



City of Fort Wright

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City of Fort Wright City Caucus Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The City Caucus Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mayor Hatter and led the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence. City Clerk Kerrie Holland called the roll.

Mr. Abeln-Absent, Mr. Collins-Present, Mr. Wall-Present, Mr. Weber-Present, Mr. Wessels-Absent, Ms. Witt-Present

ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Banklick Creek Water Shed Council-Nicole Clements & Mark Wooten were present to share their views and to answer any questions in re: the acquisition of property currently owned by the COFW along the Banklick Creek--6.8 acres at 3397 MADISON PIKE that is between speedway and the Fidelity hill which includes approx. 0.25 miles of the creek.

They are working with Green Umbrella's Greenspace Alliance and have recently developed a conservation prioritization tool that identifies key areas for restoration and preservation throughout the region. The City's property was identified by this tool as a priority area for BOTH restoration and conservation. Council followed up with questions in re: the future of property conservation.

Kenton Co Navigator Program-Amanda Peters, NKY Office of Drug Control Policy was present to present her plans for the program. This program is being promoted by Judge Knochelmann and the Kenton County Fiscal Court. The request is that Cities turn over the funds we are receiving from the Opioid Settlement Lawsuits to partially fund the program.

*The program is available to everyone regardless of their contributions to the cost of it

*The scheduling and the availability of services to our community may be limited.

*The program and services would also be available to non-Kentucky residents. This could lead to individuals being transferred/transported in state for services that may not be available in their state and possibly bump KY residents from benefits due to availability

Brent Spence Bridge Project (Kyles Overpass Redesign & Roundabouts)

*Ky Transportation Cabinet-Stacey Hands, aesthetic improvements. Nikki Boden design engineer. Safety improvements, roundabouts, designs are discussed and the need to change for safety, financial and uniqueness of the design. Roundabouts are traffic calming, require

reduced speed to navigate. Roundabouts reduce vehicular and pedestrian incidents. KYTC explains the safety of pedestrian crossings with 2 smaller lanes of traffic vs 1 larger 6 lanes. Discussions in re landscaping responsibilities and roadway maintenance and upkeep. City vs KYTC? Access to electricity in roundabouts? Council discusses the aesthetics after KYTC exits. The safety of roundabouts. Discussion to be had separately and added to agenda at the next caucus meeting on Dec 18.

Fort Wright Nature Center

*Was a Boy Scout/Eagle Scout project many years ago. Bridges are in very poor condition and rotting away. After discussions, it's determined to be a safety hazard. Discussions in re: Council to invest in replacing/repairing them? Or remove them completely? Police have taped them off for safety. They have been zero maintenance thus far. Possibly have someone come to assess the bridges for stability and safety, not sure it's worth the cost. It was discussed to just tear down the bridges and clean up the lumber.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

Mr. Collins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wall made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Wall-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes, Ms. Witt-Yes

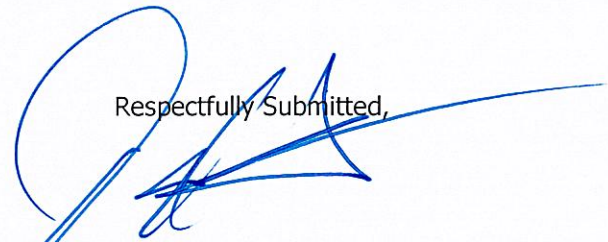
MOTION CARRIED.

City Caucus Meeting was officially adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Attest:


Kerrie Holland, City Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor