

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021
Approved: December 7, 2021

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at approximately 7:05 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Council Members Present: John Hoffert, Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, Mitchell Miller, Rene Heinrich, Mayor Meyers. A quorum was present.

Absent: Virgil Miller

Staff Present: City Administrator, Michael Giffen; Attorney, Pat Walsh; Police Chief, Bill Birkenhauer; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit; City Engineer/Zoning Administrator, Dave Whitacre; Public Works Director, Steve Lehman.

Minutes for Approval

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2021.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members and City Staff for review:
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting of October 5, 2021. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None; Ayes: Members Mitchell Miller, Hoffert, Ball, Chinn; Abstain, Member Heinrich. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Announcements: None

Scheduled Guests

- Dennis Elrod gave an update to council about the Opportunity House Project
- Dr. Bonnie Meyer, co-founder of the Northern Kentucky Pride Center and chair of Northern Kentucky Pride, discussed the city passing a conversion therapy ban for youth.
 - Three cities have banned conversion therapy – Covington, Louisville, and Lexington.
 - Dr. Meyer discussed effects of conversion therapy on youth and the types of conversion therapy.
 - Two NKU students, Jimmy Renten and Elle Gobel, discussed reasons to ban conversion therapy and the urgency needed to pass the ban.
 - Dr. Meyer suggested the next steps would be to bring in Chris Hartman from the Fairness Campaign and someone from the Ban Conversion Therapy organization.

Correspondence: Council received the invitation for the Opportunity House groundbreaking on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 1:30-2:30 at Opportunity House.

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen – report is attached to these minutes.
- Police Chief – Bill Birkenhauer – report is attached to these minutes.
- City Clerk/Treasurer – Jeanne Pettit – report is attached to these minutes.
- Finance Director – Harry Barlage – no report

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- City Engineer/Zoning Administrator – Dave Whitacre – report is attached to these minutes.
- Public Works Supervisor – Steve Lehman – report is attached to these minutes.
- Attorney – Pat Walsh
 - Ordinance – First Reading
 - **Ordinance 08-2021:** An ordinance amending the City's Alcoholic Beverage License Fees.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- Country Cruisers Give Back Donation – \$175.00
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to donate the \$175.00 from the Country Cruisers give back donation to the Pantry of Hope. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None; Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- Cancellation of the November 16, 2021 Council Meeting.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to cancel the November 16, 2021 council meeting due to lack of business. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None; Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Citizens to Address Council:

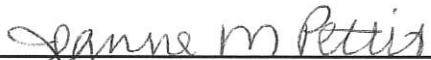
- Pat Hayley, Deepwoods Drive – Attended the Home Owners Association meeting for Forest Ridge. The company that manages the HOA stated, at the meeting, that city would not return phone calls to remove dead trees by the fire training center. City Administrator Giffen will look into who owns the property.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Submitted by:



Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory W. Meyers, Mayor