



City of Fort Wright

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City of Fort Wright Special Council Meeting Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Dave Hatter. Mayor Hatter led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Present
Councilman Collins	Present
Councilman Wall	Present
Councilman Weber	Absent
Councilman Wessels	Present
Councilwoman Witt	Present

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrator Jill Bailey
City Attorney Tim Theissen
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Police Chief Ed Butler
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
City Clerk Maura Russell

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Councilwoman Witt 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

Councilman Abeln made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Councilman Wessels 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

Councilman Wessels made a motion to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting held Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Councilman Collins 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of BOA member Jeff Wolnitzek – Mayor Hatter advised Mr. Wolnitzek has submitted his resignation from the Board of Adjustment, citing ongoing health concerns. Mayor Hatter advised he will be pulling together suggestions for Mr. Wolnitzek’s replacement and welcomed Councilmembers to submit suggestions. He said he would also approach the remaining members of the Board with their suggestions and hopes to bring a list of individuals for review at the next meeting.

Ms. Bailey added that the person selected by Council would be appointed to fill the unexpired term that lasts through December 31, 2023, and then could be reappointed through the normal process of Council approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Councilman Wessels had no report.

Community Improvements Committee – Councilwoman Witt and Ms. Bailey presented information on three Fort Fit walking routes through the City, all originating at the City Administration Building with differing mileage. Ms. Bailey proposed some signage, including stenciling on the ground at the City Administration Building, saying she anticipates spending less than \$3,000 on the project. Council expressed no opposition to the project.

There was discussion on the TANK bus stops in the City and the option for the City to put their own in to replace the existing structures. Ms. Bailey and Councilwoman Witt agreed to continue exploring options for updating the existing bus stops.

CAO REPORT

Ms. Bailey advised the Cincinnati Bell lease agreement negotiations have wrapped up and the lease has been signed by all parties effective through December 31, 2023, for which Cincinnati Bell will pay \$1,800. She added that fiber installation will be occurring at the City Administration Building this week.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works – Mr. Bethell advised the Northern Kentucky Water District anticipates being finished with their work on Fort Henry in early August. He also presented updated signage that will be posted at road projects moving forward.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Wessels – requested to know the staff procedures for write-off of delinquent taxes, so the Finance Committee can be made aware.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn the Special Council Meeting. Councilman Abeln 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 Special Council Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Maura Russell
City Clerk