

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS**  
**Council Minutes**  
**September 3, 2019**  
**Approved: October 1, 2019**

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:05 p.m., Mayor Meyers called the regular meeting of the Highland Heights City Council to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

**Present:** Mayor Meyers, Councilmembers: Deb Ball, Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, John Hoffert, Virgil Miller, Michael Kessler. A quorum was present.

**Staff Present:** Attorney Steve Franzen, Police Chief Bill Birkenhauer, Public Works Director Steve Lehman, City Engineer/Zoning Administrator Dave Whitacre, City Clerk/Treasurer Jeanne Pettit.

**Minutes for Approval:**

**Regular Council Minutes of August 6, 2019.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review:

- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to accept the council minutes of August 6, 2019, seconded by Member Miller. Discussion: None; Ayes: all. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Announcements:** Prior to the regular meeting, a public hearing was held to hear comments from the public, council, and staff regarding the 2019 proposed tax rate.

**Scheduled Guests:**

- Jean Rauf, co-chair of the Tree Board, presented the Beautiful Front Yard Awards to Teresa & Michael Gillum, 54 Crestwood; Sharon & Robert Montgomery, 409 Knollwood; and Erinn Smith & Wilfredo Marquez, 119 Renshaw.
- Chris Hartman, Executive Director of the Fairness Campaign, the statewide LGBT advocacy group. He discussed enacting a Fairness Ordinance in Highland Heights, reasons for having a Fairness Ordinance, and exemptions to the ordinance. Mr. Hartman also discussed items to include in the ordinance.
- Jarrett Lopez, NKU Student Government Association President, presented the importance of a Fairness Ordinance to NKU LGBTQ students.

**Correspondence:** None

**Staff Reports:**

- Police Chief – Bill Birkenhauer – August report was distributed to Council. Extra officers were in place the weekend NKU students came back after the summer break. The officers did shut down a few parties. Landlords were contacted.
- City Clerk/Treasurer – Jeanne Pettit – report is attached to these minutes.
- Finance Director – Harry Barlage – No report.

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- City Engineer and Zoning Administrator – Dave Whitacre – report is attached to these minutes. Mr. Whitacre has been in contact with owners of BP station for property clean-up and code violations.
- Public Works Supervisor – Steve Lehman – Report is attached to these minutes. The Sanitation District will be doing some repairs from 136-132 Ridge Hill in back yards. Residents have been notified.
- City Attorney – Steve Franzen
  - **Ordinance #11-2019** – An ordinance assessing and levying an ad valorem tax on the property within the city of Highland Heights, Kentucky and imposing interest and penalties thereon.
    - **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert made a motion to read the ordinance using the 1.62 tax rate. Seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None, Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
  - **Resolution #02-2019** – A resolution of the City of Highland Heights authorizing the Mayor to execute a tax incentive agreement with the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority for the Fairmount NKU Development Project.
    - **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to approve Resolution #02-2019. Seconded by Member Miller. Discussion: None, Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
  - **Ordinance #07-2019** – An ordinance to declare and address loud, unnecessary or unusual noises as a nuisance.
    - **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to have the first reading of the ordinance in summary. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: Change hours restricting loud, unnecessary, or unusual noises to Sunday-Thursday 10:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday 11:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Good Neighbor Award:**

- **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert made a motion to present the Good Neighbor Award to Diane Brossart and Tom Schulte for their work with the Pantry of Hope and Tree Commission. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None, Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- **Tree Commission:** Arbor Day is September 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the City Building Shelter.
- **Discussion of Airbnb:** To be discussed at next meeting.

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**New Business:**

- Pantry of Hope is having a Flea Market on September 28 at 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the City Building Pavilion.
- Mayor Meyers is attending the ribbon cutting of the UK College of Medicine located at NKU.

**Citizens to Address Council:** None

**Executive Session:**

- **Action Taken:** At 8:15 p.m., Member Heinrich made a motion for Council to go into Executive Session citing KRS 61.810 (1) (c) to discuss pending litigation against the city and KRS 61.810 (1) (f) discuss the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an employee. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None; Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- **Action Taken:** At 8:27 p.m., Member Miller made a motion to leave Executive Session. Seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None; Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to resolve the employment issue with Cold Spring, Kentucky. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None, Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Cancellation of the September 17, 2019 Council Meeting**

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to cancel the September 17 meeting due to lack of business. Seconded by Member Miller. Discussion: None, Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

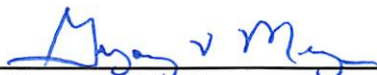
- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Submitted by:

  
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Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:

  
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Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor