

City of West Buechel
Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
3705 Bashford Avenue
Louisville, KY 40218
September 8, 2022, 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Moore, Attorney Hall, Councilwoman Cook, Councilwoman Wood, Councilwoman Saldana, Councilwoman Stewart, Councilman Embry, City Clerk Batliner and Assistant Clerk Brown.
Visitors: Bonnie Manning, Billy Hill, Liz Bierbaum, Samantha Blaton, and Julie Cline.

Absent: Councilwoman Richards and Councilman Clark.

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

Mayor Moore gave tribute to our fallen Officer Eric Tipton and thoughts and prayers to his mother.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook and second by Councilman Embry to approve the minutes of Special Meeting held on June 30th, July 21st, and July 26th, 2022. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

City Attorney Hall was asked to read the 2022 Real Property Tax Rate Ordinance.

Second Reading of Ordinance 298 Series 2022 Pertaining to the 2022 Real Property Tax Rate.

Councilwoman Wood interjected to comment on the 2022 Real Property Tax Rate.

"I want this on the record and included in the minutes. I will email you a copy of it as soon as I finish. If anyone wants to look up what I'm about to say, it's on page 397 of our handbook. You can also look it up in KRS 132. The only reason we just had that hearing is because the proposed rate is above the compensating rate. The compensating rate is the rate that allows the city to make approximately the same revenue as it did the previous year from real property. The compensating rate varies from year to year based on property values. The property values in our city have just increased dramatically which made the compensating rate go down quite a bit. By law, the city has to get at least the same revenue as it did in previous year from property taxes, which is compensating rate. Anything above the compensating rate is a tax increase. The purposed rate is a 4% increase in property tax revenues, which is the maximum amount allowed without being subject to a voter recall. I am completely against this tax increase. Inflation is so high right now and people are hurting. Especially those on fixed incomes like the elderly and disabled. I will not add to this hurt, so I motion to amend the purposed rate of .183 to the compensating rate of .176."

Councilwoman Wood motioned to amend the Property Tax Rate from .183 to .176.

City Attorney Hall explained that after the second reading of the Ordinance, that the Ordinance cannot be amended.

A motion was made by Councilman Embry to approve the Ordinance as read. A second motion was made by Councilwoman Cook. Roll call votes is as follows: Councilwoman Stewart – yes, Councilwoman Saldana – no, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilwoman Wood – no, and Councilman Embry – yes. Vote was 3 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Hall was asked to read Ordinance 300 Series 2022 Pertaining to Change the Meeting Time Ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance 300 Series 2022 Pertaining to a Change in Meeting Time.

Mayor Moore asked for a Sponsor, Councilwoman Wood answered she would sponsor. Disagreement was amongst the Council and would like to amend the Ordinance Time Change to 6:00 PM meeting time. A motion was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilwoman Wood to amend the meeting time to 6:00 PM. Roll call votes is as followed: Councilwoman Stewart – yes, Councilwoman Saldana – no, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilwoman Wood – yes, and Councilman Embry – yes. Vote was 4 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Hall was asked to read the Mayor's Proposed 2023 Budget Ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance 301 Series 2022 Pertaining to the Mayor's Budget.

Councilwoman Saldana motion to wait for other Council Members to be present before voting. No second to the motion to Councilwoman Saldana motion. Motion dies.

Councilwoman Wood stating that she would like to have the by-laws for the Multipurpose Center before the second reading of the Ordinance.

Councilwoman Saldana stated that she wants information on the Multipurpose Center for the public, not just for family and friends. She states that the Multipurpose center does not offer services to other residents in the city.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart for a recess and a second motion was made by Councilwoman Wood at 7:40 PM.

A motion was made by Councilman Embry to reconvene the meeting and second motion made by Councilwoman Wood at 7:50 PM.

Councilwoman Saldana exited the meeting during recess.

Department Reports:

Police:

Mayor Moore informed council that the police report from Chief Tyler was in their packets. Assistant Chief Hibbs expressed his concerns for the police department and the disbursement of the AARP funds.

Financials:

Council asked to have financial recap moved to the Special Meeting.

Resolution:

Council asked to have Resolution #2022-001 moved to the Special Meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Moore yield.

Economic Development:

No Action Taken

Multipurpose Center Committee:

Ms. Bierbaum handed out August calendar to Council. Announced that the Multipurpose Center will be having a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 6:00 PM. Ms. Bierbaum will hand out flyers sometime in October. The Multipurpose Center will start hosting a Senior Potluck monthly, time TBD.

Council Request:

A motion was made by Stewart to table indefinitely the override of Mayor's Veto of Council Budget for lack of Council Members and second by Councilwoman Wood. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the council meeting at 9:08 PM was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Stewart. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.



Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Debbie Batliner

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