

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
CAUCUS MEETING  
October 16, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Burns, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Beth Rose, and Michael Stoeckle. Absent: Vicki Boerger.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, Asst. Chief Dave Jansing, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Krueger.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the agenda,** Mrs. Nachazel offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Ms. Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 council meeting.** Mr. Hummeldorf offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

There was no one present that wished to address Council at this time.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2017-17** amending Chapter 91 of the City of Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances to modify requirements for Open Burning. **Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-17** amending the requirements for Open Burning. Mr. Stoeckle made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he called for a roll call vote

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Absent
Mr. Hummeldorf	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel	Yes
Mrs. Rose	Yes		

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Absent: 1      Motion Carried.

**Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2017-18** amending Section 10.17 and 10.12 of the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance adding conditional uses to the C-PUD (Commercial Planned Unit Development) Zone and adding outdoor dining as a conditional use in the LHS (Limited Highway) Zone.

Mr. Pohlgeers asked if this was just for the one area on Buttermilk and Mrs. Reddy advised that limited highway service would include the area on Buttermilk and the Mercedes area. This will also be introduced as a conditional use and would go before the Board of Adjustment.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Dixie Highway to Beechwood Road Left Turn Lane Project**

Mayor Hehman introduced Brandon Seiter and Nikki Hill of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and asked them to report on the Dixie Highway to Beechwood Road Left Turn Lane Project.

Mr. Seiter advised that the grant was approved for the turn lane at Dixie Highway and Beechwood Road. The project will widen the Dixie Highway to the West approximately ten (10) to twelve (12) feet. The turn radius will be widened to make the turn easier. New storm sewer with curb and gutter will be installed. The majority of all the work will be in the right-of-way. Construction is slated for 2019, this is due to the numerous steps that have to be completed and the fact that the construction can only be done during the months when school is not in session. The environmental impacts with the project being in a historical area and many things need to fall into place in order to get the construction started and Mr. Seiter will do all he can to move the timeline up to 2018. Mayor Hehman said that the city would like to see the project started in 2018. During construction, lane closures will be necessary and will occur at night in an effort for a smooth transition.

### **Highland Avenue/Floral Development**

Mayor Hehman advised that Ashley Development has a project to build eleven (11) homes at the back of Floral Avenue. The City is excited about the project, but there are issues with the water flow from hydrants not being strong enough. Mayor Hehman advised that we might end up expediting road projects to fix this problem. The developer has applied for a waiver and is looking to the City to support the waiver by committing to work on a plan to correct the water flow problem. Mr. Stegman will get cost estimates for Council to review and there may be an emergency Council Meeting in October.

## **Parks and Recreation**

Recreation Co-coordinator, Zach Rehtin resigned his position and Grace Neltner of Lakeside Park will be filling in until the end of the year. Prior to advertising the position Mr. Pohlgeers and Mr. Stoeckle will review the job descriptions and salaries for the Park Director and Recreation Coordinator positions to determine whether to combine the two (2) into one (1) position.

## **Park Board**

The Mayor will appoint Mr. Jeff Epplen to the Park Board to fill the vacancy of Mr. Williams. Mr. Epplen will bring a lot of experience to the Board having been a member of the Blessed Sacrament Boosters and his work on the ball fields at the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home.

## **Other**

### **Code Enforcement Board**

Mayor Hehman advised that he would like to get a recommendation from the Code Enforcement Board regarding a pro-active approach to code enforcement. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that Rob Himes of PDS had advised that he could do proactive enforcement one (1) or two (2) days a month. Mrs. Reddy advised that the fees we pay to PDS have gone down due to the new agreement, so it might be possible to have Mr. Himes take care of it. Mr. Pohlgeers

advised that we have the option of having an officer or a resident volunteer to handle the enforcement. Mrs. Reddy advised that we need a recommendation from the board. Mayor Hehman asked Mrs. Reddy to get a cost from PDS.

## **Z21**

Mrs. Nachazel and Mrs. Reddy serve on a committee with PDS that is reviewing zoning ordinances for cities in Kenton County to see what updates can be done to make them more business and user friendly. It is a long process, but there should be report out in the next couple of months from the consultants.

## **Drones**

Ms. Burns advised that at a recent meeting she attended there was discussion about drones. She advised that this is something that the City should be pro-active about drones before something bad happens here in the city.

## **CERS Lawsuit**

Mr. Pohlgeers advised that Fort Wright and Independence have filed a lawsuit to separate CERS and are looking for other cities to join the suit. He would like to receive as much information as possible on this topic. Mayor Hehman advised that he has been asked to join the lawsuit, but is not anxious to jump into it yet. Mrs. Reddy will provide more information at the November Council Meeting.

## **Virginia Avenue**

Mr. Pohlgeers advised that he received another call this evening regarding the activity at the apartment building at Virginia and Requardt and asked if there was any more that the City can do. Mrs. Reddy advised that they have looked at the call numbers and violations and they don't constitute a chronic nuisance.

## **TIF Update**

Mrs. Reddy advised that the TIF application was submitted two (2) years ago with a request for \$40M, the state came back with \$13M and that is going to be the best we will get. Brandi Corp will come to the January Planning Session and advise how much of the vision is still possible with the \$13M amount. The property is owned now 100% by Christ Hospital.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Flag Lots**

Mr. Pohlgeers advised there is nothing new to report on flag lots at this time.

### **Signs**

Mrs. Rose had nothing new to report on signs. Mrs. Reddy advised that the latest draft has been reviewed and PDS will report on it at the November Council Meeting.

### **Finance**

Mr. Hummeldorf advised that capital planning has been reduced from thirty (30) years to ten (10) years with a minimum balance of one-half (1/2) million.

## **Park**


Mr. Stoeckle advised that the Park Board has a rough draft of what they want to see at the park. They are working with Bayer Becker on a plan to remove the current building and replace it with an indoor/outdoor facility and more parking.

Mrs. Burns stated that she wanted everyone to know that they are very pleased with the Police Department and their presence in the Fort Mitchel Place Condominiums.

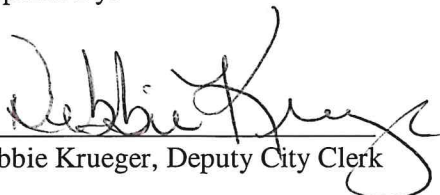
## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Pohlgeers made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.** Mr. Hummeldorf 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

  
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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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