

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2017 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Kelly called the roll and the following council members were present: David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and John Slawter. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, and Police Chief Mike Daly.

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

**Minutes**

The minutes from the June 19, 2017 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Visitors and Communications**

Chief Mike Daly presented the city’s newest Police Recruit, Joseph Paolucci with his badge and congratulated him on his new position. Joe will leave for the police academy on Sunday, July 23, 2017 for 23 weeks of training. Joe thanked the mayor and council and introduced his family. Joe will be a welcomed addition to our police force.

Lauren Holmes of 53 Bluegrass Avenue addressed council. Mrs. Holmes stated that there is a convicted child molester living in their neighborhood. This is very concerning for the residents on this street. Jann Seidenfaden noted that she had spoken to the Commonwealth Attorney regarding this matter and a letter was sent stating that he will have to move or be charged.

**Reports of Officers**

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

**Police Department Monthly Report for May: Chief Mike Daly:** Chief Daly presented his monthly report for May to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the police department's monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**City Administrator's Report: Ron Dill:**

**Visioning Process Update:** Staff will be meeting with our consultant next week to plan for the initiation of the "visioning process". The schedule for proceeding and the formation of committees will be arranged. The scheduling of a "kick-off" session will also be decided with the expectation that at the next council meeting in August, the formal process will begin. This process will lead to the updating of the Comprehensive Plan and the Parks and Recreation Plan for the city.

**Sesquicentennial Celebration:** The sesquicentennial celebration was a huge success! The city thanks Debbie Buckley, city staff and all of the volunteers for all of their hard work on this very busy week. Debbie Buckley will be attending the next council meeting along with her volunteers to give a formal update on how the week went.

**Old Business**

**VA Homes Acquisition:** The project continues to move forward with exciting progress to report. The City and the Fort Thomas Independent School District have reached a tentative agreement for the pilot payment to the district under the terms of the IRB. They will be acting on this motion to accept the IRB issuance for this project at a special meeting. The city received a final signed copy of the deed from the VA last week. At the last council meeting, council voted to authorize the Mayor to sign the deed and closing documents and they were presented to the mayor for his signature. Upon the subsequent recording of this paperwork, the city will officially own the VA homes!

Staff has arranged for the property to be properly insured until the transfer of the project to the developer Bloomfield/Schon under the terms of the development agreement. Further, staff has a plan ready to implement to secure and protect the structures until construction commences on-site.

**New Business**

**Consideration of the FOP and AFSCME Working Agreements:** The working agreements for the Police Department and the Public Works Department were presented to council for consideration. At this time staff is presenting an accepted three year agreement from both the FOP and AFSCME union groups. Staff recommends authorizing Mayor Haas to execute these agreements. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement for the FOP Union (Police Department). Upon call of the roll the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Slawter to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement for the AFSCME Union (Public Works). Upon call of the roll the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Finance Committee Report on Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 2212-2397 for the period of **June 20 – July 17, 2017.** A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

**Ordinance O-08-2017:** First reading of an ordinance adopting a 4% adjustment in pay for members of the AFSCME Union, FOP Union, and all non-union employees was presented to council. This ordinance will be laid over to the next meeting of council for consideration.

**Municipal Order MO-09-2017:** A municipal order authorizing the mayor to enter into an “agreement in lieu of taxes” with Bloomfield/Schon was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve municipal order MO-09-2017. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Executive Order EO-07-2017:** An executive order appointing Joseph Paolucci as a Police Officer Recruit was presented to council with no action necessary.

With no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk