

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Beckett called the roll and the following council members were present: David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Mark Collier, Roger Peterman and Adam Blau. Absent: Jeff Bezold. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, Police Chief Casey Kilgore and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

Mayor Eric Haas lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes from the April 15, 2019 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Visitors and Communications

ABC Hearing for Colonel’s Catering and Kitchen LLC: Joe Ewald opened the ABC public hearing for the application that has been received from the Midway Café and read the notice.

Application has been received from Colonel’s Catering & Kitchen, LLC, dba: Colonel’s Kitchen, 22 North Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY 41075, for an NQ-2 Retail Drink License. The application is on file in the office of the City Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator and will be finally considered at the City Council Meeting on May 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers. Any person having good cause or reason to object to the granting of this license may appear before the ABC Administrator and be heard or may submit written comments prior to the meeting.

Signed: Joseph Ewald, ABC Administrator

No public comment was received. Local approval will be sent to the State of Kentucky.

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day Proclamation: Mayor Haas read a proclamation for crossing guard appreciation day.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, each and every school day, the dedicated crossing guards in Fort Thomas assist our children across busy streets as they arrive to and depart from school; and

Whereas, school crossing guards are a dependable means of helping children avoid unnecessary accidents and injuries; and

Whereas, the City of Fort Thomas places top priority on child safety and recognize that education plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of our children and the crossing guards who assist them; and

Whereas, motorists should be aware of children walking to and from school and be especially cautious in and around school zones and always follow directions from crossing guards.

Now therefore, I, Eric Haas, Mayor of the City of Fort Thomas, KY, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2019 as:

CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY

in Fort Thomas, KY, and I urge all residents to recognize the services that these dedicated professionals provide to keep our residents and their children safe.

In witness thereof, I have hereby set my hand on this, the 22nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.

Signed:

Eric Haas, Mayor

Crimson McDonald of 33 Washington Avenue was present to request that the mayor consider signing a proclamation on ending gun violence. Ms. McDonald is a member of the gun safety group "Moms Demand Action". The work that the group does is centered on gun safety, safe gun handling, and safe gun storage. Sydney Cooper, a student at Highlands High School also addressed council. Ms. Cooper is a member of the "March for our Lives" movement. She noted that she would like it if our citizens were educated on gun violence prevention. Mayor Haas said that he will review the proclamation and indicated that the city takes our citizens safety very seriously. Chief Casey Kilgore also reminded residents that the police department gives out free gun locks.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report for April 2019: Chief Bailey presented his monthly report for April to council. Chief Bailey also reminded council that this week is Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week and to make sure to thank your fire personnel. This years theme is "Beyond the Call". A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Collier to receive and file the fire department's monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Police Department Monthly Report for April 2019: Chief Kilgore presented his monthly report for April to council. Chief Kilgore reminded council and residents that this Memorial Day weekend there is a safety campaign going on called "Click it or Ticket". The campaign will run through the end of the weekend. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to receive and file the police department's monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City Administrators Report

2019-2020 Budget: The proposed 2019/20 budget will be reviewed in committee at 12:00 pm on Wednesday May 29th with the Finance Committee. Copies will be forwarded to council in advance of the meeting.

N. Fort Thomas Ave Water Main/Sidewalk: The NKWD contractor is finishing the main installation this week. The project has gone well with a few delays caused by a gas main leak, otherwise not too disruptive to traffic. They will begin making service connection after the main line is tested. The sidewalk project is awaiting approval from the State to allow for easement acquisition. We are prompting this process as much as possible to meet our schedule of construction before the end of this year.

Mr. Dill thanked the Police Department for taking the lead on Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

New Business

Duke Energy Easement – Tower Park: The proposed easement is associated with the development of the Alexander Circle homes. The area of easement is a small section connecting the existing overhead easement into the property now owned by Bloomfield/Schon (Alexander Circle). This is located behind the ball field at Tower Park on the opposite side of Clitz Ave. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to approve the proposed Duke Energy easement. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 5553-5742 for the period of **April 12 to May 16, 2019** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Collier to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

Ordinance O-04-2019: Consideration of an Ordinance revising procedures for Promotion of Police Lieutenants and Sergeants was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve Ordinance O-04-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-05-2019: Consideration of an Ordinance establishing the city’s intent to proceed with the 2019 Street Resurfacing Program was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to approve Ordinance O-05-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was noted by Mr. Collier that the explanation behind his voting “yes” was because voting “no” meant not moving forward with the program based on time restrictions. Mr. Collier also noted that he would still like to review other funding mechanisms. Mr. Blau indicated that he agreed with Mr. Collier’s comment.

Executive Order EO-04-2019: An Executive Order appointing Holli Patterson to the Renaissance Board was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-05-2019: An Executive Order re-appointing Lori Wendling to the Design Review Board was presented to council with no action necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Collier to adjourn into executive session in accordance with KRS section 61.810(1) (b) for the deliberation of the possible future acquisition of real property by a public agency. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Blau to reconvene the city council meeting. It was the consensus of the board to schedule a special meeting of council on Wednesday, May 29th at 1:30 p.m. to continue discussions. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Blau to adjourn.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk