

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Cox
INVOCATION - Mayor Burtner

PRESIDING:

Mayor Edallen York Burtner

PRESENT:

Commissioner Ramsey Flynn
Commissioner JoEllen Reed
Commissioner Shannon Cox

City Manager Matt Belcher, City Attorney William Dykeman, and City Clerk Joy Curtis were present.

Mayor Burtner noted City Commissioner Kitty Strode was absent and excused.

Mayor Burtner reported Engineering Tech Daron Stephens was absent due to sudden illness and was excused.

Upon determining that a quorum was present for the transaction of business, Mayor Burtner called the February 5, 2019 regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Garland Banks, 344 Hill Street, a Navy Veteran requested that the Commission make a walkway to recognize Veterans who have served and come home, as there are memorials and monuments for those killed in action. He suggested having small signs along the walkway recognizing a Veteran living from Clark County.

Mayor Burtner thanked Mr. Banks for his service and noted the park on Lexington Avenue was not on public property and recommended he speak with the Greater Clark Foundation Director Jen Algire.

Ms. Algire was present.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Burtner recognized Miss Marissa Gilchrist with the Key to the City and a certificate of appreciation for her win in the Clark County School's Spelling Bee. Miss Gilchrist is an 8th Grade student at St. Agatha Academy. Mayor Burtner noted the word "hyperbole" was the winning word.

Kirk and Christy Gilchrist, parents and Sandy Harris, grandmother were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Winchester Little League Parade

On motion by Commissioner Reed seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, the request to close Main Street for the Winchester Little League Parade was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Sphar Building Redevelopment Project Update

Mayor Burtner updated the Commission on the Sphar Building Redevelopment/Stabilization Project. He noted the \$500,000 in funding from the

State that went to the Fiscal Court is no longer available. There were good conversations with the Greater Clark Foundation on the project regarding the funding that had already been

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committed. There has been interest shown in the project from private entities, two that did not materialize. There is now a third entity interested but there won't be a decision until the end of February. On motion by Mayor Burtner, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved the recommendation to place on the March 5, 2019 agenda for final disposition.

Ms. Algire recommended the use of \$8,000 from the funds the City received from the Greater Clark Foundation to bid out the Sphar Building Stabilization and stabilize the building. She noted this building was the anchor to the north end of downtown.

Tourism Director Nancy Turner and Jon Rollins with GRW Engineers were present.

Seventh Street Alternate Truck Route Update

Commissioner Reed presented the Resolution for funding for the Seventh Street Alternate Truck Route project to Maple Street. She noted at the recent State update meeting with State Senator Ralph Alvarado and State Representative Les Yates, they presented projects that the community had need to be funded and asked to send them a prioritized list of projects. Commissioner Reed noted the Seventh Street Project and the Veterans Memorial Parkway Extension were two of the transportation needs for the City. She requested the Commission continue to keep in touch with Senator Alvarado and Representative Yates after the Resolution was sent, so that the community can be on the forefront of projects sent to the Transportation Cabinet for funding in the 2020 cycle.

Buzzard Issues on Washington Square Update

Chief Palmer provided a brochure on nesting vultures and what can be done regarding the problem around Washington Square and the Winchester Cemetery. He noted he saw four nesting in a tree on West Washington Street earlier in the morning and they flew away as he got out of his truck. He noted there were only 12 calls about the vultures in 10 years. He reported the vultures don't like to fly after dark or during rainy weather.

Chief Palmer noted the police cannot control the vulture population as they are an endangered population with Fish and Wildlife. He reported the police would be helpful with the citizens who call in to assist in harassing the vultures out of the area. Chief Palmer asked to have the brochure information added to the City's website.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY REQUESTING CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE SEVENTH STREET ALTERNATE TRUCK ROUTE TO NORTH PALE STREET (KY 627) AND THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY EXTENSION (KY 1958 EASTERN BYPASS) IN THE FISCAL YEAR 5050 COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BUDGET

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this resolution was adopted as presented. Resolution No. R2019-1.

Mayor Burtner commended Commissioner Reed for her dedicated work on this issue. He noted there were other transportation projects that need to be addressed in the future.

Steven Sewell and Brian Ward from Palmer Engineering were present.

ORDERS

AN ORDER APPOINTING NINI EDWARDS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CINDY JUETT ON THE WINCHESTER/CLARK COUNTY RECREATION, TOURIST, AND CONVENTION COMMISSION (HOTEL/MOTEL)

On motion by Mayor Burtner, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-14.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING VIRGIL ESTES FROM MECHANIC II TO MECHANIC III

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-15.

AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING WHITNEY HOOD FROM GRADE 24 TO GRADE 25

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-16.

AN ORDER EMPLOYING NOVA RISON TO FILL THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER III

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-17.

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COOPER WILSON, PATIENT TRANSFER SPECIALIST

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-18.

AN ORDER EMPLOYING REBECCA REHG TO FILL THE POSITION OF PATIENT TRANSFER SPECIALIST

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-19.

AN ORDER EMPLOYING TIASON LOCKRIDGE TO FILL THE POSITION OF PATIENT TRANSFER SPECIALIST

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-20.

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF WESLEY BUNCH, FIREFIGHTER III/EMT

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-21.

AN ORDER TERMINATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ERIC BURTON, PART TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER (Public Works)

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-22.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR, CITY COMMISSIONERS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY MANAGER

Commissioner Cox:

- Reported the Insurance Committee would be meeting on Thursday, February 7th at 3:00 p.m.
- Reported the first 2019 joint Revenue Sharing Committee will meet before the February 19th Commission meeting.
- Reported the Group Work Camps coming up has already had 68 applications filed and looking for more and people have until March 1st to file an application.

Commissioner Reed:

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- Noted the Public Works Committee had met on January 23rd and is off to a good start.
- Noted there are four globes out on the ornamental lights standards on Main Street from the Bluegrass Heritage Museum to Lexington Avenue.

Commission Flynn:

- Requested the Commission have a work session once a month to get updates on the projects that are being worked on.

This issue will be discussed when Commissioner Strode can be present.

Mayor Burtner:

- Mentioned the many memorials for Veterans in Clark County but the community needs to be more active with creating and building a memorial to the Veterans of World War II and Korea. He commended Roy Hudson on his efforts as chair of the Veterans Council to try and get a memorial for World War II and Korean War Veterans.
- Noted that Time Warner Cable would be closing their local cable office in March. Requested City Attorney look at the cable franchise agreement. He noted if the City lost the local cable office, then we would lose access to our local cable access channels (Channel 5, court channel, etc.). He stated the Mr. Dykeman would have authority to correspond with Time Warner Cable and let them know of our deep displeasure of what this could mean for our citizens losing the local cable office.

On motion by Mayor Burtner, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, the Board requested Mr. Dykeman to correspond with Time Warner Cable regarding the closing of the local cable office.

ADJOURN

With no further business, on motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Edallen York Burtner, Mayor

City Clerk