Audit Update

The annual audit has been completed and the Finance Committee will meet with Mr. Jim Sparrow from Rankin & Rankin on January 18th at 5PM to preview the audit. At the next meeting we will have a report on the audit.

Annual Appreciation Party Reminder

The City’s annual Appreciation Dinner for the Volunteers and employees will be on February 11, 2006 at the Gardens of Park Hills at 6:30PM. We hope all can attend.

Council Committee Reports

No Reports

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported there were 58 tax bills due and 4 with penalty and interest only. The first delinquent bills were mailed and we expect to get good response in January.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported his department is working on general maintenance at the Museum since it has been closed. The new dump truck was received today and is ready for the next snow.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the department wrapped up the year with 1100 calls. We have four new recruits signed up.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that he passed out information on sex offenders living in the area. This information will be included in the Top of the Hill News and he suggests that everyone check the website regularly. Mr. Hatter suggested we link this to our website. The monthly report is also included in the packet, and arrests are up. All of Kenton County is changing the record management system. There have been robberies at Ameristop and Deters carryout.

January 28, 2006 is the Northern Kentucky Police Chiefs Banquet.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS. 61.810 paragraph (c&g). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Barker to adjourn executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

There was no business conducted in this session.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Barker to adjourn legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk