

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
9/1/04 – 6:00 PM

Mayor Weaver opened the Property Tax Rate Public Hearing at 5:56 PM.

Mr. Klein advised the purpose of this hearing is required by KRS for the City to receive public input on the proposed real and personal property tax rate for the coming year.

There were no public comments regarding this public hearing.

Mr. Wolnitzek inquired about where Fort Wright was in comparison to other cities. A table was enclosed in packets which showed Fort Wright as the second lowest property tax rate in Kenton County. This information will be shared with residents in the next Top of The Hill Newsletter.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to close the public hearing. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Weaver opened the Special Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, 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 Chief Stephen Schewe, and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson. Mr. Paul Hiltz was unavailable for this meeting.

Resignation of Mr. James Robke

Mayor Weaver read the letter received at the City Office on August 13, 2004, from Mr. Robke informing Mayor and Council of his resignation, effective August 12, 2004. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to accept Mr. Robke's letter of resignation. Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 8-04 – Establishing Property Tax Rate for 2004/2005.

Mr. Summe read this ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept the proposed tax rate. Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 9-04 – Establishing Waste Collection Fee for 2004/2005.

Mr. Summe read this ordinance in summary. Mayor Weaver explained that this what the City pays to Rumpke. This is the last year of a four year contract with Rumpke, Inc. and that new proposals would be accepted in the next year. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to accept proposed waste collection fee. Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Update of KY 17 / Old KY 17 Land Use Study by NKAPC Staff
Presentation by Keith Logsdon, Melissa Jort and Larisa Keith of NKAPC on Madison Pike Corridor Land Use and Economic Development Plan.

Discussion of Vacant City Council Position

Message was sent to all Council Members concerning the filling of vacant council position. Since filing deadline for November election was a couple days before receipt resignation letter, the gentleman who filed to run for November election should be the appointee. Mr. Matt Barker is a candidate for City Council in the November election and has agreed to assume the open Council seat early, should that be the desire of City Council. Mr. Wolnitzek requested that Mr. Barker give the Council a brief description of his background and why he should be appointed. Mr. Barker informed Council Members that he is a Real Estate agent, a husband and father and his interest in pursuing the Council position is that he wants to give back to his community.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Nienaber to accept Mr. Barker to fill the vacant position on City Council. Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Refinancing of Storer Property Note

Original note on the financing for the Storer Property was a three-year note at a fixed rate of 2.52% for \$790,000 with a balloon payment at the end. Mr. Klein can send bid packages and have them back for the October Council Meeting. The purpose of seeking bids to refinance the note at this time is to secure a low interest rate for a longer term.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to send out bid packages to request financing proposals for the property. Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion of Permitted Uses in Community Commercial Zone.

Enclosed in packets is a copy of the full text of the Community Commercial (CC) Zone which includes the UDF, Arby's, Speedway, Saylor's Tire Store, and Burger King area on KY 17 and Highland Pike.


Mr. Klein recommended to apply for a text amendment to Section 10.27, paragraph C, (2), to only state "Banks" and to exclude "and other financial institutions, including savings, loan, and finance companies." As this would leave the zone open for pawn shops and check cashing which do not provide a "convenience service" for residences of adjacent neighborhoods and these do not further the public safety or welfare. Mr. Wolnitzek and Mr. Hatter would also like to remove number (16) Hotels and motels, while text amendments are being made to this zone. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested looking at whole zone for any additional changes.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to apply for text amendment to Community Commercial Zone. Feinauer and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, 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 Lipson, Assistant City Clerk