

City of West Buechel
Special Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
3705 Bashford Avenue
Louisville, KY 40218
April 18, 2022, 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Brenda Moore, Attorney Mark Hall, Councilwoman Linda Cook, Councilwoman Danielle Wood, Councilwoman Evelyn Saldana, Councilwoman Ashley Stewart, Councilwoman Kim Richards, City Clerk Debbie Batliner and Deputy Clerk Sherri Osbourne. Councilman Toby Clark was absent.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Attorney Mark Hall:

Attorney Hall held second reading of Ordinance 298 Series 2022 Regarding Pay Rate Changes for the Police Department. Councilwoman wood made a motion to adopt Ordinance 298 Series 2022 as read and second by Councilwoman Cook. Roll call vote as follows: Councilwoman Saldana - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilwoman Wood – yes, Councilwoman Richards – yes, Councilwoman Stewart – yes, Councilman Clark was absent. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Attorney Hall held second reading of Ordinance 295 Series 2022 Repealing Code Enforcement Board Ordinance 281 Series 2019.

Councilwoman Wood requested that the following be placed in the minutes:

“Madam Mayor,

I'd like you to go on the record as to where you stand on repealing the code enforcement ordinance.

This issue was brought to us by this administration. We did not bring it to you.

As a matter of fact, me and other council members have asked over and over again when you were going to get code enforcement up and running again.

Stopping code enforcement during the pandemic was not a choice made by this council.

I see it as throwing away a large revenue source.

I'd love it if it went to a tie so that the public can know where you stand on this subject. I think this is a trick to have this council remove revenue that will then be used against us by the mayor for political reasons.

I feel that you are using this council as a political cover like you did in 2019 when you fooled that council into raising Insurance premium taxes to the highest in the state out of over 400+ cities. When questioned

by the media you threw that council under the bus. I do not want this council under that same bus for your wishes."

Councilwoman Stewart wants to vote on the ordinance right now and stated that she wanted in the minutes that her vote is a hard yes.

Attorney Hall stated that there needs to be a complete revision of the code enforcement ordinance that is correct and accurate in addition because of issues discussed in Executive Session. Attorney Hall also stated that this was not a political stunt!

Councilwoman Wood sees this as repealing and getting rid of code enforcement completely and not just revising the ordinance.

Councilwoman Richards stated that this ordinance is only eliminating the board.

Attorney Hall stated it repeals the entire board for now.

Councilwoman Richards does not want to take away the board.

Councilwoman Stewart stated that until the issues that are being discussed in Executive Sessions are resolved, we do not need to do anything with code enforcement. We are still paying board members to do nothing. We need to stop paying people and save money until the time we can reinstate the board and do things legally and ethically.

Councilwoman Wood said not to repeal ordinance until we see the other updated ordinances.

Attorney Hall stated that any process against the city residents at this time would violate city ordinance.

Councilwoman Cook stated that we cannot have it because we are in litigation.

Councilwoman Wood wants to table the ordinance until the other two ordinances are presented. She said to stop this to make sure that code enforcement was not going away permanently.

Councilwoman Stewart stated that we are paying people at this moment to do nothing. Abolish while not in use to save taxpayers' dollars until it comes back.

Councilwoman Wood requested the opinions of the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Wood made a motion and second by Councilwoman Richards to table the ordinance. Roll call vote as follows: Councilwoman Saldana – yes, Councilwoman Cook – No, Councilwoman Wood – yes, Councilwoman Richards – yes, Councilwoman Stewart – No, Councilman Clark was absent. Motion carried with 3-2 vote.

Councilwoman Wood stated that she did not get an answer from the mayor regarding the code enforcement ordinance.

Attorney Hall stated there would be no political debate in special meeting.

Councilwoman Richards made a motion and second by Councilwoman Stewart to table the second reading of Ordinance 297 Series 2022 Fiscal Year 22-23 Budget Ordinance. Roll call vote as follows: Councilwoman Saldana – yes, Councilwoman Cook – Abstain, Councilwoman Wood – Abstain, Councilwoman Richards – yes, Councilwoman Stewart – yes, Councilman Clark was absent. Motion carried with three yes and two abstentions.

Discussion was held regarding the motion from the last meeting to remove \$50,000 from the Community Center Budget and why it was not removed.

Attorney Hall stated that if there was a disagreement on second reading which would substantially change a specific department which will require another first reading.

Councilwoman Richards made a motion and second by Councilwoman Stewart to adjourn the special council meeting at 7:08 PM. Motion carried with unanimous vote.



Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Debbie Batliner