City of West Buechel
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Assembly Hall
3705 Bashford Avenue
Louisville, KY 40218
June 13, 2024, 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Moore, Attorney Hall, Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Bierbaum, Councilman Embry, Councilwoman Blanton, Councilwoman Manning, Councilwoman Wood, City Clerk Brown, Lyn Gauthier, Ethics Director.

Visitor: Josie Raymond

City Clerk Brown confirmed that we had a quorum.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Moore introduced Josie Raymond who is running for District 10 on the Metro Council. Ms. Raymond gave us a brief statement about her work history.

#### Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilwoman Wood to approve the minutes of May 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Ordinances:**

Attorney Hodge asked for a motion to read the summary of Ordinance 311 Series 2024 pertaining to the Ad Valorem Real Property tax rate. Councilman Embry made a motion to read the ordinance summary. Councilwoman Cook second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Hodge gave the first summary reading of Ordinance 311 Series 2024 pertaining to the Ad Valorem Real Property tax rate. No action taken.

Attorney Hodge asked for a motion to read the summary of Ordinance 312 Series 2024 pertaining to the 2024-2025 Annual Budget. Councilwoman Wood made a motion to read the ordinance summary. Councilwoman Cook second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Hodge gave the first summary reading of Ordinance 312 Series 2024 pertaining to the 2024-2025 Annual Budget. No action taken.

Mayor Moore stated that we have a scheduled date for a special meeting for the second reading of Ordinance 311 Series 2024 and 312 Series 2024 on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Attorney Hodge called for a motion to hold a special meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Councilwoman Cook made a motion to hold a special meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Councilman Embry second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Wood asked if they were going to receive the breakdown for the budget. Mayor Moore stated that only a balanced budget needs to be presented. Attorney Hodge explained that the budget can still be amended between the first reading and the next scheduled meeting.

## **Department Reports:**

#### Police:

Chief Tyler provided the police department report in the council packet. Assistant Chief Hibbs spoke about the crime in the 6<sup>th</sup> District. Multiple cars have been stolen in the West Buechel area, mostly Hyundai and Kia. Assistant Chief stated that he and Chief Tyler met with Metro Louisville's New Deflection Team. This team helps people who recently become in trouble or their having trouble in life.

Mayor Moore asked if Assistant Chief wanted to report on the Stat training. Assistant Chief stated that the training will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> division has agreed to answer and respond to all West Buechel runs for the day.

Mayor Moore noted that STAT will hold another session for civilians. Time and date to be determined.

## Financials:

No reports provided.

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Moore stated again about the STAT training. It will be held at city hall and should last an hour to an hour and a half. Everybody is welcome.

Mayor Moore asked for an appointment to fill the unexpired term for city council for the next 6 months. Mayor Moore nominated Alyssa Holt to fill the position.

Councilman Embry asked if others were on the list and Mayor Moore stated she only had one person asked to be nominated.

Councilwoman Wood stated that a former council member, Ashley Stewart, was interested. Freya Cook also stated that she was interested in being nominated.

Attorney Hodge explained you must have a motion to propose a candidate before the council. Councilman Embry made a motion to nominate Alyssa Holt. Councilwoman Blanton second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Wood made a motion to nominate Ashley Stewart. Councilman Embry second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Embry made a motion to nominate Freya Cook. Councilwoman Wood second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Executive Session:**

Councilwoman Wood made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Councilman Embry second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Moore motioned for a 5-miute recess at 6:39 PM.

Resume executive session at 6:44 PM.

Councilwoman Wood made a motion to come out of executive session for personnel matters. Councilman Embry second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken in executive session.

Mayor Moore stated that we will resume with the voting of the candidates. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Brown to take a roll call vote for Alyssa Holt.

Councilman Embry – Yes Councilwoman Manning – Yes
Councilman Bierman – Yes Councilwoman Wood – No
Councilwoman Blanton – Yes Councilwoman Cook – No

Mayor Moore asked Clerk Brown to take a roll call vote for Ashley Stewart.

Councilwoman Wood – Yes

Councilwoman Cook - No

Mayor Moore asked Clerk Brown to take a roll call vote for Freya Cook.

Councilwoman Cook - No

Roll call vote was 4 Yes and 2 No. Voting was in favor of Alyssa Holt for the unexpired term as a council member.

Ms. Holt was sworn in by notary, Attorney Jim Hodge.

## **Committee's Report:**

Councilwoman Cook provided the May 7, 2024, approved minutes in the packet. Councilwoman Cook stated that they will be sending out a newsletter in a couple of weeks. We are still planning a Fun Festival but have had to change the date to Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Planning on getting bouncy houses, cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. Line dancing has been put off until August after school starts. Councilwoman Cook mention talk about having a trivia night.

Mayor Moore motioned for a 5-miute recess at 7:44 PM.

Resume at 7:52 PM.

## **Executive Session:**

Councilman Embry made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Councilman Bierbaum second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Cook made a motion to come out of executive session for personnel matters. Councilwoman Holt second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken in executive session.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any questions or concerns. Councilwoman Wood stated the sign at Ethel and Ulery is not up. Mayor Moore explained that she is aware of it, and it is being taken care of. Councilwoman Wood asked if Ulery could be widen. Mayor Moore stated that the train company will not let us. Councilwoman

Blanton stated that she saw the street sweeper truck in the neighborhood. Mayor Moore noted that they will be cleaning the streets quarterly.

# Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:05 PM was made by Councilman Bierbaum and second by Councilwoman Cook. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Gwen Brown