

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 17, 2018**

On Tuesday, July 17, 2018 Mayor Meyers called the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Meyers, Council Members: Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, John Hoffert, AJ Moermond, Jeanne Pettit, Dave Ramler. A quorum was present.

Also present: City Attorney Steve Franzen Jean A. Rauf, City Clerk/Treasurer and Steve Lehman, Public Works Supervisor.

ABSENT: Dave Whitacre.

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: After Councilmember Ball delivered the prayer, everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018: These minutes had been previous e-mailed to the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Staff for review.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER HOFFERT MOVED TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYES: ALL. MOTION PASSED. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Meyers announced that due to the cancellation of the July 3rd Council meeting, this meeting is a combination of the July 3rd and July 17th meetings.

SCHEDULED GUEST/S: Adam Branscomb, Fairmount Properties: Mr. Branscomb gave an overhead presentation of Fairmount Properties updates on the new facility. The updates covered the analysis of original master plan, preliminary construction plan, construction access point, construction parking, to keeping the lines of communications open.

Mr. Branscomb reported that the demolition of the five houses and commercial building is scheduled to begin the end of August or the first of September.

Mr. Branscomb further reported that they have been working with the Mayor and team, and NKU on the hours of construction. He reported that during the week work will begin at 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. with the ability to do some work on Saturdays. Member Pettit asked Mr. Branscomb what time would the work on Saturdays begin. He stated they would begin at 8:00 a.m.

Councilmembers asked several questions that dealt with delays of the demolition because of funding, the traffic study, access for construction, turn lanes off US27, buffers on Faren, access to Medical Building, to the height of the underground garage. All questions were addressed by Mr. Branscomb.

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Several questions from the audience concerning drainage were covered by Adam Branscomb and will be addressed with Sanitation District #1.

Mr.Branscomb left some forms for the residents to fill out for further questions and concerns. Mr. Branscomb stated he will be attending the Planning and Zoning Meeting in August and he will have more information on several of the subjects covered at tonight's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Meyers read a Thank You from Cathy Halloran. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes. He also read a Thank You note from the Cruise In Event, thanking the City for supporting their July 14, 2018 event.

STAFF REPORTS: POLICE CHIEF BILL BIRKENHAUER: Chief Birkenhauer had previously submitted his monthly report to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

CLERK/TREASURER; Jean Rauf had previously submitted a copy of her report to the Mayor and Councilmembers. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Mayor announced we are waiting for the tax log to be certified. He gave a brief report on the process once the tax log is certified. He reported that he and Mr. Barlage will meet with the Finance Committee.

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DAVE WHITACRE: NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR STEVE LEHMAN, Mr. Lehman gave a report on the ongoing operations of the Maintenance Department. A copy of his report was previously distributed to the Mayor and City Councilmembers. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

CITY ATTORNEY STEVE FRANZEN: NO REPORT.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD: NONE AT THIS TIME.

Mayor Meyers announced that Eileen Ampfer, 65 Maple Avenue, is the August winner of the Beautiful Front Yard award. He reported she will attend the August 21, 2018 meeting to receive her award.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – MEMBERS PETTIT AND HOFFERT. NO REPORT.

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SAFETY – MEMBERS BALL AND RAMLER. Member Ramler reported some people have mentioned to him about the arrows on the north end of Alexandria Way. He reported it is difficult to see the arrows, as they are faded and close together. He further reported there have been some close calls in the area between Pet WOW and the bank. **OUTCOME:** Mayor Meyers stated he would bring this matter to the attention of Chief Birkenhauer.

BEAUTIFICATION - Member Ball asked if the owner of the undeveloped lots on Alexandria Pike that are across from Lowe's have been notified about the exceptionally tall grass not being cut. Mr. Lehman stated he will get in touch with the owner about this matter.

DEVELOPMENT - MEMBERS PETTIT AND MOERMOND. NO REPORT.

INFRASTRUCTURE – MEMBERS CHINN AND RAMLER. Member Chinn reported they are waiting on the report from Mr. Whitacre.

COMMUNICATION – MEMBERS HOFFERT AND MOERMOND. Member Hoffert reported the Newsletter has been mailed. They will begin working on the fall Newsletter.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mayor Meyers thanked everyone who worked on the Cruise in and Concert.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD: NO REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS: REMINDER: THE AUGUST 7, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING IS CANCELLED.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Meyers read Councilmember AJ Moermond's resignation letter. He reported that Member Moermond will be resigning from Council effective July 23, 2018.

ACTION TAKEN: COUNCILMEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ACCEPT COUNCILMEMBER AJ MOERMOND'S RESIGNATION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOFFERT. DISCUSSION: AJ Moermond stated that he, his wife and children have the opportunity and will be moving out of the City. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the time they have served together and for the opportunity to serve the residents. **5 – AYES; 1 – ABSTENTION VOICED BY MOERMOND; 0 – NAY. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Meyers thanked AJ for his dedication, time and service to the City. Councilmember Pettit and other members of Council wished AJ and his family good luck and also stated they enjoyed working with him during his term.

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CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: NONE.

There being no further business **COUNCILMEMBER MOERMOND MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOFFERT. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: 
JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

SIGNED: 
GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR

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Public Works Department Report

July 16, 2018

- All of the mulched areas have been planted and mulched since the 1st June Council Meeting
- Landscaping at the City Building directional sign is planted
- An agreement was reached with our street sweeping contractor, and they will return on the fall to sweep all of the curbed streets again
- The fountain should be painted by this Wednesday for in front of the post office. We will begin placing the fountain and have the concrete pad poured so the plantings can be completed this fall
- We installed a French drain in the parking lot and then it was resealed and stripped.
- Our annual Cruise-in and Concert was held this past Saturday. It was a lot smaller turn out than past years, but everyone had a good time. Thanks to everyone that volunteered and helped out.