

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 22, 2017 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Bernie Wessels 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. Mr. Scott Wall was unavailable for the meeting.

Mr. Butler explained the reason for the special meeting is to discuss and to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract and go over a Project Budget Summary for this Amsterdam Road project, from CT Consultants, who were selected from the bids received and included in the packet. Partial Grant Funding was received for this project.

Authorization for the City Administrator to enter into a contract with CT Consultants for the Amsterdam Road Project. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wessels, Averdick, Abeln and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

CAUCUS MEETING

There were residents of Covington present for discussion regarding the proposed project by KWI Properties per Kent Wessels, on behalf of property owned by Bonnie Ellison at 2809 Howard Litzler Drive. This would include a map amendment changing the zone to an IP Zone (Industrial Park Zone).

Mr. McMurtry explained the procedure for scheduling a hearing before Council to hear both sides opinions before Council would vote on this project, after it received an unfavorable recommendation from the Kenton County Planning Commission. This will be heard at the next meeting of Council on April 5, 2017.

Discussion regarding proposed changes to the city's Personnel Manual

Mr. Butler just wanted to update Council regarding the files that were emailed related to proposed changes to the very outdated policy. He wanted input on any changes or additions to the policy.

We will be having first reading on this at the April 5th meeting.

Discussion regarding NKY Tribune request for funding

A request was made to the Mayor for funding by the City for the on-line non-profit newspaper as a sponsorship to promote the City. Mayor and Council are not interested in sponsoring this paper for the suggested fee of \$2500.00 - \$5000.00 a year.

Discussion regarding website development committee.

Mayor Hatter advised that the website needs a serious new format and design. He has some ideas but would like input from Council. He would like to put together a committee for this input. Volunteering from Council were Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wessels and Mr. Abeln. He would like to schedule this meeting on Wednesday, March 29th at 4:30PM, before the Finance Committee meeting at 5:30PM.

Discussion regarding 2017 Budget Process

Mr. Butler advised that there is a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 5:30PM. Department Heads will be attending and presenting what is needed for their department.

Mr. Butler stated that he is waiting on information from Kenton County regarding the T.I.F. District.

Mr. Feinauer and Mr. Wessels attended a meeting at PDS, where Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann and members of the Kenton County Fiscal Court gave a presentation regarding the old Bavarian Brewery site, at the exit on 12th Street in Covington, that was purchased for a proposed Kenton County building. Plans for PDS to locate their offices adjacent to that building was presented. Discussion followed.

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

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to open Executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810, paragraph (f). Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Feinauer, Abeln, Averdick and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk