



# City of Fort Wright

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## City of Fort Wright Council Meeting Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 6:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Councilman Adam Feinauer. Councilman Feinauer led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Present
Councilman Feinauer	Present
Councilman Wall	Present
Councilman Weber	Present
Councilman Wessels	Present
Councilwoman Witt	Present

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey  
City Attorney Tim Theissen  
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe  
Police Chief Ed Butler  
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell  
City Clerk Maura Russell  
Treasurer/Senior Deputy Clerk Susan Ellis  
City Engineer Mark Brueggemann

Councilman Feinauer said Mayor Dave Hatter will be late to the meeting. Councilman Abeln made a motion to appoint Councilman Feinauer as Interim Mayor for this Meeting until Mayor Hatter arrives. Councilman Weber made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Feinauer requested an amendment to the agenda to move discussion about the Brent Spence Bridge from New Business to Citizen Comments. Mr. Theissen said no amendment was needed.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS**

**Representative Kim Banta – Session 2021 Legislative Update** – Representative Banta said she dealt with questions regarding unemployment benefits every day. She said Senate Bill 146, bringing unemployment offices to regional locations, and Senate Bill 7, allowing the State of Kentucky to forgive taxes on benefits, were both passed. Rep. Banta also discussed the passage of a House Resolution to provide firefighters with access to mental health services and crisis intervention training. She said the winners of this session were schools, with funding passed for kindergarten and vocational schooling, and school choice, which will allow public schools to get funding for college classes. She said there were a lot of mental health bills passed, as well as gun legislation preventing discrimination against those who build or sell gun parts.

Councilman Wessels asked about the status of the lawsuit between Governor Andy Beshear and the Senators and Representatives. Rep. Banta said everything is in a holding pattern with the Supreme Court of Kentucky and they hope to get to a point where masks are no longer required and the lawsuit is not necessary. Councilman Wessels asked about special counsel being appointed to represent the legislators and how the lawsuit will go through the courts. Rep. Banta said they do have special counsel and she will work to confirm the status of the lawsuit.

Councilman Wall asked if any of the money the State is receiving for the American Recovery Act will go toward the retirement system. Rep. Banta said not to her knowledge, and she believes most of the money is going to schools and businesses.

Councilman Feinauer asked about the uptick in fraud and falsifying information for unemployment. Rep. Banta said the State shut down the entire unemployment system for a few days to try to clear out the fraudulent claims. She said they found that many of the fraudulent claims were coming from people outside of the state of Kentucky. Councilman Weber asked if the State would be going after those filing claims fraudulently, and Rep. Banta said she was unsure of what will happen, but she knows it was a lot of money being requested through fraudulent means.

Councilman Feinauer brought up Kyles Lane, saying Council is hoping Rep. Banta can help with some issues. Ms. Bailey said she communicated with Rep. Banta and Senator Chris McDaniel prior to the meeting about funding repairs to medians on Madison Pike and Rep. Banta said she was going to look at funding opportunities. Ms. Bailey continued, saying there are issues with Kyles Lane curbs and sidewalks and the City is looking for assistance when sections of infrastructure are destroyed, but the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet [KYTC] is not responsive.

Rep. Banta said she reached out to Representative Sal Santoro (Florence) for assistance, and he said sometimes cities are responsible for the sidewalks and curbs, but he was willing to review the issues to determine next steps. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann and Councilman Wessels both said they understood that cities are responsible for anything beyond the curb, but KYTC handles the actual curbs. Councilman Feinauer agreed that the City should be responsible for keeping sidewalks safe, but the State contracted to have curbs and sidewalks installed and now they are falling apart.

Rep. Banta said Bob Yeager is the direct contact for KYTC District 6, and Ms. Bailey said the City has been reaching out to him. Councilman Weber asked if there was certain wording that could help grab the attention of KYTC and Rep. Banta said to always mention safety and based on the pictures shown safety

is an issue. [Mr. Bethell presented pictures of sidewalk and curb issues on Kyles Lane from Kennedy Road to Dixie Highway on the screens in Council Chambers.]

Councilman Wessels said two years ago Senator McDaniel walked Kyles Lane with Mayor Hatter to see what could be done. He said the City of Fort Wright is a gateway for Northern Kentucky and it is not very welcoming to see all these safety issues. Councilman Wessels continued, saying at one time the City was told these items were on hold so they could be included with the Brent Spence Bridge project. He said he has reviewed project items, and this is not included in any of the locations to receive work.

**Brent Spence Bridge Discussion & Follow Up** – Councilman Wessels asked to move this up in the agenda so that Rep. Banta could participate in the discussion. Mr. Bethell brought up images on the screens showing renderings of the “Recommended Alternative Kentucky Plan view” from the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project website [[www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com](http://www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com)].

Councilman Wessels pointed out that, based on these renderings, if someone is traveling northbound on Interstate 71/75 and wants to exit at Kyles Lane, they will have to decide near Buttermilk Pike as the exit ramp is extended. He said this will be problematic for the City’s retail businesses who rely on interstate traffic coming off the Kyles Lane exit. Councilman Feinauer said it appears the same thing would be required for Covington exits.

Councilman Wessels continued, saying the extra lane is identified as an exit lane and continues under Kyles Lane then merges into normal traffic flow. He is concerned about the people who will use this as a pass-through lane, as well as the retail businesses, like gas stations and convenience stores, who depend on the interstate traffic. Councilman Wessels said people will need to decide three or four miles ahead of time if they plan to exit at Kyles Lane. He said the southbound lanes are also set up this way, and if drivers want to exit at Fort Mitchell [Dixie Highway exit] they will have to decide while still on the Cut-in-the-Hill, and if they do not make the decision quick enough, they will be exiting at Buttermilk Pike. Councilman Feinauer added that Buttermilk Pike cannot handle the current traffic that exists there.

Councilman Wessels said the design is terrible, but he is unsure of how to approach or handle this. He said with all the discussion in Congress about the bridge, he would like to work with CT Consultants or some other entity to come up with a plan to get help from the City’s representatives to convince KYTC that this plan will not work. He added that Covington will struggle with the same issue with their entrance and exit ramps.

Councilman Weber brought up water coming off the interstate, saying there had been verbal commitments by designers to ensure water from the interstate does not dump into Covington. Councilman Wessels said a retention pond was built in Fort Wright off Upland Avenue to handle a lot of the interstate water.

Councilman Feinauer said the way exit ramps are designed will impact Covington, Fort Wright, and Fort Mitchell, as well as smaller cities like Park Hills, because of where decisions will have to be made to get off the interstate.

Councilwoman Witt asked about the timeline and where the process is currently, as the City does not want to be late to request changes. Rep. Banta said Mr. Yeager at KYTC should have the timelines

available. Ms. Bailey said she would reach out to request that information. Councilman Wessels said he wants to be sure the plans are not detrimental to the City of Fort Wright. Rep. Banta said she would also get this information in front of Rep. Santoro.

**Daniel Sims, Bellarmine University/Police Dept. Intern** – Chief Butler introduced Daniel Sims, the Police Department’s intern. He said Mr. Sims is a multi-degree student and collegiate athlete at Bellarmine and is a resident of Fort Wright. Chief Butler said Mr. Sims will be working with the Department on Fridays through July. He said Mr. Sims’ first day was last week and he got to be part of the roadblocks for Vice President Kamala Harris’ visit to Cincinnati.

Mr. Sims addressed Council, saying he is a Senior majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology, with a minor in Sociology. He said he is also the team captain for Bellarmine’s Men’s Swimming Team. Mr. Sims said he has been interested in law enforcement since he was a child, and he thinks the internship will help him see firsthand what happens in law enforcement. Councilmembers each welcomed Mr. Sims.

**Williams Creek Project – Dan Greene, President DMG** – Mr. Greene did not attend this evening’s meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Councilwoman Witt made a second. Ms. Russell called roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Caucus Meeting held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Councilman Weber made a second. Ms. Russell called roll.

Councilman Abeln	Abstain
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Abstain
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ord 03-2021 – Prohibiting Commercial Trucks on EHC & WHC** – Ms. Bailey said this Ordinance was discussed further at the Caucus Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> and since that meeting there were questions about the weight limit within the Ordinance. She said there is a difference between unloaded and loaded weights and the determination was made to lower the weight limit to prevent Police Officers from dealing with the difference. She said Mr. Theissen advised there was no need for an additional First Reading because this is a minor change.

Mr. Theissen asked Chief Butler what number the weight limit should be. Chief Butler responded that 33,000 pounds should be the limit. Mr. Theissen said the Ordinance would be amended to correct that number within the body of the Ordinance, in Section I, paragraph C.

Mr. Theissen read Ordinance 03-2021, an Ordinance of the City of Fort Wright in Kenton County Kentucky, amending Chapter 71, entitled Traffic Codes, in the Fort Wright Code of Ordinances, adding a new Section 71.06 prohibiting the operation of commercial trucks on East Henry Clay and West Henry Clay in the City of Fort Wright, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Councilman Feinauer asked if the State needs to be contacted regarding this Ordinance and new signage. Ms. Bailey said she will work through that process. Mr. Bethell said signage would be going in the City's right-of-way. He also said he has the "No Trucks" sign and was waiting on confirmation of the weight limit for other signage. Councilman Feinauer clarified that this Ordinance is only for through-trucks, and not those providing services in the area.

Councilman Wessels made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-2021 as amended for the weight limit. Councilman Abeln made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ord 04-2021 – Reducing Occ. License Tax Rate on Employees** – Councilman Feinauer said this is another First Reading because of a major change to the Ordinance due to an incorrect rate being included in the original First Reading. Ms. Bailey confirmed that, saying this has been discussed over the last couple meetings. She said initially it was going to be reduced from 1.15% to 0.95% but will instead be reduced to 0.99%. Ms. Bailey said this will make Fort Wright's occupational license tax rate one of the lowest in Kenton County, and it will go into effect by July 1, 2021.

Mr. Theissen read Ordinance 04-2021, an Ordinance of the city of Fort Wright, in Kenton County, Kentucky, amending the Ordinance codified as Section 110.26 of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinances, relating to the City's occupational license tax on employees, reducing the rate effective for the period beginning July 1, 2021.

Ms. Bailey said there is no need for a motion or second on the First Reading and it will be on the next meeting agenda for a second reading.

**MRA Cooperative Agreement & Resolution 04-2021** – Ms. Bailey said this is the standard agreement passed annually to receive MRA [Municipal Road Aid] funds from the State. She said the amount the City will receive this year is \$116,236.34, and to receive it Council will need to authorize the passage of the contract. Ms. Bailey said these funds are used for road paving, purchasing salt and sand, street signs, and some capital improvements.

Councilman Wessels made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the MRA Cooperative Agreement and approve Resolution 04-2021. Councilman Feinauer made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

[Resolution 04-2021 was renumbered post-meeting to Resolution 06-2021 in the City Official Records.]

**Mark Brueggemann, City Engineer, CT Consultants** – Mr. Brueggemann provided updates on projects around the City involving CT Consultants. He said the Amsterdam Road project is moving forward and they are pleased with progress. He said the curbs are in place from General Drive to Morris Road and a first layer of asphalt is down. Mr. Brueggemann said the final section will start once that is complete and all pavement work should be completed by the end of July, when Fort Henry Drive and General Drive will open for access. He said through-traffic will be closed until the final work is done in August, pending reasonable weather.

Councilman Feinauer asked about guardrails on this stretch of Amsterdam Road. Mr. Bethell said those will be installed Wednesday. Councilwoman Witt asked about waiting to start the Redwood Drive Street Program until Amsterdam Road is complete. Mr. Bethell said the contractor will start on Birchwood Drive first.

Councilman Weber said he has received correspondence from a resident requesting a sidewalk on Fort Henry Drive and General Drive to make a big loop. Mr. Brueggemann said it would be a nice connection and they can explore that.

[Mayor Hatter arrived at 6:52 PM.]

Mr. Brueggemann continued by discussing the Fort Henry Pier Wall project, saying JTM Construction is scheduled to start July 19<sup>th</sup>, but will not start until pavement on Amsterdam Road is complete. He said this project should last four weeks or less. He noted that SD1 [Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky] is looking to reroute a section of storm sewer in that area because the slide caused damage. He said they are trying to coordinate work now so that it will work with what they do in the future.

Mr. Brueggemann gave an update on the five-year street program, saying there will be an updated pavement rating coming in the next couple months. He said they will have information in time to help with the American Rescue Plan funds availability so that strategy can be developed for scheduling projects. Councilman Weber asked if it was known what other cities were using their funding on and Mr. Brueggemann said he has not heard any formal plans. He said it will be unique to see what needs are addressed in different cities. Councilman Weber commented on the limited number of contractors that may be available for projects, causing prices to increase. Mr. Brueggemann said there have been dramatic increases in the last few months and it could artificially inflate pricing.

For the 2022 Street Program, Mr. Brueggemann said Barrington Road, Morris Road, Howard Road, and Hazelwood Drive are scheduled. He said it would be beneficial to look at upcoming years to determine a strategic approach if the money is available.

Mr. Brueggemann gave an update on the City Gateway Signage program, saying CT Consultants continues to work with KYTC. He said this project has stalled a bit, but they will work to push it forward. Councilman Feinauer asked if KYTC is back up and Mr. Brueggemann said that most meetings are still virtual.

**NKY Regional Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update & Resolution 05-2021** – Ms. Bailey said the region is required to have a hazard mitigation plan. She said NKADD [Northern Kentucky Area Development District] facilitates this plan and it is being updated at the request of Owen County. She said the City is required to have a plan in place to be eligible for FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] funding. Ms. Bailey noted that all the participating cities are listed in the MOA [Memorandum of Agreement] and the City needs to pass the Resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign the MOA.

Mr. Theissen said there are no issues, codes, or regulations cited and confirmed the City is required to have a hazard mitigation plan, which can be done by individual jurisdiction or multi-jurisdictional. He said Northern Kentucky does a multi-jurisdictional plan, so the City does not have to spend money coming up with its own plan.

Councilwoman Witt asked why Owen County requested updates to the plan, and Ms. Bailey said it did not identify why there was an updated requested.

Councilman Feinauer made a motion to authorize Mayor Hatter to sign the Hazard Mitigation MOA and approve Resolution 05-2021. Councilman Wessels made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

[Resolution 05-2021 was renumbered post-meeting to Resolution 07-2021 in the City Official Records.]

**Executive Order 04-2021 re: Code Enforcement Board Appointment** – Mayor Hatter said Frank Henn has served on the Kenton County Joint Code Enforcement Board for a long time and he appreciates quality people like Mr. Henn who are willing to do this on behalf of the City. He said Mr. Henn has expressed a willingness to stay on the Board.

Mr. Theissen read Executive Order 04-2021, an Executive Order appointing Frank Henn to the Kenton County Code Enforcement Board as a representative for the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky.

Councilman Abeln made a motion to approve Executive Order 04-2021. Councilman Weber made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

**Executive Order 05-2021 Approving Ramage Museum Board Member** – Ms. Bailey said the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board is requesting to appoint one more member, Mr. David Moore, a resident of Erlanger. She said his application was provided to Council via email and there was a physical copy provided at the start of this meeting.

Councilman Feinauer made a motion to approve Executive Order 05-2021 appointing Mr. David Moore to the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board of Directors. Councilman Wall made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee** – Chair Councilman Wessels said there will be a meeting with RedTree Investment Group prior to the upcoming Caucus Meeting on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and he will provide a report at the Caucus Meeting.

Councilman Weber said that Councilmembers are required by law to see the investment reports monthly, and asked Ms. Ellis if she will be including it in the packet. Ms. Ellis said the timing is difficult to get it in the Council packets, but she will work to get the information in the packet. She said the US Bank reports appear to be more comprehensive and Councilman Wessels suggested providing that information to Council. Ms. Bailey said the report she emailed to Councilmembers shows what is currently invested, which should be the bulk of the money transferred.



## **CAO REPORT**

Ms. Bailey said she provided a written report to Council. She added that the Memorial Day Service is being held on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM. Mayor Hatter said he hopes that residents can attend as there is an excellent speaker lined up.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration/Finance** – Ms. Ellis said that the information provided in Council packets was as of April 28<sup>th</sup>, but she will show updated information on the Council Chambers screens. She said there are 18 property tax bills outstanding, but six have deceased ownership and three are in foreclosure. Mayor Hatter commented that out of 2,300 tax bills that is a good number to be at. Ms. Ellis reported that the amount outstanding is around \$10,000, which is slightly higher because the end of the tax amnesty period has come and added penalty and interest.

Ms. Ellis reported seven tangible tax bills outstanding, coming to about \$1,300. She said another Public Service Certification bill was sent for \$1,400 but they have 30 days to pay. Ms. Ellis also reported that all Bank Deposit Taxes have been collected and Insurance Premium Taxes collected for the second quarter was at \$128,000.

Ms. Ellis showed investment reporting information from the US Bank statement, saying it is more concise and easier to understand. She said that as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a loss of \$400 because of a new investment, but the City is investing over time so that should change, and this is to be expected. She compared this to the April 30<sup>th</sup> statement from RedTree which shows a positive balance of \$269, and she is interested to see what the next US Bank statement looks like for comparison.

Councilman Abeln asked what the City's Insurance Premium Tax rate is currently and Ms. Ellis said 8%.

Ms. Ellis concluded by mentioning that she has updated the City's website to include historical photos. She asked residents to contribute photos if they have any, and the City can scan any physical photos they may have. Mayor Hatter said an email will come soon asking residents to provide historical photos and help identify those that have already been added to the website.

Councilman Wessels brought up the discussion about Insurance Premium Taxes again. Mayor Hatter said his recollection is the goal of this tax was to raise about \$500,000 between Insurance Premium, vehicle sticker, and payroll taxes. Councilman Abeln said a strategy should be in place to discuss lowering the Insurance Premium Tax rate. Mayor Hatter added that this tax does feel sneaky, but it generates a substantial amount of money. Councilman Abeln suggested removing this tax and increasing property taxes so that the City is more transparent about the money it gets from residents.

Mayor Hatter said the other benefit to removing the Insurance Premium Tax is a guarantee to get all the money owed to the City. He said there is a problem with this tax because of the zip codes and the City may be getting more or less than it is owed. He said he thinks the tax should be abolished and the amount should be offset in property taxes. Councilman Abeln asked residents to review the insurance bills to be sure the amount paid to the City is correct and it is going to the City of Fort Wright.

**Fire/ALS Department** – Chief Schewe said that the Fire Department is working on maintenance of vehicles to get things taken care of by the end of the fiscal year. He said the bay was painted last year and now they will get the floor sealed.

**Police Department** – Chief Butler reported that the Department has posted on Facebook with general information about crimes-of-opportunity, including car break-ins, that have been increasing in neighboring cities recently. He said Fort Wright residents have been fortunate so far and the Department will increase patrols, but he reminded residents to be cautious and aware. Chief Butler said the best deterrent is to remove items from, and lock, cars. He asked residents to report anything suspicious so it can be checked out.

Chief Butler said the city of Covington will be hosting a Police Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. He said it is a memorial to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Mayor Hatter reminded residents that the Police Department is here to serve residents and business owners, and they should report suspicious activity, which helps avoid break-ins.

Councilman Abeln also reminded residents about the Police Department's vacation checks. Mayor Hatter said if you notify the Police Department via the designated form, they will check to be sure nothing unusual is happening around your home while you are gone. He mentioned an instance where a broken water pipe was discovered because of a vacation check by the Police Department, and said these checks are not just about crime but also general safety.

**Public Works** – Mr. Bethell reported that the Public Works Department has done routine maintenance on the Fountain at the City Building and on playgrounds, along with mowing throughout the City. He said SD1 has completed their sewer project on Highland Avenue and the sidewalk is now open for use. He said the restoration and replacement looks nice.

Councilwoman Witt asked if Mr. Bethell has received any applications for the open part-time position in Public Works. He said he has not. Mayor Hatter said the City is still looking for a part-time Public Works position and a full-time Firefighter/Medic position. He asked residents to help share this information on social media and email. Ms. Bailey said the City has also posted the information on Handshake.

Mr. Bethell said SD1's equipment on Fort Henry Drive will move in the next couple weeks and then restoration will begin. He said they may have to come back out, but we will not know more for about six months. Mayor Hatter added that the large sewer pipe that comes out of the hillside had to be fixed but there is an ongoing issue with the hill sliding. He said SD1 is monitoring the situation, but it may need to be revisited in six months.

**Legal Counsel** – No report.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Employee Recognitions/Special Thank You's** – Mayor Hatter expressed appreciation to the Feinauer and Haaser families for their note and tray of cookies for City employees.

Mayor Hatter reminded residents of the events coming up, including the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM. He said Jesse Neack, a US Army veteran, will be the keynote speaker. He also reminded residents about the Community Yard Sale on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the food trucks will begin on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. He said the plant swap and sale is this Friday and Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Hatter also said there was a great turnout for Clean Up Fort Wright Day on April 24<sup>th</sup>. He said 35 people gathered 163 bags of garbage and miscellaneous items. Councilwoman Witt thanked everyone for coming out to help. She also thanked SubStation II for donating lunches for the volunteers.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Witt – She thanked everyone who came out for Clean Up Fort Wright Day, including staff who go above and beyond their normal duties to help make the City a Community. She specifically thanked the Public Works Department and Director Jeff Bethell, Mayor Hatter and Councilman Abeln, and Donna Wessels for their support and help. Councilwoman Witt said they were able to hit every major road in the City in three hours.

Councilman Feinauer – He reminded residents that the weather is getting warmer, and it is staying lighter out later into the evening, so please be vigilant of the walkers and runners in the City. He asked people to wear light colored or reflective clothing and to carry a flashlight. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Councilman Weber – He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Hatter – He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He also congratulated Councilman Abeln on his recent promotion to President of Cincinnati Testing Laboratories.

Mayor Hatter also brought up the loop sidewalk on Fort Henry Drive and General Drive, saying a resident on Goebel Court sent an email suggesting this to make a more walkable community. He said he would like to see sidewalks extended, but knows it is controversial and expensive. Mayor Hatter clarified he would not ask for a special tax but would like to find out costs. Council agreed to explore this further.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilman Feinauer made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Maura Russell  
City Clerk