

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024**

Mayor Haas called the meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call: Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following Council members were present: Lauren McIntosh, Ben Pendery, Andy Ellison, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau, and Eric Strange. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, 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 April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council, April 23, 2023 Finance Committee and May 20, 2024 minutes were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Strange to approve all minutes as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Visitors and Communications:

Fort Thomas Business Council: Nick Rolf, President of the Fort Thomas Business Council was present to introduce two new businesses in Fort Thomas, BF Realty and Freedom Insurance.

Terrell Biedenbarn from 22 Arno addressed council regarding the scooter issue in Fort Thomas.

Mary Healy from 110 Hollywoods Drive addressed council regarding the proposed zoning changes.

Tim Tracy from 222 Riverside Parkway addressed council regarding taxes and allegations against the mayor and suggests an outside agency to review these, as opposed to the Board of Ethics.

Amy Waldfogle from 8 N. Fort Thomas Avenue introduced herself as the newly elected president of the Village Players and hopes to see many of us at their performances.

Steven Sprecker from 1025 S. Fort Thomas Avenue addressed council regarding scooters safety.

Steff Chalk from 21 Lafayette Avenue addressed council regarding One Highland and the ideology around the development.

Vickie Clements from 21 Toni Terrace addressed council regarding questions on when the soccer field development in Tower Park would be completed.

Joan Ferris from 66 Burney Lane addressed council regarding the zoning code update pertaining the zoning for the top of Bivouac compared to the zoning at 90 Alexandria Pike.

Paula Bonomini from 18 Gunpowder Ridge addressed council regarding the zoning code update and how the city does not need more density.

Roger Peterman from 15 Thomas Pointe Drive addressed council regarding allegations made against the Mayor regarding One Highland.

Ken Bowman from 60 Altamont Ave. addressed council regarding allegations made against the Mayor regarding One Highland.

Jean Farley from 80 S. Shaw Avenue addressed council regarding the zoning code update.

Dennis Pompilio from 40 Kathy Lane addressed council regarding the zoning code update and how we do not need any additional multi families in the city.

Peggy Maggio from 37 S. Shaw Lane addressed council regarding the zoning code update and the comprehensive plan.

Tiffany Huber from 26 Hawthorne Avenue addressed council regarding the zoning code update and the city being more transparent.

Brittany Fritch from BF Realty arrived late and introduced herself and updated council and the mayor on her new business located at 1107 S. Fort Thomas Avenue.

After much discussion regarding One Highland and the bank building located at 25 N. Fort Thomas Avenue, it was the consensus of council to have staff work with the Board of Ethics to review the ethics ordinance and to look at adding items to help guide developments in the future. One of the Ethics Board members will present the final draft to council at a future meeting. This may take 3 or 4 months to complete.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Chris Amon presented the monthly report for the Fire Department. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to receive and file the monthly report for the Fire Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Casey Kilgore presented the monthly report for the Police Department. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to receive and file the monthly report for the Police Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

- The Tower Park ribbon cutting is on July 4th at 4 p.m.
- The pickleball courts in Highland Park are currently under construction.
- The Swim Club is looking into the transfer of land, once their board agrees, the city can move forward with the survey.
- Legislation

New Business

Scooter Safety: Scooter safety has become an issue within the city. Mr. Blau made a motion to refer the scooter issue to the Law Labor and License committee for further review. It was seconded by Mr. Pendery. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Blau also brought up the golf cart ordinance and that the State of Kentucky had made some changes to their regulations in 2020 and that the ordinance needs to be reviewed for updates.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 25458-25590 for the period of **May 17 to June 14, 2024.** A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders

Ordinance O-01-2024: The 23/24 FY Budget Amendment was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Strange to approve Ordinance O-01-2024. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “Aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-02-2024: The 24/25 FY Budget was presented to Council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve Ordinance O-02-2024. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “Aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-03-2024: The 24/25 Pay Classification Plan was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve Ordinance O-03-2024. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “Aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-04-2024: An ordinance adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

Resolution R-02-2024: A resolution authorizing the filing of a HB1 Project Grant for the Tower Park Community Complex was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve Resolution R-02-2024. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “Aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Municipal Order MO-19-2024: A municipal order authorizing two school resource officers for the Fort Thomas Board of Education. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr.

Pendery to approve municipal order MO-19-2024. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “Aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Pendery to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk