

City of West Buechel  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Assembly Hall  
3705 Bashford Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40218  
May 9, 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: House Representative Daniel Grossberg, Attorney Jim Hodge, and Paralegal Ashley Rock

City Clerk Brown confirmed that we had a quorum.

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

Mayor Moore introduced House Representative Daniel Grossberg. Mr. Grossberg stated that he is the State Representative for District 30. Mr. Grossberg spoke about the cities he represents and the committees that he serves on. Mr. Grossberg also spoke about the road and sidewalk improvements from state funds. Mr. Grossberg mentioned affordable housing for homelessness which is a transitional facility for people who are released from prison to have a place to stay. They will be drug tested and stay clean on probation. They will get job and life skills training and how to shop, budget, cook and clean after themselves. They will also get assistants on job interviews and applications. Mr. Grossberg closed with letting the council know that he is available by phone or email for any questions or concerns. Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Grossberg.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilwoman Wood to approve the minutes of April 11, 2024 – Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**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. Assistant Chief Hibbs introduced a new police officer Ron Charles. Assistant Chief Hibbs spoke about his job history at LMPD, the 6<sup>th</sup> Division, and worked for the US government conducting security clearance. Officer Charles is very excited to be working here in West Buechel.

Assistant Chief Hibbs introduced Eric Culver. Mr. Culver was a part of SWAT and now trains with SWAT across the United States to teach people in the private sector and police departments. Mr. Culver teaches you how to react and what to do if an active aggressor comes into the building.

Mr. Culver introduced himself and spent 22 years at Louisville Metro. He left Louisville Metro to become an FBI agent. After retirement, Mr. Culver stated that he started a company called Stat, its strategic threat assessment training. Mr. Culver stated that he has a civilian-based model and a first responder model for training.

Councilman Embry asked what this training would cost. Mr. Culver responded that a level one for 10 people is \$8000.00 but he would price us at \$5000.00.

**Financials:**

The financial reports were provided in the council packet. A motion was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilman Bierbaum to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Moore stated that Attorney Hall is still working with us on the insurance claim but has asked to be relieved. Mayor Moore has asked Jim Hodge and his paralegal, Ashley Rock, to come on board as our city attorney. They have been working with us on the 501 3 (C) for the Multipurpose Center. Attorney Hodge reported that we have made it through the first stage of corporation and the second stage of taxation.

Mayor Moore wanted to recognize Ms. Brown for her hard work as Deputy Clerk. Mayor Moore asked the council for their approval to appoint Ms. Brown as City Clerk. Councilman Bierbaum made a motion to sponsor and Councilwoman Blanton second the motion.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Councilman Embry – yes	Councilwoman Manning – yes
Councilman Bierbaum – yes	Councilwoman Wood - yes
Councilwoman Blanton – yes	Councilwoman Cook – yes

**Committee’s Report:**

Councilwoman Cook provided the April 10, 2024, approved minutes in the packet. Councilwoman Cook stated that Ms. Bierbaum will be starting the summer lunch program on May 25th, and it also includes breakfast. Councilwoman Cook mentioned that they will be starting line dancing by video, start time will be 5:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of June. Game night is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.

**Ethics Board:**

Ms. Gauthier read a letter recommending the removal of council person, Councilwoman Manning for attendance of city council meetings. During the reading of the letter, Ms. Gauthier read the incorrect date in the letter. Councilman Embry wanted to confirm if the date was in May or April the 11<sup>th</sup>. It was made clear that the date was April the 11<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor of the correction. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Embry to accept the letter for discussion and Councilwoman Wood second the motion.

Councilwoman Wood asked why this is now being brought to the council. Ms. Gauthier explained that they reviewed the attendance for 2023 of all council members and what the ordinance states. Mayor Moore and Ms. Gauthier both suggested that we need an addendum that states exactly how many days can be missed at council meetings.

Councilwoman Wood made a motion to table the Ethics report and the decision to remove Councilwoman Manning from council. Councilman Embry second the motion. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Wood made a motion to discuss the Ethics report and the removal of Councilwoman Manning and Councilman Embry second the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries unanimously.

Ms. Gauthier stated that she had received a letter from Evelyn Saldana's attorney stating that she is resigning from the city council effective immediately at the end of March. The letter stated that Councilwoman Saldana is resigning for health reasons after she was contacted by the Ethics Board for attendance issues.

Councilwoman Wood made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Councilwoman Saldana and Councilman Embry second the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries unanimously.

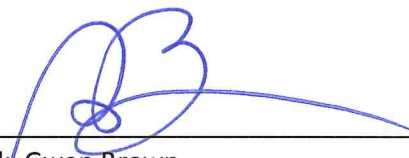
Mayor Moore clarified with Attorney Hodge that today starts the 30-day process to appoint a new council member.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:56 PM was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilwoman Cook. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

  
Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Gwen Brown