

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
JULY 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jude Hehman called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Guenther to call roll. The following council members were present: Jared Arlinghaus, Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. Mayor Hehman stated that a quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Attorney, Olivia Amlung; City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Rob Nader; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; and Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield, were present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the June 23, 2025, meeting. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 23, 2025, council meeting. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**KENTON COUNTY UPDATES FROM JUDGE EXECUTIVE KRIS KNOCHELMANN**

Mayor Hehman stated that Judge Executive, Kris Knochelmann is more than a friend of the city. Judge Executive, Knochelmann answers his phone, shows up and volunteers. The Judge thanked Fort Mitchell for having the best parade in Northern Kentucky. Judge Executive Knochelmann stated that Northern Kentucky local government entities work well together.

- Judge Knochelmann highlighted the following Kenton County programs that support cities and their residents
- Emergency Dispatch including mobile data terminals for city first responder vehicles
- Code Red mass notification program
- County Police department
- Detention Center currently housing about 600 inmates and 900 during COVID
- Internet Crimes Against Children team
- Kenton and the Homeland Security Emergency Management
- Roadways Restriping Program
- Bids and Contracts that can be used by cities
- Animal Control with new director, Kelly Sauer, to reduce euthanasia and increase adoptions
- Gateway/Old Drawbridge redevelopment, sewer and site readiness support
- New Kenton County Park
- Upcoming opening of the KY Center
- SparkHaus to facilitate entrepreneurship
- University of Kentucky School of Medicine in Covington

- Chase Law School in Covington
- Upcoming goal to use the same CAD and dispatch across all three Northern Kentucky counties

## **CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Bob Kaiser reminded residents that the City has leash law for cats, as well as, dogs.

Dave Hentz requested that a direction sign to 75 for traffic coming out of Home Depot to prevent trucks from going on Fort Mitchell side streets. Mayor Hehman stated that Mr. Tewes could speak with Crescent Springs and the City could put a right turn sign at Grandview Drive to I-75. Mayor Hehman told Mr. Hentz he had great ideas and that the City listens. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that per our ordinance, the semi-trucks are not allowed to come up Pleasant Ridge, so maybe a “No Through Truck” sign would help. Mr. Hentz stated that there is a “No Through Truck” sign, but it is halfway down the hill, after the driver makes the turn.

Mr. Hentz stated that the City honors someone at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and that is a great thing. Mr. Hentz asked whether this honor is strictly for people who live in Fort Mitchell and their families, or do we consider people in adjoining communities? Mayor Hehman stated that we consider anybody who has made an impact on Fort Mitchell.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-05: Adopting the Pay Scale for the Period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**. Mayor Hehman stated that this is the second reading. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve, and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carried.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes
Mr. Arlinghaus	Yes		

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-06: Amending Chapter 35 of the Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances Relating to Fire Department Volunteer Stipends**. Mayor Hehman stated that this is the second reading of this ordinance and asked if anyone has questions. There were no questions. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve the ordinance, and Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carried.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes
Mr. Arlinghaus	Yes		

Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2025-07: Amending Chapter 72 of the Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances Relating to Parking Regulations**. Mr. King stated that the City police received a few reports that people are parking in front of driveways. This ordinance that has been vetted through the Safety Committee and stipulates that no one can park within two feet of a driveway. A car can be towed if it is parked closer than two feet from a driveway.

Ms. Amlung performed the reading of Municipal Order **2025-05: Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Located at 251 Grandview Drive**. Mayor Hehman reminded Council that they authorized the Mayor to go into formal negotiations to purchase the property with the owners in Executive Session. The owners know that the City’s intention to tear down the home. The owners asked that the City would honor the

Oehler family once the City develops the property. Ms. Boerger stated that it makes sense that the City should acquire this property adjacent to the park. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that he appreciates the family working with the City, and he made a motion to approve the municipal order. Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carried unanimously.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hehman stated that the parade was amazing and appreciated the hard work of everyone.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Mr. King is leaving for Coast Guard Officer School and will return by the August 25th meeting. Reach out to the department heads with questions or concerns.
- There will be an ordinance brought to Council in August to vacate Royal Drive. The City will transfer the property to the developer and it will be transferred back once the new Royal Drive is completed. Attorney, Jim Parsons, will be here to answer any questions. Royal Drive is currently closed under an Executive Order. Ms. Boerger stated make sure that the developer builds the streets up to the City's standards. Mayor Hehman assured Ms. Boerger that we will inspect the streets.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

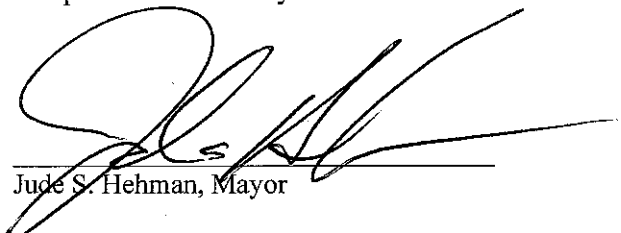
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#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

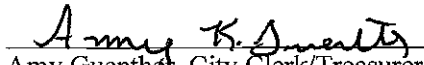
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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:06 p.m. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer