

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vicki Boerger, Joe Hayes, Dan Rice, Beth Rose, Michael Stoeckle, and Kim Nachazel. Absent Denny Zahler.

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Rob Ziegler, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Captain Jim Hils, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Jansing, Acting Police Chief Matt Robinson, Deputy City Clerk Debbie Krueger, Park Director Kyle Bennett, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rechtin and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

WELCOME

Mayor Hehman welcomed everyone to his second annual planning session. He asked all in attendance for their thoughts tonight on what they would like to accomplish in the coming year. He said he plans to invite a student from Blessed Sacrament School to be Mayor for a day. She has plans to paint the underpass on Dixie Highway and change the lighting there.

2015 PLANNING SESSION FOLLOW-UP

Mrs. Reddy reviewed her written report following up on the Planning session held in 2015. See attached for full report.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

SD1 Sewer Lateral Program - Mr. Ziegler said the City of Erlanger still plans to file a lawsuit against SD1 plus seven other cities plan to join. Kenton County is considering joining the suit. The City of Lakeside Park signed the agreement with SD1. When SD1 took over the maintenance it included the laterals. The cost to join the lawsuit will not exceed \$2,500.

Mrs. Rose made a motion to join the City of Erlanger in the lawsuit against SD1. A second was offered by Mr. Rice. After asking for discussion or questions, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Zahler	Absent	Mrs. Rose	Yes
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mr. Rice	Yes	Mr. Hayes	No
Mrs. Nachazel	No		

Ayes: 4 Nays: 2 Absent: 1 Motion Carried.

Council members developed a list of ideas they would like to see happen or discussed further in FY 2016-2017. The complete list is attached to this document. Attachment #2

DISCUSSION OF STAFF IDEAS

Economic Development – Mrs. Reddy.

- Problems
 - Traffic issues on Dixie Highway
 - Currently City has no incentives to offer new businesses
 - Need to develop a formal document
 - Can include amenities such as memberships to the County Club or gym
- Update
 - Drawbridge Site
 - Christ will focus on site this year
 - Will move forward with the TIF – Tax Incremental Financing
 - Need a development plan
 - Bayer Becker is doing a traffic study
 - Buttermilk and Orphanage realignment
 - Traffic
 - Very heavy
 - Backups happen regularly
 - 60% of the time traffic flow not working
 - Need to discuss with legislators.
 - The first step was to document issue – This has been completed with help from PDS

Administration – Mrs. Reddy

- Communication and Outreach
 - Fort Mitchell Living Magazine
 - Possibility of publishing a Fort Mitchell newsletter in the magazine every quarter.
 - Caucus Meeting
 - Held few second council meetings in 2015
 - More beneficial to hold quarterly meetings to focus on specific topics

Fire – Chief Auffart

- Need to increase training and staff members
- Submitted a report covering ten years – See Attachment #3

Police – Acting Chief Robinson

- New Teams
 - Special Enforcement Team
 - Plain Clothes Detail to work on problems such as drugs and break-ins
 - Neighborhood Action Teams
 - Teach how to spot drug users
 - Develop ideas
 - Get involved with kids at Beechwood
 - Intel Base Policing – Customized analytical Dashboards

- Covington purchasing the Atacraids/Blair – We can piggyback with them. See attachment # 4
- New Radios
 - Kenton County Dispatch changing equipment.
 - Will require Police and Fire to purchase new radios
 - Cost approximately \$200,000

Recreation – Recreation Coordinator Zach Rehtin

- Will hold office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am to noon
- Upcoming Events
 - Will follow Recreation Committee Report on the events to continue
 - All events will have an on-line registration and payments if needed
 - Recreation Committee will hold monthly meetings
 - More events will be community events to reach a larger group of residents
- Mr. Stoeckle
 - Requested Recreation Committee members volunteer or find volunteers to help with events
 - During signups list volunteer opportunities

Parks – Director Kyle Bennett

- Beechwood request for a track in Park – Mayor Hehman
 - Mr. Hayes reviewed the plans and cost
 - Council members discussed that the cost was too high
 - Chief Auffart suggested contacting the Cincinnati Bengals as a potential source of funding
- Park Board plans to improve park
 - Reviewed three possible plans to improve
 - See Attachments #5
 - Will install WiFi in General Ormsby Park
 - Highly requested in the public survey
 - Residents definitely want a walking trail

Public Works – Mrs. Reddy

- Sidewalks
 - Currently
 - Replace if needed during a large road construction project
 - MRA can be used for sidewalks
 - Future
 - Possibly cost share
 - Identify areas and bid out
 - Orphanage Road
 - Grant request for sidewalks turned down
 - \$150,000 currently in budget
 - Engineering complete
 - Sidewalks there could be dangerous
 - Invite property owners to a Council meeting to discuss in March

Finance – Mrs. Guenther

- Outcome Based Budgeting
 - Will try this with the upcoming budget with a few items

Other – Mr. Reis

- City Beautification
 - Islands in front of Kroger's and I-75 ramps
 - Landscaping around City
 - Tie all together
 - Consider sign/wall in front of Mercedes

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nachazel made the motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 10:00 p.m. Mrs. Rose offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed 1-25, 2016



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk