

City of West Buechel  
Council Meeting  
Assembly Hall  
3705 Bashford Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40218  
May 11, 2023, 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Moore, Attorney Hall, Attorney Keller, Councilwoman Cook, Councilwoman Wood, Councilman Bierbaum, Councilwoman Saldana, Councilwoman Blanton, Councilwoman Manning, Councilman Embry, City Clerk Batliner and Assistant Clerk Brown.

City Clerk Batliner confirmed that we had a quorum.

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

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook and second by Councilman Bierbaum to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Department Reports:**

**Police:**

Chief Tyler stated that they are still recruiting. Has a potential candidate that has to put in his two-week notice.

**Financials:**

City Clerk Batliner stated that the financial reports are in their packets, and we are getting close to year end. Mayor Moore and City Clerk Batliner are working on the budget. We will need to set up Special Meetings for Ad Valorem Public Hearing and second reading of Ad Valorem and Budget ordinance. City Clerk Batliner asked if we could set up a budget meeting for next week on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM. City Clerk Batliner also stated that we will add the Ad Valorem to the agenda for the first reading of the ordinance. A public hearing for Ad Valorem will be posted on the West Buechel website.

City Clerk Batliner stated that when she started in 2019, the city had 252 delinquent properties. The city now has 12 delinquent properties for all years.

City Clerk Batliner asked if there were any other questions regarding the financials. Councilwoman Wood made a motion to approve the financials and Councilman Embry second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Batliner stated that she has calculated the Ad Valorem tax rate for this year. Last year's rate was at .183 cents per hundred producing \$169,992,016.00 in revenue. Rate 1 for this year is .182 cents

per hundred and the allowable total revenue rate is .189 cents per hundred producing \$171,276,340 in revenue. City Clerk Batliner asked the council to discuss so the city can finalize the ordinance.

Councilman Embry stated that even though he is opposed to paying more taxes, he believes it is good for the city and will help in funding the police department. Councilwoman Wood and Councilwoman Saldana are against the 4% and wants to take the lower rate to help the residents.

Councilwoman Cook stated that it's not all about the police station or Multipurpose Center, it's about bringing in revenue to keep garbage pick-up twice (2) times a week and keeping streetlights on.

City Clerk Batliner stated that health insurance went up 10%. Property liability, police coverage, and workers comp is going up 20%.

Mayor Moore stated that if we don't bring in enough revenue to keep the police department then most likely residents will move and businesses. Councilman Embry also agrees.

Councilman Embry made a motion to prepare the Ad Valorem ordinance to take the allowable 4% at .189%. Councilwoman Blanton second the motion. 5 were in favor and 2 opposed. Motion carries.

Mayor Moore stated that a Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM for the first reading of the Ad Valorem ordinance. City Clerk Batliner stated that we will also have the first reading of the budget on Tuesday.

City Clerk Batliner stated that we will have to set up another Special Meeting on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM for the second reading of the Ad Valorem and Budget ordinance.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Moore stated that Hike's Lane will be paved by the Rehabilitation Project on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> on the West bound lane between Breckenridge Lane and Taylorsville and that the roads will be closed. The detour will be the west bound lane on Hikes Lane and the north bound lane on Hunsinger Lane.

#### **Committee's Report:**

Councilwoman Cook provided Multipurpose Committee Minutes for March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Cook stated that Game night is on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Multipurpose Center and a ReachAlert will be sent out.

Liz Bierbaum stated that this month they will be starting a book club. Ms. Bierbaum stated that she is always looking for something for the children to do and sent an email to the Mohammad Ali center and the Multipurpose Center was chosen to do a project with the children about what they love about their neighborhood. The Mohammad Ali Center provided the Multipurpose center \$200.00 in art supplies and canvas. It will be at the Logan Street facility at the Market. The canvas will be on display at the Mohammad Ali Center for about a month. The children will be able to tour the center. Ms. Bierbaum stated that they are getting free tickets for Shakespeare in the Park at Iroquois Park. Ms. Bierbaum stated that she continues to look for activities for the children.

Councilwoman Cook asked City Attorney Keller if he had a chance to look into the 501 3 (c). City Attorney Keller stated that he has contacted another attorney to assist and will hopefully know more by the next regular meeting. Councilwoman Cook stated that if we can get the 501 3 (c), that we are maybe able to do more without having to use city funds.

Moore Mayor stated that with the 501 3 (c), that the big box stores will be willing to sponsor, and it gets them involved.

Councilwoman Cook stated that the Multipurpose Center needs a part-time employee for the summer lunch program.

Ms. Bierbaum stated that some children need therapist after the pandemic, and they would meet up at the Multipurpose Center to be involved socially with other children. The therapist stated that children who don't have a daycare or after school program to go to, that the Multipurpose Center is the one chosen that they come to so they can be in an environment with other children, and they have structure.

Councilwoman Wood asked if there are any interest for the seniors. Ms. Bierbaum stated that about two seniors come by, but no other seniors are coming to the Multipurpose Center.

Councilwoman Wood asked if they are putting out fliers at the apartments. Ms. Bierbaum stated that we can only post on our website and will have to wait until after the summer lunch program. Ms. Bierbaum stated that she has been working with plumbers to repair the plumbing issues from the water damage at the Multipurpose Center and that will have to wait until September.


Mayor Moore opened the floor for comments. No comments were made.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:47 PM was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Blanton. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

  
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Mayor Brenda Moore

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City Clerk, Debbie Batliner