

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to appoint Adam Blau as Mayor Pro Tem due to Mayor Haas's absence. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye", Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Ellison, and Mr. Strange. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Blau called the meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following Council members were present: Lauren McIntosh, Andy Ellison, Adam Blau, and Eric Strange. Absent: Ben Pendery and Jeff Bezold. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon, Police Chief Casey Kilgore, and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

Pledge to the Flag

7:00 p.m. Liquor License Public Hearing: Joe Ewald, ABC Administrator: Application has been received from Jiyana, LLC, dba: Fort Thomas BP, 709 Highland Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ Retail Malt Beverage 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 March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers, 130 N Fort Thomas Avenue, 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. Joe Ewald called for comment and none were received. The hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the February 15, 2023 Public Works Committee, February 15, 2023 Recreation Committee, and the February 21, 2023 Regular meeting of Council were presented for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve all minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Visitors and Communications

Road Runners Club of America Presentation: Anna Heeman: Katie Spicer with the Fort Thomas Recreation Department introduced Anna Heeman with the Road Runners Club of America. Fort Thomas has been named the first runner friendly community in Kentucky.

Cincinnati Preservation Association: Beth Johnson: Beth Johnson, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Preservation Association presented a power point regarding historic preservation and why it is important.

Jim Beineke from 66 Daisy Lane addressed Council and complimented the Police Department on their diligence regarding vacation home checks.

Sharon MacKnight from 62 Miller Lane addressed Council. Mrs. MacKnight asked questions regarding the Law, Labor and License committee meeting.

Joan Ferris from 66 Burney Lane addressed Council. Mrs. Ferris thanked Beth Johnson from the Cincinnati Preservation Association, council, and the community for their efforts on historic preservation in the city.

Pat Lance from 5 Rosemont addressed Council.

Peggy Maggio from 67 Shaw Lane addressed Council. Mrs. Maggio made several statements regarding historical preservation within the city.

David Dickerson from 34 Washington Ave. addressed Council. Mr. Dickerson questioned council regarding a property that he believes is causing additional vermin in the neighborhood.

Denise Dierig was present on behalf of her Mother-In-Law, Mary Dierig of 61 Miller Lane. Mrs. Dierig was present to question Council about the handicap parking application that was denied by the Law, Labor and License Committee. This matter will be tabled until the next regular meeting of Council.

Reports from Boards, Committees and Commissions

Report from the Law, Labor, and License Committee: Mr. Ellison updated council on the Law, Labor, License Committee meeting that was held on March 15, 2023 at 10 a.m. The first matter on the agenda was the handicap parking appeal for a property located at 61 Miller Lane. This matter has been tabled until the next regular meeting of Council. Next on the agenda were the review of the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and Design Review Board Ordinances. A common element contained in these ordinances were that the members were residents of the City of Fort Thomas. A definition of resident was added to each ordinance. Mr. Ellison went on to review other changes within the ordinances. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to receive and file the report from the Law, Labor and License Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ellison made a motion to add to the Ethics Ordinance that all Board and Commission members, upon being appointed, be required to submit a financial interest statement to Council with the understanding that if any major financial changes occur, a new form will be filled out. This will be presented to council at the next meeting. It was seconded by Mrs. McIntosh.

Mr. Blau noted that if you are appointed to a board or commission that you should ensure that you are in attendance of the meetings. He went on to discuss the city's relationship with the business community and wanted to ensure that we are engaging them and meeting their needs.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Chris Amon: Chief Amon presented his monthly report to Council. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve the monthly report from the fire department. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Casey Kilgore: Chief Kilgore presented his monthly report to Council. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve the monthly report from the police department. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator's Report: Matt Kremer: Matt Kremer reported on the following:

- Sanitation District No. 1 will begin sewer work at the end of James Ave. in Highland Park tomorrow (Tuesday, March 21st) and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete and the city will be expanding the parking lot.

- As of today, we have temporary occupancy so we will be opening our doors in the next couple of weeks.
- There has been a lot of discussion on Route 8 but the city has not heard back from the state at this time.
- Matt reviewed the legislation that is listed on the agenda.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 12572-12713 for the period of **February 10 – March 16, 2023.** A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Ellison to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinances and Orders

Ordinance O-04-2023: An ordinance allowing the city to bill for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve ordinance O-04-2023. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Tim Schneider deviated from the order of the agenda to call on Corey Plybon who is being appointed to the Board of Ethics. Mr. Plybon of 4 Oak Ridge addressed council and thanked them for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Ethics. He also thanked the city for working in conjunction with the residents of the Riverside Parkway Subdivision in beautifying the pocket park on Riverside Parkway also known as Triangle Park.

Tim Schneider also called for Pat Hagerty to stand up and introduce himself. Mr. Hagerty will be re-appointed to the Design Review Board. He thanked Tim and Council for the opportunity.

Municipal Order MO-05-2023: A municipal order appointing Corey Plybon as a member of the Board of Ethics was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve MO-05-2023. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Order MO-06-2023: A municipal order re-appointing Pat Hagerty as a member of the Design Review Board was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve MO-06-2023. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance O-05-2023: An ordinance amending Chapter 36, Sections 36.040 through 36.044 of the Fort Thomas Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Planning Commission was presented to Council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of Council.

Ordinance O-06-2023: An ordinance amending Chapter 36, Sections 36.001 through 36.004 of the Fort Thomas Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Board of Adjustment was presented to Council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of Council.

Ordinance O-07-2023: An ordinance amending Chapter 36, Sections 36.010 through 36.015 of the Fort Thomas Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Design Review Board was presented to Council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of Council.

Ordinance O-08-2023: An ordinance amending the Personnel and Pay Classification Plan by adding a part-time Code Enforcement Officer and a part-time Facilities Maintenance Worker was presented to Council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of Council.

Municipal Order MO-02-2023: A municipal order re-appointing Mary Brown as a member of the Board of Ethics was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve MO-02-2023. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Order MO-03-2023: A municipal order re-appointing Mike Federle as a member of the Board of Ethics was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve MO-03-2023. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Order MO-04-2023: A municipal order re-appointing Dan Fehler as a member of the Planning Commission was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve MO-04-2023. Mayor Pro Tem Blau called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Ellison to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

Adam Blau, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk