

City of West Buechel
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers
3705 Bashford Avenue
Louisville, KY 40218
July 8, 2021, 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Brenda Moore, Attorney Mark Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Batliner, Police Chief Dwight Tyler, Assistant Police Chief Billy Hibbs, Councilman Toby Clark, Councilwoman Wood, Councilwoman Cook, Councilwoman Stewart, Councilwoman Saldana, Councilwoman Richards, Attorney Stan Chauvin and several residents.

Mayor Moore called the City of West Buechel regular Council Meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Clerk Batliner confirmed a quorum was present.

Mayor Moore presented the minutes of May 13th, June 1st, and June 24th, 2021. **Councilwoman Cook made the motion to accept the minutes for approval. Councilwoman Wood seconded the motion. The vote was Councilwoman Cook, Wood, Saldana, and Stewart voted in favor. Councilwoman Richards and Councilman Clark did not vote. Motion carried with 4 in favor.**

Mayor Moore presented Ordinance #292 Series 2021 for the second reading pertaining to health insurance for council members. Mayor Moore asked Councilwoman Richards would you please read the ordinance since you wrote and sponsored the ordinance. **Councilwoman Richards made a motion to table Ordinance #292 Series 2021 so that Attorney Chauvin has an opportunity to review the ordinance. Councilwoman Stewart seconded. Councilwoman Richards, Saldana, Cook and Stewart voted in favor. Councilman Clark did not vote. Motion carried with 5 in favor.**

Mayor Moore presented Ordinance # 293 Series 2021 second reading. Mayor Moore requested Attorney Hall read Ordinance #293 Series 2021. **Councilman Clark made the motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Property Tax Ordinance as read. Councilwoman Richards seconded. Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion? There was no discussion. Mayor Moore requested Clerk Batliner take a roll call vote.**

The roll call was as follows:

**Councilwoman Wood – Yes Councilwoman Cook – Yes Councilwoman Saldana – Yes
Councilwoman Stewart – Yes Councilwoman Richards – Yes Councilman Clark – Yes**

Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance #293 Series 2021 will become effective upon publication required by KRS.

Mayor Moore recognized First Reading of Ordinance 295 Series 2021 Amending Sections of the Code Enforcement Ordinance 281 Series 2019. Mayor Moore requested Attorney Hall read the above-mentioned ordinance. Attorney Hall made the recommendation to table the first reading until the next regular city meeting because he felt that the council hadn't had ample time to review the changes and

the ordinance is so voluminous. **Councilwoman Saldana made the motion to table Ordinance 295 Series 2021 until the next meeting. Councilwoman Richards seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Department Reports:

Police Department – An activity report was included in the council packet. Assistant Chief Hibbs explained he has been working with MSD regarding ditch clean out throughout the city. He has also been in contact with the State Transportation Department regarding overgrowth on their rights-of-way in the city.

Financial Report – City Clerk Batliner recapped the financial reports and asked if there were any questions concerning the financial reports presented. There were no questions or concerns. **Councilwoman Wood made the motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor's Report - Mayor Moore advised the council that Mosquito Spraying in the ditch lines has been done twice already this year and will continue during August and September. Mayor Moore also thanked Assistant Chief Hibbs for his help with getting the trees trimmed back and meeting with MSD.

Public Comments – Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comments and concerns. Resident Jerry Embrey thanked the Police Department for their continued hard work. Mr. Embrey shared several concerns he had regarding a rental property in close vicinity of his property.

Council Request:

Councilman Clark presented a Municipal Order to start an Economic Development Committee. Councilman Clark read the Municipal Order. After several concerns were discussed as follows; if the committee is going to be used for more discord among the legislative body, financial reporting, (Attorney Chauvin confirmed the financial reports to be used would only be what the council is already being provided) and city staff being required to attend were discussed other questions arose. Councilwoman Stewart suggested that the committee work with the Community Center Committee since it seems as though both committees are trying to accomplish the same thing, what residents want to have available to them, which doesn't fall within the normal purpose of Economic Development.

Resident Bonnie Manning asked if the committee would be paid. The Mayor Moore confirmed that they wouldn't be paid, it is strictly volunteer.

Councilman Clark made the motion to accept the creation of an Economic Development Committee. Councilwoman Richards seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

**Councilman Clark – Yes Councilwoman Richards – Yes Councilwoman Saldana – Yes
Councilwoman Wood – Yes Councilwoman Stewart – Yes Councilwoman Cook - Yes**

Mayor Moore stated there being no further business, may I please have a motion to adjourn? Councilwoman Richards made the motion to adjourn. **Councilwoman Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at approximately 8:00 pm.**

Attest:

Debbie Batliner
Debbie Batliner, City Clerk/Treasurer

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