



City of Fort Wright

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City of Fort Wright Caucus Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Caucus Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Mayor Dave Hatter following the close of the Special Council Meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

Shane Noem, Roebing Solutions, and Nick Lingenfelter, PLK Communities – Mr. Noem introduced Mr. Lingenfelter, saying they have a property bordering Fort Wright and would like to discuss some options.

Mr. Lingenfelter said his company owns and manages the Elevation 800 apartment complex on Highland Pike that borders Battery Hooper Park. He said due to changes in housing behavior they have found that the complex is about 17-20 parking spots short, and they are looking for creative solutions.

Mr. Lingenfelter proposed to the City parking options that would include Battery Hooper Park, such as PLK developing shared parking inside the park, adding a dog park with shared parking, or perhaps purchasing all or a portion of the park. Mr. Lingenfelter added that this could also benefit residents as there is currently no parking available inside the park.

Mayor Hatter and Council concurred that now is not the time for the City to consider any development options with Battery Hooper Park, as there are two civic club buildings possibly coming into the City's possession soon and those need to be the focus of time and money. There was also discussion about the past relationship between PLK Communities and the City, including the threatened litigation by PLK toward the City over the easement the City had on that property.

Council encouraged Mr. Lingenfelter to stay in touch with any specific offers, but advised they may not be ready to make a decision before the end of 2024. Mr. Lingenfelter thanked Council for their consideration and apologized for the past actions that caused strife.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

City Board Appointed Representative (BOA) – Ms. Bailey advised Council that there has been no movement on the suggested appointee for the Board of Adjustment. She said PDS will have to make the appointment but will probably take the City's suggestion on who to appoint.

After discussion, Mayor Hatter advised he would reach back out again to Nate Zembrodt and if he does not get a response he would reach out to Gary Hebbeler.

KY Legislative Session Updates & Discussion – Mayor Hatter discussed the Homestead Exemption update bills that are going through the Kentucky House and Senate, saying he has not heard other cities or leaders being as concerned with this as he and Fort Wright's Council seem to be. He said he will continue to reach out to legislators to ensure Fort Wright's voice is heard over the matter.

Mayor Hatter and Council discussed other legislation that has been introduced this session, including the annexation issue, where virtually all cities outside of Northern Kentucky are opposing, a measure to implement prevailing wage on public works projects, and landlord/tenant matters. Mayor Hatter recommended coming

back to the next Council Meeting with a couple Resolutions regarding some of the matters Council feels strongly about to pass and send onto legislators.

Councilman Collins thanked Chief Butler for the increased patrols, saying he has heard positive comments regarding the implementation. Mayor Hatter agreed, saying he has gotten positive feedback also.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Wessels made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session under KRS 61.810(1)(c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Councilman Wall made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Collins	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Caucus Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

The Caucus Meeting reopened to the public at 7:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE CAUCUS MEETING

Councilman Wessels made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. Councilman Collins made a second. All voting in favor.

The Caucus Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Maura Russell, City Clerk