

City of West Buechel  
Special City Council Meeting  
Via Zoom  
February 25, 2021 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Brenda Moore, Attorney Mark Hall, Councilwoman Linda Cook, Councilwoman Danielle Wood, Councilwoman Ashley Stewart, Councilwoman Evelyn Saldana, Councilwoman Kim Richards, Councilman Toby Clark, Chief of Police James Sherrard, and City Clerk Debbie Batliner.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilman Clark to approve the Resolution changing the name of the Jefferson League of Cities Cable Commission to Kentucky Suburban Cities Cable and Communications Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mack Marsh addressed the City Council regarding handicap parking violations and citations. Mr. Marsh suggested mandatory offender education classes for offenders to get fees and fines lowered. He stated that the City of West Buechel would have to draft their own, because his company is in Texas and that is where his program runs. He suggested the police department investigate the option.

Councilwoman Saldana would like to leave the fines for handicap parking at \$250 and \$300 for mobility parking. A motion to table the discussion regarding handicap parking was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Richards. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Councilman Clark sponsored Ordinance 288 Series 2021 amending the Insurance Premium Tax.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilman Clark to change language in ordinance to repeal and replace. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Councilman Clark would like to conduct a special Meeting March 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM for second reading.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Richards and second by Councilman Clark to take a 5-minute recess. Motion carried with unanimous vote. Meeting resumed at 7:58 PM.

After discussion regarding language in ordinance, Attorney Hall read Ordinance 288 Series 2021 with changes. Council declared as first reading and second reading to be held at a special meeting either March 1<sup>st</sup> or March 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Richards made a motion to conduct a special meeting for second reading of Ordinance 288 Series 2021. No vote was taken

Discussion was held regarding the Ordinance Councilman Clark requested regarding the Property Tax Refund. Attorney Hall informed the Council that this ordinance was unconstitutional and illegal.

Attorney Hall informed the council that he would read this ordinance only if the Council told him he had to. Councilman Clark told Attorney Hall to read the ordinance and to consider it first reading.

Councilman Clark sponsored Ordinance 289 Series 2021 transferring \$30,000 from the Capital Outlay account to Property Tax Refunds. A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Saldana to table ordinance until they could get more information regarding legality of issues. No vote was taken

Councilman Clark wants to have Municipal Orders for Committees. He stated that he wanted a budget committee first. Councilwoman Stewart stated that she was in favor of a Budget Committee and that she also wanted a Committee for the Community Center. Councilwoman Richards stated that she wanted to be on the Budget Committee.

Councilwoman Richards stated that the items she wanted in the packets regarding the financial information she requested was not on the agenda. Clerk Batliner informed Councilwoman Richards that the City of West Buechel CPA David May will be at the regular scheduled meeting on March 11, 2021 to discuss all of the financial controls, which includes all of the information she is requesting.

Councilwoman Richards wanted budget information March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and Clerk Batliner informed her that the information would not be ready until the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. If she received information before that it would be incorrect. Councilwoman Wood stated the Council should wait in order to get the most accurate information possible

A motion was made by Councilwoman Richards and second by Councilman Clark to hire an attorney for the Council. Councilwoman Richards stated that Attorney Hall was not a municipal attorney. Councilwoman Cook and Councilwoman Stewart voted against getting an attorney for the Council and stated that Attorney Hall could handle all the needs of the Council. Councilwoman Saldana agrees with Councilwoman Wood stating they did not trust Attorney Hall and that they wanted everything impartial. Vote was 4 yes and 2 no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and second by Councilwoman Wood to table the ordinance to amend the budget. No vote was taken

Councilwoman Richards wanted to discuss Council members having to pay for city records. A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and second by Councilwoman Wood to table this issue until next meeting. No vote was taken

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and second by Councilwoman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM. No vote was taken.

Zoom Meeting was ended by the computer cutting members off at the specified time the meeting was set up to end (2 hours).

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ATTEST:

Debbie Batliner  
City Clerk, Debbie Batliner