

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Kelly, called the roll and the following council members were present: John Muller, Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and Chuck Thompson. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Finance Director Joe Ewald, 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 February 16, 2016 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. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Visitors and Communications**

**General Services/Recreation Annual Report: Kevin Barbian:** Kevin Barbian presented the annual report for the General Services and Recreation Departments to Council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the annual report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Renaissance Annual Report: Debbie Buckley:** Debbie Buckley presented her annual report for Renaissance. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the annual report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: None. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Pete Niser of 21 Montrose Avenue addressed council. Mr. Niser indicated that last year a house was built behind him on a flag lot and they installed a temporary gravel walkway through his yard. The developer put sod down and it is too high and does not match the grade of his yard. There is large gap between the existing lawn and the new sod. He asked for help to get this corrected. Ron Dill indicated that he will contact the developer and meet at the site.

Andrew Modrall of 97 Donnelly Drive addressed council. Mr. Modrall wanted to suggest that council review the information for Active Day once more before approval of them moving to 90 Alexandria Pike.

**Reports of Officers**

**Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Mark Bailey:** Chief Bailey presented the monthly report 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. Muller, Mr.

Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Mike Daly:** Chief Daly presented the monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the monthly report from the Police Department. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**City Administrator’s Report: Ron Dill:** Ron Dill reported on the following:

**Crosswalk Safety Initiative:** Initial review of the implementation of the illuminated crosswalk signage with the Ky. Dept. of Transportation (KDOT) has revealed that placement of this type of signage along state routes is not recognized under the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as adopted in Kentucky. There is however, a review process through the agency in Frankfort and staff is working on this submittal for the proposed locations on (SR1120) N & S Ft Thomas Ave and Memorial Parkway. This process will dictate potential timing and/or implementation at these locations.

**Arbor Day/Earth Day:** Staff is working with several volunteer groups to create an Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration that will center on opportunities to perform volunteer work in our parks. Specifically, volunteer groups are being organized to work on trail enhancements and completion of trails in Highland Park on Friday April 22nd and restoration of the Landmark Tree Trail located in Tower Park on Saturday April 23rd. The Arbor Day celebration will take place in conjunction with the tree trail project and will include a memorial dedication to Bill Thomas, a founding member of the Ft. Thomas Tree Commission.

**Anderson Property/Park:** The City obtained property at the corner of St Nicholas and S. Ft Thomas Ave from the Anderson Estate approximately ten years ago. The property has remained as a greenspace and continues to be maintained by the city as a lawn supporting a couple of very large trees. Staff has been working with the Ft. Thomas Garden Club who had approached the city several years ago with the concept of developing the corner into a landscaped “rest station” for walkers in the community. They have raised funds privately to create this space on the edge of this property and design has been developed (see attached). This plan calls for an extension of the streetscape elements into the property, a water fountain, memorial bench, landscaping and tree planting in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson. City crews will provide labor to make the installation of the amenities purchased by the Garden Club.

**Winkler Field:** The dedication of Winkler Field will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at noon.

**City Wide Yard Sale:** The city and Fort Thomas Business Association is working on details for the first annual City Wide Yard Sale. More details to come soon!

## New Business

**Consideration of Resolution for Kentucky Bond Development Corporation:** The City entered into an interlocal agreement with KBDC in October 2015 to allow for issuance of bonds for the benefit of St Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. The proposed supporting resolution would authorize KBDC to issue refunding revenue bonds that would be used to refund certain bonds issued in 2009 by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority for the benefit of Saint Elizabeth, thereby enabling St. Elizabeth to achieve debt service savings. Again, these bonds would not constitute a debt to the City and no faith or credit of the City is being pledged. This request/document has been reviewed by City legal counsel.

Mr. Bruno Giacomuzzi, Chief Operating Officer of St. Elizabeth Fort Thomas addressed council. Mr. Giacomuzzi noted that the bond will help keep rates down and help with strategic planning for the hospital. Melissa Kelly, City Clerk, read Resolution R-01-2016 for the record. A motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the Resolution. Mr. Peterman recused himself due to the fact that the company that he works for does work for St. Elizabeth.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote with Mr. Peterman recusing himself.

**Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cincinnati Off Road Alliance (CORA) for mountain bike trails in Tower Park:** Staff has been working with representatives from CORA for a couple of years to consider a partnership for identification, maintenance, mapping and signing the trails located in Tower Park that are already in use by the mountain biking community. The MOU would provide for recognition of CORA as a partner/resource with the City in the use, promotion and proper maintenance of this trail system. This organization has proven to be an advocate of the existing trail system and has indicated their willingness to be an active partner in the long-term planning and development of this trail system.

The MOU is concise in its scope, does not conflict with other initiatives in Tower Park, is void of commitment for expenditures by the City and contains a reasonable termination clause.

Staff considers this request to be mutually beneficial and recommends approval. Doug McClintock and Eric Berendsen with CORA were present. They are happy to be able to have this opportunity to work with the city on the trails. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Muller to approve the MOA with CORA. Upon call of the roll, the following voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Finance Committee Report on Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 301571 through 301728 for the period of **February 17 – March 21, 2016.** A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Bowman to concur in the recommendation of the finance committee of council. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

**Ordinance O-04-2016:** An ordinance amending the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance to allow Adult Day Care facilities in a General Commercial Zone was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Ordinance O-04-2016. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: Mr. Bowman and Ms. Kelly. The motion passed by a vote of 4-2.

**Resolution R-01-2016:** This resolution was read and voted on under “New Business”.

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

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk