

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

10/03/07 – 6:00PM

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, Police Sergeant Michael Knight, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr. arrived at 6:12PM and Mr. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 9/05/07 Regular Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Signage for National City Bank at Wright's Summit Parkway

Mary Ann Schmidt of National City Bank addressed Council and introduced everyone who was in attendance at the meeting with her. They have submitted a drawing for a pole sign which they would like to have placed on Dixie Highway in front of their business. The sign is 20' in height and 50 square feet in area. In this PO-3 zone, signage has to be approved by City Council and is the fourth National City sign at this location. Ms. Schmidt stated that their customers or potential customers are having a hard time finding the location on Dixie Highway. Mayor Weaver advised that one of his greatest concerns is that other tenants in the same building would also want signage that would be of the same type and there would be multiple signage of this type popping up everywhere. Discussion followed. Council members stated that they would not be opposed to working with the bank on this issue only if the bank is a single user for the sign. Mayor Weaver suggested that bank representatives work with Mr. Klein and Mr. Summe on this request and we will discuss it at the next Council meeting which is on November 7th.

Mr. Tom Litzler addressed Council and advised that he was sitting in for Tom Jacober in reference to the Vision Committee's Long Range Plan. He complimented Council on adopting this Plan and updating it every year. The Vision Committee have numerous meetings, gather

input from City Staff, attend Annual Budget Retreats and also put articles in the Top of the Hill Newsletter requesting input from citizens. He read through the Year 6 Long Range Plan that was established by the Committee. Mr. Litzler encouraged Council to adopt Resolution 8-07. Mayor Weaver thanked everyone on the committee for all their hard work on establishing these ideas for the City to have direction on what the citizens want in Fort Wright.

Resolution 8-07 – Vision Committee Long Range Plan – Year 6

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 7-07 – Zoning Text Amendment – Floodplain Regulations

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

Municipal Order 5-07 – Interlocal Agreement for Dispatch with City of Erlanger

Mayor Weaver advised that this is an item that we have discussed previously and are now in the stage of the process to have an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Erlanger to provide dispatch emergency services for the City of Fort Wright. It is our recommendation to sign the agreement. We feel that Erlanger is in a better position to provide the services that our residents need. Mr. Klein stated that there have been many hours of work that has gone into this recommendation and other cities are going forward with Erlanger as their provider.

Mr. Summe read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Hatter and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 8-07 – Amending City Code of Ordinances – Purchase and Resale of Used Personal Property.

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Discussion followed. Mr. Klein stated that this Ordinance protects legitimate businesses that sell items that may have been stolen from another vendor. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Nienaber and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 9-07 – Eaton Drive

Mr. Summe read this Resolution. This is a section of Eaton Drive from KY 17 to the north end of the bridge and terminates at that point, not including the bridge. This road will function as a City road to serve local businesses in Fort Wright and the road has just been paved and re-stripped and is in good condition. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolnitzek suggested taking this right of way to the fence line. Motion by Mr. Wolnitzek, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 10-07 – Additional MRA Funds-Saint Anthony and Marcella Drives

Mayor Weaver advised this is an add on that the City has been working with the State to fund for the \$100,000.00 over-run on Saint Anthony and Marcella Drives. This \$75,000.00 will help pay for that amount and this money can only be used for resurfacing. Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Wall and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Fire/EMS Department Radio Grant

The Fire Department has received a \$13,000.00 Kentucky Division of Homeland Security Grant that they had applied for to replace additional radio equipment. Congratulations to Chief Schewe and his department for getting these additional funds.

KYTC District 6 Top 40 Projects

A few months ago Council submitted their top picks for consideration for the Six Year Road Plan by the State. This plan goes through OKI, Kenton County and then Local District 6 and the top 40 projects are then listed. These will be considered by the Legislature and includes two projects in Fort Wright. The improvement of KY 3187 from Highland Pike to Farrell Drive and US 25, the Intersection with Kyles Lane. Mr. Klein advised that he would keep Council posted on any developments on these projects.

Notre Dame Academy Zoning Map Amendment

There is a Public Hearing scheduled at NKAPC regarding a zoning map change request by the Sisters of Notre Dame on a piece of property adjacent to Notre Dame Academy that is currently PO-1 and PO-3 to R-1FF so they can expand their campus. If this passes at NKAPC, it will then come back to Council for first and second reading of the zoning map amendment and they must request a Board of Adjustment hearing to obtain a conditional use permit to expand.

I-71/75 Rush Hour Truck Ban

There is movement on to consider a rush hour truck ban by Mayor Callery of Covington. There will be a common Resolution among cities that are affected by this to be approved. There are a few things to consider on this ban, which are, who will enforce this and the impact on I-275. Mayor Weaver advised that the comments he has heard are in favor of the ban. Council will be updated on this issue.

Museum Update

Attendance is very steady. Tours from Redwood School and Northern Kentucky Chapter of Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, plus the regular tours are scheduled.

Antique Appraisal Fair

This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th from 1-4PM. There will be licensed appraisers to give their verbal opinion on value of items. This is open to the public and a \$5.00 donation is requested.

Veteran's Day Event at Highland Cemetery

This event is also scheduled by the Museum Board and will take place on Sunday, November 11th, at 2PM. There will be speakers and a tour.

9/11 Events

A group picture of everyone who came for September 11th was passed around to Council. This event allowed residents or anyone who wanted to participate, to bring items for the troops and be

included in the picture. About 200 people attended and the picture will be sent to our adopted military unit in Iraq. Thanks to all who contributed in getting this done.

Speed Study Reports

Four or Five speed study reports included in packet.

Council Committee Reports

Computer Technology

Five new computers installed in the City on the scheduled replacement.

Economic Development

A grading permit was issued for the Michels property. It would expand to the property including hillside, removing about 500,000 cubic yards of dirt. A Target store is shown on the plan , but the property is not currently zoned for commercial uses. The property is zoned for Industrial use at this time.

Legal Matters

Ms. Classis Car Wash

Executive session to discuss this item.

Long Range Plan

Mr. Feinauer reported that the Vision Committee has very good ideas for the City, not just the ones presented.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised the tax bills will be sent in the next couple of days.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council on Saint Anthony and Marcella Drives. The project is almost complete and we are asking residents to please water the seed that was put down. The Fort Henry Drive repair is also almost complete where the water main was broken. The residents in both areas were very patient during these projects.

Public Works Department is working on asphalt repairs around the City. The South Hills Community Center renovation is coming along very well. Mayor Weaver thanked Tim for his patience with the Saint Anthony and Marcella Drives project and stated that he has heard good comments about this street improvement.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that we have had a full month utilizing the 24 hour employees and it has worked out very well, hopefully it will continue.

Police Sergeant Michael Knight reported the August and September packet was passed out to Council. On September 7th there was a bank robbery at Bank of Kentucky on Ashwood Circle. Suspect was caught by Chief Smith of Park Hills and charged with robbing the same bank in July of last year. Detective Brown located a female suspected of stealing jewelry in Fort Wright and other locations. Seven other agencies are involved and interested in this suspect. Responded to 1881 Dixie Highway regarding an explosive device placed in a mail box. This case has been turned over to the F.B.I.

Mr. Wall left the meeting at 7:26PM.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn to executive session per KRS61.810(c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn executive session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business in regards to this session.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn legislative session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk

