

PRESENT: Commissioner Kyle Thompson
Commissioner Leesa Unger
Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Kelly May
Mayor Layne Wilkerson (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

Following roll call, Mayor Wilkerson called the Work Session to order.

A moment of silence was observed for Virginia Moore who represented Governor Beshear's Office.

Ceremonial & Recognition

Mayor Wilkerson recognized the month of May 2023 as "HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH" and May 7-13 as "HERITAGE WEEK".

Commissioner Unger stated that the downtown Derby festival was a great success and thanks to all departments for helping out with the events.

Commissioner Waldrige thanked all the KSU volunteers from the basketball team and baseball team that came out to help with the Derby festival. KSU has narrowed down the selection of the new President to three names.

Commissioner Thompson congratulated all the seniors graduating high school and college. Enjoy and be safe!

Citizen Comments

Lynn Bowers spoke about the yard waste being temporarily suspended. Ms. Bowers would rather have yard waste pick up instead of an Assistant City Manager.

Charles Booe thanked the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, city staff and Public Works. The large amount of tree limbs was becoming a fire risk. Also, Mr. Booe reported a sign down on East Main by the bridge.

Anna Whites representing the KY Dance Academy spoke about the downtown parking and requested that the Board of Commissioners waive Saturday enforcement.

Dawn Hale thanked the Board of Commissioners for putting the budget online. There are hard decisions that need to be made, however, remember to maintain basic services.

Lucas Stone spoke about downtown parking; how do you contest tickets and how do you pay if you cannot utilize the app.

Robin Antenucci Director of Tourism and Ellie Hasken Museum and Historic Sites Director thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of all the festivities during Derby weekend.

Rich Rosen spoke about the suspension of trash services and sent a letter to The State Journal since this is a basic service and uses tax dollars. The City owes the community an explanation once this problem is fixed.

Staff Reports

Eric Cockley, Director of Planning & Community Development, stated that we are 2 months into the new parking enforcement and going forward we are looking at issues and addressing them as they come up. Currently there is a 50% payment rate.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to not enforce parking regulations on Saturday and see how that works out. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Thompson, Waldrige and Mayor Wilkerson (3). Voting against the motion were Commissioners Unger and May (2). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Katie Beard, Director of Public Works, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Solid Waste temporary suspension of non-essential services. These services are yard waste and bulk pickups. The Solid Waste Department is down employees and equipment which makes it necessary to temporarily suspend the services. A discussion with questions followed from the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion Items

Fiscal Year 2024 Staff Budget Presentations

Laura Hagg, City Manager spoke about the Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget.

- Alicia Boyd, Finance Director presented General Fund Budgeted Revenues for Fiscal Year 2024.
- Alicia Boyd, Finance Director presented the Board of Commissioners Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
- Laura Hagg, City Manager presented the City Manager Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
- Alicia Boyd, Finance Director and Kathy Fields, Human Resources Director presented Insurance costs for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

A five-minute recess was taken at 7:39 p.m.

The meeting was back in session at 7:49 p.m. with everyone present.

- Kathy Fields, Human Resources Director presented COLA and Selective Department Pay Increases for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.
- Eric Cockley, Director of Planning and Community Development presented the Planning Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
- Alicia Boyd, Finance Director presented the Finance Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
- Shawn Pickens, Director of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites presented the Parks Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
- Kenny Hogsten, Director of Sewer presented the Sewer Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

Action Items

First Reading

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PORTION OF WESTRIDGE DRIVE AS A PUBLIC STREET” was presented, read, and sponsored by Commissioner Waldrige. SUMMARY: This ordinance officially accepts the dedication of that portion of Westridge Drive between U.S. 127 South and Vandalay Drive for public use and maintenance.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner May, to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b), “deliberations on the future acquisition of real property related to the implementation of the downtown master plan when publicity would be likely to affect the value”. Action may be taken in open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 9:04 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Unger, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Wilkerson stated that no action will be taken.

It was moved by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk