

**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**7/14/04 – 6:00 PM**

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Joe Nienaber, Jr., Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney, Fire Lieutenant Michael Harris, and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson. Mr. Dave Hatter and Mr. Jim Robke were unavailable for this meeting.

**Citizen Comments:**

Tim Iott from Eason Properties spoke regarding his property at 939 Helen Ruth Drive and the poor road conditions on Helen Ruth Drive leading to the property. Mr. Klein informed Mr. Iott that the road was not on our current 5-year plan, but it was possible to do an assessment for the work to the property owners. The City is not currently in a position to replace the road at this time. Mr. Maloney stated they would look at doing patch and repair work at this time.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 6/9/04 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Vision Committee Draft Long Range Plan for Year 3**

Mr. Tom Jacober from the Vision Committee addressed Council to present a draft of Year 3 Plan and the Vision Statement. This plan is a result of the work of Vision Committee: Ann Flood, Eileen Hastings, Tom Litzler, Joe Michels, Roger Schroder and Tom Jacober, working closely with Larry Klein.

The Vision Statement will remain the same.

The Year 3 Plan consists of:

- 1) Create a Signature Park
  - a. Implement and Complete Grants
  - b. Complete Master Park Plan of the Property
  - c. Adopt a Parks and Recreation Ordinance
- 2) Develop Program for 3-L (KY 17) Corridor
  - a. Complete Land Use Study and Market Analysis
  - b. Consider for implementation the recommendations of the Study.
- 3) Share with Other Governments
  - a. Implementing agreements between City of Fort Wright and City of Park Hills for Emergency Medical Services
  - b. Continue to seek other local government partners which would share services
- 4) Manage Traffic Flows
  - a. Support replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge
  - b. Monitor of Dixie Highway Traffic Study to determine it's impact on traffic on Dixie Highway in Fort Wright

- c. Provide input to the study team to ensure that the portion of Dixie Highway in Fort Wright receives favorable treatment.
- d. Consider & implement the recommendations of KY 17 Corridor study and market analysis study to produce a positive impact on traffic in that area of Fort Wright.
- e. Continue work with State Legislature to seek funding for the installation of a traffic control signal at the intersection of Kyles Lane and Henry Clay
- 5) South Hills Field Extension
  - a. Looking for a preliminary design and cost estimate for expanding the soccer field and parking
- 6) Bus Stop Enhancements
  - a. Project started last year and continuing this year; make further bus stop enhancements on Dixie Highway, Kyles Lane and KY 17.

Please review the plans and if there are any new ideas or changes, please forward them to Larry Klein.

Public Meeting for citizen input will be on Wednesday, August 4, 2004, at 6:30 PM at the South Hills Civic Club.

Mr. Jacober will return for a follow-up report at August 11, 2004, Council Meeting at which time he will present the final Year 3 Plan for Council consideration and adoption.

Mr. Hiltz inquired about having a committee to look at financing property for the Park. Mr. Hiltz also suggested a special assessment or levy to cover these costs. Mr. Jacober said the he will look at this with the Vision Committee. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Jacober for his commitment and time with the Vision Committee.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 6-04 – Stage I Development Plan for Helen Ruth Drive. Tom Frickman spoke on behalf of four Northern Kentucky business people who have purchased and have plans to build a 6 tenant building for industrial small business development. Mr Frickman is present to address any issues at this time. Planning Commission did vote unanimously to approve the Plan. They did add one condition of approval, that of a prohibition of pole signs. Northern Kentucky Area Planning recommendation is to approve the plans subject to compliance of conditions that the plan be revised to meet the minimum requirements of the zoning ordinance. Potential types of uses would include an executive car service that works with several large companies in Cincinnati, for warehousing and cleaning vehicles and as a dispatch location; wholesale dog fence business, small parts distributor for automobile dealers, and an industrial contractor that works in the security business.

Mr. Hiltz made a motion to accept the recommendation from Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission, second by Mr. Wolnitzek with condition of that there is some plan for maintaining the hillside. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

## **Park Master Plan Steering Committee Appointment**

Human Nature Inc. has requested that the City have a Steering Committee that they can work with. Proposed list of names includes:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Janet Scanlon	Fayette Circle Resident
Kathy Romero	Ridgemont Avenue Resident
Eileen Hastings	Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
Floyd Hastings	Parks and Recreation Board
To Be Designated	Vision Committee
Dr. Jim Ramage	NKU
Larry Klein	CAO
To Be Designated	Fort Wright Business Association
Tim Maloney	Public Works Director
Dan Kreinest	Police Chief
Steve Schewe	Fire/EMS Chief

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the Park Master Plan Steering Committee Appointment. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 10-04 Disposition of Surplus Property was read by City Attorney Pete Summe.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve Resolution 10-04 Disposition of Surplus Property. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

## **City/County Road Maintenance**

The City received a copy from the County Attorney of the Kentucky Appeals Court decision between the City of Pioneer Village and Bullitt County about county roads inside of incorporated areas actually being maintenance responsibility of the City. Since then the Kentucky Supreme Court has affirmed this ruling. Kenton County Fiscal Court has made decision that all county roads inside of incorporated areas are now the maintenance responsibility of the City. No official notice received of which roads are affected: Amsterdam Road; Highland from Kyles to Covington City Line; and perhaps Old KY 17 (not sure if state or county road). Kenton County Mayors group will address in near future. County did state that they would work out an arrangement with each City to maintain those roads. That will probably mean some type of payment too. Discussion took place concerning the double taxing of homeowners in incorporated areas to pay for their own services as well as services provided to homeowners in the unincorporated areas of the county.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 5-04 – Parks and Recreation Ordinance**

Copy of letter was distributed to Council from Pieck Drive residents Mr. and Mrs. Hampel, with a copy of their easement. When the lake and dam property was a concept, several property owners on Pieck Drive had to grant easements to the City for construction of the lake and dam, and in the easement gives them access to the lake for boating. With that easement, they have a right to use the lake for boating. It was agreed to make amendment to make an exception for the easement holders concerning restrictions on boat use.

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

## **Administrator Report**

### **Kentucky League of Cities Safety Grant Award**

Application for KLC Safety Grant has been received in the maximum amount of \$2,500. It goes towards equipment we have already purchased or plan to purchase. It's a 50/50 reimbursement plan, it cuts in half the cost of items already purchased. All department heads assisted with assembling application.

No notification received yet on grant for the building generator.

### **Lorup Sewer Project Grant**

We have all easements needed for Phase I. A few minor setbacks, but nothing serious and Phase I should be done in a couple of weeks. Mr. Summe is working on easements needed for Phase II.

### **Dixie Highway Traffic Study**

Dixie Highway Corridor Traffic Study is being conducted and paid for by Kenton County Fiscal Court and OKI. It's looking at whole corridor from Pike Street in Covington, to Turfway Road in Florence. It is looking at access management, curb cuts and signalization. The purpose is to improve the flow of traffic on Dixie Highway and improve the safety. Dixie Highway is backup route when there is a backup on I-75. The intersection of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest accident rate area of all intersections along Dixie Highway.

### **Advanced Life Support Service Update**

We will continue to have paramedic service in Kenton County for the next 12 months, from July 1 to June 30, 2005. It's 100% Countywide paramedic service. Kenton County Fiscal Court agreed to fund the program for the unincorporated areas. Covington will be doing their own paramedics. Kenton County will have 3 paramedics, 3 vehicles at all times covering the County. Still need a long term solution. February 1, 2005, Erlanger and Elsmere will be leaving the contract and providing the service in house. Our cost will not be affected. Long term, most viable solution would be a special district created by ordinance by each participating city to put property tax on to pay for the service.

#### **NKU / Scripps-Howard Foundation Grant Update**

NKU has signed contract with Cultural Resource Management of Lexington who will be here in late August for a 1 day, remote sensing testing on battery site with a piece of machinery that detects structures, objects, metal objects, beneath surface. It will produce an on-site report, which NKU people will use for 2 weekends in September when they bring over history and archeology students to help excavate the site. On 1 day of each of those weekends, Fort Wright residents will be given the opportunity to sign up and assist. Children over 10 and with a parent will also be allowed to assist with the excavation. A citizen sign-up article will be in the August Newsletter. One Thursday in late September will be a school day, where 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and seniors from local schools can come to the site and Behringer-Crawford Museum will be conducting a program that day to educate the students about the Civil War in the area and other history related items.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Community Affairs**

Mr. Feinauer reported that 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade that Park and Recreation Board held was a huge success. Park and Recreation Board is also having a Fort Wright Day at the Cincinnati Reds Ballpark on July 28<sup>th</sup>. They will play St. Louis Cardinals at 7:10 P.M.

##### **Economic Development**

Wessels first office building is complete and so far they already have one tenant in the building, Tapke Asset Management who relocated from Crestview Hills.

##### **Finance**

Mr. Nienaber and Mr. Hiltz will meet with the Vision Committee to discuss funding options for the park property.

##### **Legal Matters**

Mr. Summe reported that to annex an unincorporated area, everyone in the area must be notified and must have at least 50% wanting annex, if 50% don't want it, then it can't happen. It can also be annexed by consensus. Zoning for area must also be pre-determined for the area.

Sewer Assessment Fee – 1995 Ordinance still reflects a collection of fees for storm water project and fees can still be collected. City can continue to collect fees, but not to increase fees. Money would have to be concentrated on storm water, it cannot just be used for roads.

#### **Department Reports**

##### **Public Works**

Mr. Maloney has a report in Council packet but there were no questions on his report.

### **Fire/EMS**

Lieutenant Mike Harris reported that information was in packets for call and training summaries. Fire Department wished to extend a thank you to Carroll Simon on Madison Pike who donated a house that was used for training. In 5 months, 17 training sessions were conducted, for 414 total hours of training for Fort Wright alone, that does not include mutual aid departments like Fort Mitchell, Edgewood and Park Hills who attended training with Fort Wright. Additionally, the SWAT team conducted criminal based training there as well. Final burn was on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Total burn time lasted about 20 minutes.

Fire Department welcomes newest member of the squad Amy Ryan who is a resident of the City, she has just recently passed her EMT class.

On a solemn note, condolences go out to the family of George Todtenbier. Mr. Todtenbier was a long-time member of Park Hills Fire Department, served for 55 years, he was also the grandfather to Fort Wright EMT Therese Todtenbier.

### **Police**

Chief Dan Kreinest reported that training on mobile data terminal computers should be completed by end of next week and should be installed in all Crown Victoria's, still some issues with vehicles which aren't Crown Victoria's, which require different mount.

Regional Citizen's Academy starts again in September, will have something in Newsletter so local residents and business people can apply to the Citizens' Academy.

Officers are out on bikes again. Sergeant Newsom and Officer Schworer were out this afternoon and wrote some citations. Something on a periodic basis for the officers to do and might provide some use at the shopping center once Wal-Mart opens.

Monthly report and 6 month reports were included in packets. Department has been busier than normal.

Over the weekend there were several cars broken into on Beaumont, Ashlawn and Monticello. 1 arrest has been made and several search warrants were served last night. Some of the property has been recovered. Investigation is ongoing, and progress is being made.

Mobile data terminal computers are digital and capable of barcoding and transmitting photographs over the system. We may not have programs yet, but system is capable. Kenton County has approved Records' Management System (RMS) package for \$1,018,000.00 at Tuesday's Fiscal Court Meeting. That should be in place by December 31<sup>st</sup>. That will put all current data in RMS system and put everyone up to speed.

Mayor Weaver reminded everyone that July 28<sup>th</sup> is Fort Wright Night at Cincinnati Reds Ballpark. Tickets can be obtained at the City building for \$5.50 each, there are 20 remaining tickets of an original lot of 100. The Vision Committee will have the Long Range Plan – Public Meeting on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at South Hills Civic Club.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest: *Jennifer L. Lipson*  
Jennifer Lipson, Assistant City Clerk