

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

11/07/07 – 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. Joe Averdick, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:27PM and Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe arrived at 6:25PM.

### Citizen Comments

Mr. Bill Goetz addressed Council and introduced himself as former Mayor and City Administrator of the City of Fort Mitchell, and currently the Chairman of NKAPC. He spoke about the Dixie Fix Study and advised a committee was formed to identify problem areas along Dixie Highway. This included pedestrian and vehicle safety and access points along the highway. This study starts at Pike and Main Streets in Covington and goes into Boone County at Turfway Road. This committee represents representatives from ten cities and also TANK, Chamber of Commerce, Diocese of Covington and Kenton County Schools. This committee was assisted by staff of NKAPC and OKI to help identify the problem areas. There were several Public Hearings for input and a final report was prepared. This committee will stay in existence and meet quarterly to help get these projects done. Mr. Goetz stated that the committee drafted a Memorandum of Understanding and he addressed Council to encourage them to have Mayor Weaver sign this Memorandum for a Resolution of support for these projects. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the Mayor to sign. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Averdick and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 09/05/07 Property Tax Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Averdick and Nienaber voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 10/03/07 Regular Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek and Feinauer voting in favor, Mr. Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Amsterdam Road Update

Mayor Weaver addressed Council and explained the reason and updated Council on the emergency closure of a portion of Amsterdam Road. Part of this area where the accidents have occurred is in Fort Wright and part in Fort Mitchell. For the interest of public safety it was decided that the road should be closed until there is some resolution to the repair of the roadway and guardrails on this section of road. There have been numerous meetings between the cities and Kenton County and all involved are trying to get this problem resolved and reopen the road.

Mark Brueggemann addressed Council and stated that CDS has looked at the road and put together a proposal which would outline their fees and determine what the proper long term fix would be and the construction cost. CDS would team with Thelen Associates, for details and the scope of the work. Their proposal to the cities was \$5200.00 for their fees. For the long term fix there would be construction of the pier walls to stabilize the road. Guardrail needs to be replaced and additional asphalt pavement put down. Kenton County suggested as a short term fix, that the County would front the money for the repair and then evaluate this road along with others, if some of this is County traffic or City traffic and be considered a City street. After reviewing the data the County could come back and advise the cities that it is not the County problem. Mayor Weaver said he was not comfortable with this plan. City Attorney Pete Summe advised that this is a liability issue and leaves the City open for a lawsuit if anything were to happen. Discussion followed. It was suggested that we have representatives from Fort Wright and surrounding cities attend and be put on their agenda at a Kenton County Fiscal Court meeting and try to resolve this issue. Contact State Representatives to try to get some help through them.

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

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

Signage for National City Bank at Wright's Summit Parkway

Signage agreement drafted by Mr. Summe and is between the City and the property owner. This will be a single user sign for a major tenant. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the property owner and National City Bank for signage. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hatter, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### First Reading of Ordinance 9-07 – Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. This is part of an expansion project for Notre Dame Academy. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Hatter, Nienaber and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Resolution 13-07 I-71/75 Rush Hour Truck Ban

Covington Mayor Callery requested City's surrounding the I-71/75 areas consider passing a Resolution banning 18 wheel trucks, except if conducting business within the Interstate 275 beltway. This would be between the hours of 6:00AM-9:00AM and 3:00PM-6:00PM, Monday through Friday on the heavily traveled Brent Spence Bridge. Mr. Summe read this Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, there was no second motion. Motion dies from lack of a second. Discussion followed.

#### First Reading of Ordinance 10-07 – Updating Occupational License Fee Ordinance

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Klein advised that this Ordinance will put us in compliance of state laws that go into effect next July 15, 2008. Handouts included in the packet. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Averdick, Nienaber and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Resolution 11-07 – Ozone NAAQS

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

#### Resolution 12-07 – Disposition of Surplus Property

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

#### Executive Order 13-07 – Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board – Sheehy

Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Averdick, Nienaber and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Weaver wished Ms. Sheehy the best and thanked her for being part of this Board.

#### Executive Order 14-07- Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board – Knight

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

#### Executive Order 15-07 – Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board – Bloemer

Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. This runs from November 7, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Feinauer, Nienaber and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### Executive Order 16-07 – Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board – Bloemer

Mr. Summe read this Executive Order. This runs from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011. Motion by Mr. Nienaber, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wolnitzek, Feinauer, Hatter and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed.

#### BP Oil Site

Documents enclosed in packet regarding a Brownfield site in Casper, Wyoming were brought to Council's attention by Julia Hurst. This shows the potential to develop these sites. Discussion followed. We will maintain contact with BP.

## Administrators Report

### KLC Safety Grant

This is done on an annual basis through KLC. This is for items that we already purchase and helps us to stretch our budget.

### I-71/75 Right of Way Clearing

Volunteers from the jail are participating in this program and clearing brush along I-75 and right of ways.

### Ridgewood Drive Sanitary Sewer Update

Sanitation District has put this project out to bid with the low bidder being Lonkard Construction. This is a direct allocation from the State and seven residents of Fort Wright will be able to connect into a public sanitary sewer main. This will increase their property values.

### Museum Update

Everything is going well with tours and many visitors.

### Antique Appraisal Fair

Attendance was very good and a very fun day.

### Halloween Events

The Parks and Recreation Board sponsored a new event and it was very well attended and everyone who came had a good time. The Fire Department had hot dogs, candy and drinks on Halloween night.

### Veteran's Day Event at Highland Cemetery

Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> the City, Museum Board and Parks and Recreation Board are sponsoring an event at Highland Cemetery at 2:00PM. There will be a Veteran from every war represented

at this event. There will be a ceremony, walking tour of gravesites and members of a lot of their families present. The speaker will be a museum volunteer, Ed Schneider and also a military flyover at the cemetery.

## Council Committee Reports

### Legal Matters

Ms. Classic Car Wash – Mr. Summe advised he met with NKAPC and their traffic engineer and they will do research and get a draft together to see if the entrance will be eliminated.

### Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported taxes will be picking up after Thanksgiving. Have been busy with passports.

Public Works Director reported that pot holes repairs continue. South Hills Civic Club exterior renovations are almost complete. Public Works crew has painted inside and hopefully repaired the water leakage under the floor and put a sealer on it.

They have worked with Kenton County on the bush hogging program.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported there was a bank robbery at Heritage Bank; the police department is working with the FBI on this case. There has been an issue at Wal-Mart with camping on the parking lot. Chief Kreinest has been doing research on this and hopes to bring something back to Council on this issue. Chief Kreinest advised he has been in contact with the Highway Department regarding the shifting on some of the traffic lights at Highland Avenue and KY 17. They need to be re-aligned slightly. No report for tonight's meeting. Staying very busy.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported the department has received the Grant applied for the turnout gear in the amount of \$63,141.00. This will outfit the entire department and will include boots, coats and pants. Thanks to Ron Becker, Mike Harris and Tim Deye for all their work on this Grant.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk

