

City of West Buechel  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Assembly Hall  
3705 Bashford Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40218  
October 10, 2024, 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Moore, Attorney Hodge, Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Bierbaum, Councilman Embry, Councilwoman Blanton, Councilwoman Manning, Councilwoman Wood, Councilwoman Holt, and City Clerk Brown.

Absent: Bonnie Manning

City Clerk Brown confirmed that we had a quorum.

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

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilman Embry to approve the minutes of September 12, 2024 – Regular Meeting as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

**Department Reports:**

**Police:**

Chief Tyler provided the police department report in the council packet. Assistant Chief Hibbs spoke about the 6<sup>th</sup> division recently had multiple garage robberies. Assistant Chief Hibbs encouraged everyone to check their garages, if you park in your garage then take the garage door opener inside your house. Residents in the neighborhood are catching thieves on their door/ring cameras. Make sure your garage doors are locked. If you have porch lights have them on at night. Do not leave your purses, keys or anything of value in your vehicle. Assistant Chief Hibbs mentions that the crime rate in West Buechel is much lower than in the 6<sup>th</sup> division. 561 vehicles have been stolen. The 6<sup>th</sup> division has had 24 burglaries in the past 20 days and 274 burglaries for the year.

**Financials:**

Councilwoman Cook questioned the amounts for attorneys and Mayor Moore explained what the amounts were for. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook to approve the September financial reports and second by Councilwoman Holt. Motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Cook made a motion for the ordinance to be amended before the second reading.

**Ordinance:**

Councilman Bierbaum made a motion to sponsor Ordinance #313 Series 2024. Councilman Bierbaum made a motion for Attorney Hodge to read the first summary reading for Ordinance #313 Series 2024 Pertaining to the Establishing City Clerk and Prescribing Duties. Motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Cook stated that the ordinance should be amended stating that the Deputy City Clerk should be bonded.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Moore announced that City of West Buechel was accepted KLC insurance. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, we passed all the inspections. Mayor Moore thanked Assistant Chief Hibbs for his hard work and the details that Assistant Chief Hibbs has administered for the police department. Assistant Chief Hibbs stated that when he came to West Buechel that the police department did not have a policy. He also stated that the first four months of being here, that he wrote a policy for the police department. He also noted that everything KLC asked for, he was able to have it for them. Councilman Bierbaum asked how much West Buechel is saving from switching from Travelers Insurance to KLC insurance. Mayor Moore stated it was \$50,000 in savings. Mayor Moore noted that KLC knew the reputation of the city and were amazed at the progress and changes we have made. Councilman Bierbaum asked how long we were with Travelers. Mayor Moore stated that we lost KLC insurance in 2015.

**Committee's Report:**

The multipurpose Center Committee Meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. Councilwoman Cook noted that the newsletter was delivered over the weekend. The Trunk or Treat will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Councilwoman Cook stated that Councilman Embry will be making his famous chili. There will be a costume contest for the kids. We have scheduled our holiday dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The menu will be the same as last year's. Councilwoman Cook stated that they will be delivering another newsletter with more details about the holiday dinner. Ms. Bierbaum stated that there are lots of dog walkers in the neighborhood and Councilman Bierbaum asked if we could get a few dog waste systems to have around the neighborhood.

Ms. Bierbaum spoke about Mayor Moore and herself rode away the neighborhood with the landscapers and noted the areas that are overgrown that is hanging over the city's side of fences that need trimming. Ms. Bierbaum noted that the newly poured concrete at city hall was not poured correctly so she had them come back out and tear up existing concrete and pour new the correct way for free. Ms. Bierbaum stated that she is working on getting a paving contractor to repave McCollum Court. Mayor Moore stated that we have some road money to assist in having some roads repaved.

**Ethics:**

Mayor Moore noted that we need to fill the position for the ethics board since we lost Vivian Ridener. Mayor Moore asked John Campbell if he was willing to fill the position. Mayor Moore asked the council for a motion to accept Mr. Campbell as the new ethics board member. Councilman Embry made a motion to accept Mr. Campbell as an ethics board member. Councilwoman Cook second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Hodge swore Mr. John Campbell as the new ethics board member.

Mayor Moore gave an update about the guard rails near Buechel By-pass. Mayor Moore noted that Attorney Hodge is currently working on this.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:19 PM was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilman Bierbaum. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

  
Mayor Brenda Moore

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City Clerk, Gwen Brown