

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY PUBLIC HEARING/CAUCUS MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2013 – 6PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the Public Hearing at 6:00PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Bernie Wessels. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Mayor Nienaber explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input and comments relating to the Dixie Highway-Kyles Lane Development Plan. The City intends to create the Development Area in order to assist in the redevelopment of the area and to provide redevelopment assistance by pledging 80% of new incremental revenues from real estate taxes and occupational taxes from anticipated new development within the Development Area. This area is approximately 96.5 acre parcel located within the City that includes commercial properties along Dixie Highway, including George Huser Drive, Ashwood Circle and the cleared areas of Wright's Summit. Others areas included are Kyles Lane and Highland Pike to Werner Drive. Mayor Nienaber stated that no action will be taken on this plan at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jim Parsons, an attorney specializing in the TIF planning, spoke and explained what the TIF District involves and showed the areas on a power point presentation that are included in this plan. The City will ask Kenton County Fiscal Court and NKAPC to partner and pledge revenue to the City for this plan. A portion of taxes will be pledged over 30 years by the City and there will be no increase or special taxes over the taxes that they now pay. Discussion followed with questions from residents that were present. We will have 1st reading at the December 4, 2013 Council Meeting.

Motion by Hatter, second by Averdick to close the Public Hearing. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber called to order the Regular Caucus Meeting.

Land Use portion of Comprehensive Plan for Fort Wright – NKAPC Planner Sharmili Reddy will be present to help the discussion.

Sharmili addressed Council regarding the map for the Comprehensive Plan that she distributed copies of to Council. This map is used for land use in the plan and should be compared to what is envisioned for their city. She explained that she is visiting all surrounding cities to get their input and it is a good tool for development. NKAPC makes recommendations according to the study, as things change in areas and

that is why she is inquiring about changes to be made to the map. These changes are to be made by the end of 2013 and need to be discussed by Council.

Mayor Nienaber suggested that Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney look at the map and form a committee to look at the map and make suggestions. Sharmili will attend the December 18th Caucus Meeting to get input from the committee.

Sidewalk Repair

Mr. Maloney stated that over time there has been much discussion regarding the sidewalks throughout the City. The Ordinance states that homeowners are responsible for the sidewalks at their residences, but this has not always been the case. Tim showed pictures of some of the worst sidewalks in the City, and explained that some homeowners have already repaired or replaced their portion. When streets are replaced, sidewalks are also replaced during construction. Discussion followed. It was decided that we will come back in the spring for further discussion.

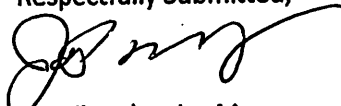
Job Development Incentives – 2 Proposed Ordinances. One is copied from Fort Mitchell, the other has been written by City Attorney Todd McMurtry.

Suggestions have been made that we have an Ordinance and contract in place to establish incentive terms for new businesses who would like to locate in the City. Another idea was to have Broker incentives for businesses steered toward the City. The Economic Development Committee will discuss this at a future meeting.

The City will look into the cost of computer tablets for Council instead of the full packet of paperwork that is sent to Council twice a month.

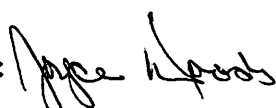
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk