

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021**

6:45 p.m. 2021/2022 Budget Public Hearing: Mayor Haas called the public hearing for the 2021/2022 Budget to order at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Haas called for public comment and there was none. The hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021. Julie Rice, Administrative Assistant, called the roll and the following council members were present: Lisa Kelly, Ben Pendery, Ken Bowman, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau and Connie Grubbs. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, Administrative Assistant Julie Rice, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon, Police Chief Casey Kilgore and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

Minutes

The minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting were presented to council for consideration. Mr. Bowman requested that the June 7, 2021 minutes be amended to include his comments regarding consideration of charging stations in both the city building renovation plan and the One Highland development using the funding from the Volkswagen diesel settlement. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to approve the minutes with amendments. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Visitors and Communications

Katie Beck, 264 Sergeant Avenue, addressed council regarding her concerns over the location of a skate park proposed for the corner of Sergeant Avenue and Army Reserve Road. Ms. Beck stated that she, as well as other residents in the immediate area, are very concerned about the increased traffic and traffic flow around the park as well as parking for the park.

Mayor Haas explained the process that the City is currently going through in the planning of a spray ground park. Nothing has been finalized and public comments, concerns and suggestions are encouraged.

Steve Kowolonek, 204 Sergeant Avenue addressed council. Mr. Kowolonek is concerned about traffic and safety around the proposed skate park, particularly on Army Reserve Road. He doesn't feel that this location is the best or safest location for a skate park.

Sam Shelton stated that the concept boards for the proposed skate/bike park in Tower Park and the splash park in Highland Park will be posted in booths at upcoming events (Farmer's Market, Summer Concerts, 4th at Fort, etc) to solicit input/feedback from residents.

Katie Spicer, 229 Sergeant Avenue addressed council. She is concerned about losing green space within the city. Once you take out greenspace, it is rarely put back. She went on to list areas where the south end of town has lost greenspace. She asked that the city keep that in mind when looking at these projects.

Liquor License Public Hearing: Joe Ewald: Application has been received from King Brew LLC, *dba:* The Post, 1136 South Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License, NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License, Quota Retail Package License, and Quota 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 Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas Community Center/Mess Hall at 801 Cochran Avenue. 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. There were no comments received and the hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report, Chief Chris Amon: Chief Amon presented his report for May to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to receive and file the monthly report for the Fire Department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Department Monthly Report, Chief Casey Kilgore: Chief Kilgore presented the police monthly report for May to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to receive and file the monthly report for the Police Department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator's Report: Ron Dill

City Building Update: The footings for the addition have been poured and underground utility work is being completed. The front yard site work demo is completed. Ductwork/sprinkler installation is being performed inside the building. The project is on schedule to be completed at the beginning of 2022.

N. Ft. Thomas Ave. Sidewalk Project: TMS Construction is completing backfill & seeding along the length of the sidewalk. There is a phone pole that will need to be moved and also a large tree that they are waiting on removal for, the project will be ready for inspection next week.

City Events: The Northern Kentucky Hall of Fame Concert has been rescheduled twice because of rain. The new date for the concert is September 14th with a rain date of September 15th.

4th of July Parade: Council members (and their families) are welcome to participate in the parade. We are arranging for two jeeps from Jeff Wyler to be available for transportation or walking.

Community Plan Implementation: The projects for proposed skate/bike park in Tower Park and the splash park in Highland Park will be posted in booths at upcoming events (Farmer's Market, Summer Concerts, 4th at Fort, etc.) to solicit input/feedback from residents. A Recreation Committee meeting will be scheduled for early August to make final recommendations.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 9345 - 9495 for the period of **May 14 – June 18, 2021** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by

Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinances and Orders

Ordinance No. O-06-2021: Second Reading of an Ordinance establishing provisions for establishment of an Entertainment District was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Ordinance O-06-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. O-07-2021: Second Reading of an Ordinance establishing compensation of the employees for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to approve Ordinance O-07-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. O-08-2021: Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Personnel and Pay Classification was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve Ordinance O-08-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. O-09-2021: Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve Ordinance O-09-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. O-10-2021: Second Reading of an Ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve O-10-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk