

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
June 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Present: Mayor Jude Hehman, Mary Burns, Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding and Michael Stoeckle

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller and Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. After asking for any discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the May 17, 2021 minutes. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 council meeting. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

DELIVERY OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FROM PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTION ON PD2104-002

Megan Bessey from Kenton County Planning and Development Services (PDS) presented the following information.

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 6:15pm, the Kenton County Planning Commission met for a virtual public hearing regarding file number 2104-0002. Mitchell's Crossing per Tammy Stansbury on behalf of 260 Grandview, LLC, submitted an application requesting a proposed map amendment to the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance from R-1C (a single-family residential zone) and PO (a professional office building zone) to R-2 (a multi-family residential zone) at 260 Grandview Drive; The applicant proposes to construct a four-story building identified as senior housing, including 88 residential units with off-street parking. KCPC's recommendation was favorable subject to the condition that the development be restricted to senior only housing for a minimum of 30 years through the Housing Authority as agreed upon by the applicant.

The supporting information/basis for the KCPC's recommendation was the following:

- The existing zoning classification given to the property is inappropriate and that the proposed zoning classification is appropriate.
- There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in the adopted comprehensive plan and which have substantially altered the basic character of such area. These changes are in part due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant agrees to a condition that the development remain senior housing for a minimum of 30 years through the Housing Authority.
- Based on testimony provided during the public hearing held on May 6, 2021.

There was also additional information noted since certain information was not required on the Site Plan. If approved by the City, the following information listed on the action letter would be required with future permit applications such as landscape plans.

KRS 100 states that City Council shall take final action upon a proposed zoning map amendment within 90 days of the public hearing date of the KCPC which was May 6, 2021. Therefore, the deadline is August 4, 2021.

Mayor Hehman stated that the City can do one of three things:

1. Do nothing and PDS' recommendation will be enacted.
2. Hold a full public hearing, which was already held by the Planning Commission.
3. Hold an argument-type hearing based on the record from the previous public hearing.

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to hold an argument-type hearing at the Council Meeting on June 21, 2021. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the **motion passed with all ayes.** Mayor Hehman asked Mr. King to notify the land owner and developer.

MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE

Mayor Hehman read the budget message that was emailed to City Council. Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Guenther if there were any changes to the budget. Ms. Guenther stated that \$16,000 was added to the police budget in miscellaneous expenses to cover the contract buyout of a new police officer. This buyout is required by Kentucky Statute.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons provided a first reading of **Ordinance 2021-02: Amending the Annual Budget of the City for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and Directing the Ordinance to be Published in Summary.**

Ms. Parsons provided a first reading of **Ordinance 2021-03: Adopting the Annual Budget of the City for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and Directing the Ordinance to be Published in Summary.**

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-14: Appointing Harriett Powell to the Tree Commission.** Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the **motion passed with all ayes.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman read **Executive Order 2021-14 to Surplus the Playground Equipment in General Ormsby Mitchel Park**. Mayor Hehman stated that the buyer would be responsible for removing the equipment by June 15th. So far, the bid is up to \$5,500. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Executive Order 2021-14 to Surplus the Playground Equipment in General Ormsby Mitchel Park. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.
- Mayor Hehman stated that he met with the residents of Watch Hill Road, and they were adamantly opposed to having a sidewalk. Consequently, the sidewalk was removed from the project.
- The Governor will be removing the COVID-19 business restrictions on Friday. The restaurants must abide by their occupancy limit which includes people in the outdoor dining areas.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The park will close June 11th and construction will begin on June 14th
- The City welcomed two new businesses AmyZ Home Team and Caldwell Group.
- The business that requested a tax incentive will be relocating to an existing building in Fort Mitchell.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Stoeckle stated that TBNK is running stories on the Green Line Trolley and the 2020 Beechwood High School State Football Championship Run.
- Mayor Hehman stated that the City will address the flooding on Ridge Avenue.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- Ridge and West Orchard restoration is complete. Remaining work includes laying surface asphalt and striping the roads.
- The private sanitary laterals near the street on Watch Hill Road are being fixed to prevent the reconstructed street from being dug up. The work will begin by Michels Construction.
- Four bids were received for Grace Avenue road stormwater construction. The low bidder was Eaton Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. at \$489,712 and the work will begin in July.
- The City is advertising Virginia Avenue sidewalk replacement and removal of trees that are causing sidewalk problems. The bids are due June 22, 2021. The sidewalk is on one side of the street.
- The flat roof replacement is currently bid out.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Chief Fuller reviewed the run summary report.
- The new ambulance will be received after June 30th.
- The Mayor stated that the old 2010 ambulance may be donated to Kenton County to be used as a spare ambulance.
- Two (2) car seat inspections were completed.
- Chief Fuller attended the Kentucky Virtual Car Seat Education Conference.
- FF/Paramedic Heather Ladanyi has been assigned as the Public Education Coordinator
- FF/Paramedic Ladanyi and FF/Paramedic Callero completed an EMS call which has resulted in an award from St. Elizabeth and the American Heart Association.
- Intern Renewals are in process – 5 of the 6 interns are renewing their agreements. The one open position will be filled by 6/30/2020.
- Units assisted with Erlanger Fire and other agencies with a working structure fire at Colonial Cottage on May 7th.
- Several baby ducks were rescued from a storm drain on Hudson in Lakeside Park on May 14th.
- Units assisted Independence Fire and other agencies with a fire at the Cherokee Storage units on Taylor Mill Road. Independence fire units made one successful rescue of a fire victim from the structure on May 31st.
- FMFD units were assisted by the Technical Rescue Team with a search for a missing juvenile on May 31st.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The Municipal Public Road Hearing will be at the next council meeting.
- General Fund Revenue is \$1,100,000 higher than last year and the Road Tax Fund expenses are approximately \$1,000,000 higher than last year.
- The \$250,000 Park Renovation grant has been submitted.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- Officer Arlinghaus has finished field training and Officer T. Dietz is in the process of being trained.
- The department will be hiring one more officer.
- The Neighborhood App erroneously said there was a shooting. The police department corrected the error quickly and is working with Ring to see how this happened.
- Local police departments are working together on the car thefts in the area. Residents are requested to be on the lookout.
- Cookouts will start back up this year.
- Mr. Pohlgeers stated that he is receiving positive comments about our police department.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- The City's Independence Day Parade is on Saturday, July 3rd at 12:00pm. The roads will close at 11:30am. The parade route is Orphanage Rd to Dixie Hwy to Beechwood Rd and goes to the intersection of Beechwood Rd/Pleasant Ridge Ave, because of the road construction. Parade participants should register online at fortmitchell.com. The deadline is Friday, June 18, 2021. Volunteers are also needed and should contact jchristofield@fortmitchell.com
- A Cicada Coloring Contest for ages 2-11 is on the City's website. Entries are due by 4:30pm on Monday, June 21st and will be featured on the City's Facebook page.
- Discounted tickets to Fort Mitchell Night at an FC Cincinnati soccer game will be available.
- The City will host a concert with the Derek Alan Band on Friday, August 6th at 7:00 pm, at the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home on Orphanage Road.

- The Vent Haven Museum Dummy 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, June 27th at 8:30am.
- LiveWell Ft. Mitchell will be hosting:
 - Free Spunky Yoga & Fitness on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and Saturdays at 9:30am at the Children's Home grounds
 - Lucky KY BBQ Food Truck at the Walter Gieske Family Community Garden in the City Buildings parking lot on Monday, July 12th from 5:00-7:00 pm,
 - A produce popup on Saturday, July 17 at 12:00 pm at the Walter Gieske Family Community Garden
 - Condolences to the family & friends of Hank Gieske, who passed away. Mr. Gieske also worked in the community garden


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion at 7:21 p.m. to adjourn the City Council Meeting and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer