

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022**

6:45 P.M.: 22/23 Budget Hearing: The budget hearing for the 22/23 FY Budget was opened at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Haas read the city's budget message and called for public comment. With no comments received, the hearing was closed at 7 p.m.

7:00 P.M.: Liquor License Public Hearing, Comal: Joe Ewald opened the liquor license public hearing for Comal Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ewald read the public notice for the record and called for comments. With no comments received the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m. The public notice is listed below:

Application has been received from S. Leticia Messmer dba: Comal Restaurant, 18 N Fort Thomas Avenue, Suite 202, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ-2 Retail Drink License. The owner of the property to be licensed is United Property Group, 1407 Grand Avenue, Newport, Kentucky 41071. The application is on file in the office of the Director of Finance and will be finally considered at a Public Hearing during the Council meeting on Monday, June 6th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas Community Center / Mess Hall at 801 Cochran Street, Fort Thomas, KY 41075. 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.

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022. Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following council members were present: Ben Pendery, Ken Bowman, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau and Roger Peterman. Absent: Lisa Kelly. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Fire Chief Chris Amon, Police Chief Casey Kilgore, and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

Minutes

The minutes from the May 16, 2022 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Visitors and Communications:

Melissa Whalen of 21 Hawthorne Avenue addressed council. Mrs. Whalen is running for Campbell County Commissioner, District One.

Dave Dickerson of 34 Washington Avenue addressed council. Mr. Dickerson noted that he is still having issues with the neighbor at 38 Washington related to code enforcement violations. Mayor Haas indicated that council will vote on an ordinance at this meeting to raise the fees for property violations and this will hopefully take care of the problem. Sam Shelton addressed council regarding the notices that have been sent to the property owner. The owner at 38 Washington has been responsive to our notices and phone calls.

Reports of Officers

City Administrator's Report: Matt Kremer:

Mayor Haas welcomed Mr. Kremer to his first council meeting as City Administrator.

Matt reported that the Flea in the Fort that was held on Sunday was a success. He had nothing additional to add other than he is getting acclimated to city operations right now.

Mr. Bowman asked if Matt would start communication with the NKY Water District regarding walking around the reservoir again, an amenity that residents would like to see come back.

Mr. Bowman also questioned the status of the Mike Skop statue, Ken would like to see it relocated. Matt noted that we have secured storage for another month and are working on it.

Mr. Bezold asked the status of the large green boxes at the corner of Scenic View. Duke was tasked with managing the area, but there has been no screening installed. He would like to this get buttoned up soon.

Mr. Bezold also made a general announcement regarding the rules on golf carts. The carts must have seatbelts and the driver of the cart must be at least 19 years of age.

New Business

4th of July Parade: It was the ultimate decision of council to leave this item up to the Renaissance Board to decide. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to allow the Renaissance Board to make this decision and that the date be set as far in advance as possible. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Finance Committee Report: Ben Pendery, Chair: Finance Committee Chairman, Ben Pendery reported the following:

We the undersigned members of the Finance Committee of Council hereby report that we have met with the city administration on May 26, 2022. The following issues were on the agenda:

First, the committee was discussed the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. These amendments include increases in General Fund revenues and expenditures. The KDOT, Health Insurance, Debt Service and CBD Funds were also amended to better match actual revenues and expenditures. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Board of Council approve the proposed budget amendments.

Second, the committee reviewed and discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget document, comprising the six budgeted City funds. The Finance Committee is of the opinion that the proposed budget, as submitted, will enable the City to deliver public services and programs consistent with current service levels and accomplish the broader City policies as established by the Board of Council. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Board of Council approve the proposed budget and move forward with its adoption in accordance with the law.

Finally, the committee discussed the use of City American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide City employees with premium pay. This premium pay applies to employees who were affected by the COVID pandemic. After much discussion, the committee recommends that an amount not to exceed 10% of the City's total ARPA funds be set aside for provision of premium pay to employees.

Signed: Ben Pendery, Chairman, Lisa Kelly, Member, Jeff Bezold, Member

Ordinances and Orders

Ordinance O-04-2022: Consideration of an ordinance establishing the annual salary for the position of City Administrative Officer. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve ordinance O-04-2022. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-05-2022: Consideration of an ordinance adjusting fines for code enforcement violations. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve ordinance O-05-2022. Upon call of the roll,

the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-06-2022: The FY 2021/2022 budget amendment ordinance was presented to council for a first reading. Consideration of this ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council.

Ordinance O-07-2022: The FY 2022/2023 budget ordinance was presented to council for a first reading. Consideration of this ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council.

Ordinance O-08-2022: The FY 2022/2023 employee pay ordinance was presented to council for a first reading. Consideration of this ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council.

Ordinance O-09-2022: An ordinance amending the Personnel Pay and Classification Plan was presented to council for a first reading. Consideration of this ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council.

Resolution R-01-2022: A resolution authorizing issuance of KEDFA Refunding Bonds for Carmel Manor, Inc. was presented to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve resolution R-01-2022. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk