

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Beckett called the roll and the following council members were present: David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Mark Collier, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and Adam Blau. Staff members in attendance included: Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, Police Chief Casey Kilgore and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden. Absent: City Administrator Ron Dill.

Mayor Eric Haas lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**7:00 p.m. ABC Public Hearing:** Joe Ewald read the advertisement for the ABC Public Hearing into the record. It read as follows:

Application has been received from JM2 Enterprises, LLC, dba: Magic Realms, 90 Alexandria Pike, Suites 8 & 9, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License and Special Sunday Retail Drink License. The application is on file in the office of the City Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator and will be finally considered at the City Council Meeting on June 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers. Any person having good cause or reason to object to the granting of this license may appear before the ABC Administrator and be heard or may submit written comments prior to the meeting. Mr. Ewald called for public comment and received none. With no comments received, local approval will be sent to the State of Kentucky.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the June 3, 2019 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Visitors and Communications**

Laura Reynolds of 9 Woodland Place addressed council. Ms. Reynolds asked that Mr. Bowman or anyone else that would be in conflict of the proposed development up the street, recuse themselves in making decisions on this development. She stated that Mr. Bowman had knowledge of this development when he sold his business and made money off of this. She noted that would be a conflict of interest.

**Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2019:** Chief Bailey presented his monthly report for May to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Collier to receive and file the fire department’s monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Police Department Monthly Report for May 2019:** Chief Kilgore presented his monthly report for May to council. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bowman to receive and file the police department’s monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr.

Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **City Administrators Report**

**Route 8 Closure status:** Staff has been working on the issues of the impact of the closure of Route 8 (Route 8) that travels through Fort Thomas from Tower Hill Road to River Road. This “temporary closure” has been in place for several months as there have been several significant slides that have impacted the travel lanes. The KY Department of Transportation (KDOT) has periodically removed overburden from the road surface but has not address slips located on the downhill (river) side of the roadway.

We have had communication with the three residents, the business operation/owner of Aquaramp Marina and representatives of the public utilities (NKWD/Cincinnati Waterworks/Duke Energy/Sanitation District No.1) all who have expressed there collective concerns regarding the short term/long-term status of the road. We have had meeting with local representatives from KDOT and have received not affirmation of their intention or commitment to make repairs necessary to re-open the roadway.

Latest development is that owners of Aquaramp Marina have filed action in Campbell County Circuit Court to have an order for the street to be opened and passable as it has essentially ”taken” their property from it’s use as a business. This motion is scheduled to be heard on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>.

As you know, this roadway is a vital ling in our community and was of much discussion in our recently adopted Community Plan. Staff is continuing to monitor the status of this roadway and will continue working with all parties interested in resolving this matter.

**2019 Street Program:** The city will be bidding out a portion of the sidewalk and curb replacement to meet deadlines on E. W. and S. Vernon Lanes due to crews being delayed by the weather. Council will likely see these bids at the next council meeting.

There is also a delay with the Alexander Circle roadway project due to weather.

### **New Business:**

**Consideration of Golf Cart Ordinance:** Mr. Bezold requested adopting an ordinance under KRS.189.286 the city consider allowing golf carts to drive on the roadways. There are minimum requirements through the state of Kentucky that they city must recognize but the city can also add regulations to the ordinance as well such as regulating what streets they are allowed on, age limits, etc. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Peterman to refer this matter to the Law, Labor, and Committee of council. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Finance Committee Report of Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 5743-5869 for the period of **May 17, 2019 to June 14, 2019** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders**

**Ordinance O-06-2019:** Second reading of an Ordinance amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to incorporate provisions of the recently enacted Kentucky Pregnant Workers Act. A motion was

made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Ordinance O-06-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-07-2019:** Second reading of an Ordinance amending the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. The Finance Committee of Council has reviewed the proposed amendments in detail and recommends approval. The budget amendments are primarily housekeeping in nature and are itemized in the ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve ordinance O-07-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-08-2019:** Second reading of an Ordinance adopting the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve Ordinance O-08-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-09-2019:** Second reading of an Ordinance establishing compensation of the employees for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. This represents the terms of the respective labor union agreements and a 2% adjustment to the administrative staff. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve Ordinance O-09-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-10-2019:** Second reading of an Ordinance amending the Personnel and Pay Classification Ordinance was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Collier and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve ordinance O-10-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-11-2019:** Second reading of an Ordinance Repealing the Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Collier to approve Ordinance O-11-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-12-2019:** Second reading of an Ordinance Adopting the updated Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve Ordinance O-12-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Municipal Order MO-03-2019:** A municipal order re-appointing Jann Seidenfaden as city attorney was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-03-2019. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Report of the Law Labor and License Committee:** Mr. Cameron reported that the Law, Labor, and License Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss the “Grow” Grant Program. The city has received 11 applications to date. The requested money exceeds what is available. The LLL Committee has requested that Ron Dill, City Administrator ensure that the Renaissance Board is aware of the city

council's recommendations for the approval procedure and to include more information on the city website about the Renaissance Board.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Blau to adjourn into executive session for the following purpose:

In accordance with KRS section 61.810 (g) – Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion or upgrading of the business.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Blau to reconvene the regular meeting of council.

With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Blau to adjourn.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk