

COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of January 9, 2017

City of Independence, Ky.

Opening

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky met on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Independence Municipal Center, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, Kentucky with Mayor Christopher Reinersman presiding. Mayor Reinersman called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Franzen led the invocation. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Bill Aseere, John Deaton, Amy Engelman, Carol Franzen, Patricia Taney and Greg Waite. Also present was City Administrator Chris Moriconi, City Clerk Gina Gabbard, City Attorney Jack Gatlin, and Police Chief Tony Lucas.

Approval of the December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Reinersman asked Council if there were any changes or corrections they would like made to the Council Minutes for the regular meeting on December 5, 2016.

Mayor Reinersman called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 5, 2016. Council Member Franzen so moved, with a second by Council Member Aseere. Motion carried with all ayes, 6-0.

Police Recognitions - Promotions of Runge, Paul, Ferayorni, Fuson and Kenner

Mayor Reinersman stated his appreciation and presented plaques for recent Police promotions. Explorer Tyler Runge was promoted to Captain, Scott Paul to Captain, Brian Ferayorni to Lieutenant, Nathan Fuson to Sergeant and Andrew Kenner to Sergeant.

Resolution No. 2017-R-01 – Sponsoring a Proposed Text Amendment for Design Standards

Mayor Reinersman presented to Council Resolution No. 2017-R-01 which sponsors proposed text amendment for design standards in residential housing. He stated if this resolution is approved, it is sent to Planning and Development Services for a public hearing and recommendation from the Kenton County Planning Commission, then would come back to Council for final approval. Mayor Reinersman stated the proposed residential design standards are for new developments only and would limit vinyl, metal, stucco, concrete and aluminum siding to 25% but there are architectural features that can be added to increase the allowable amount of up to 50% siding on the home. Mr. Gatlin read Resolution No. 2017-R-01.

Council Member Taney asked if any other Northern Kentucky communities have adopted residential design standards. Mayor Reinersman stated Villa Hills and Union have implemented design standards and PDS helped draft the language in the resolution. He stated the proposed design standards will not affect existing developments.

Council Member Aseere asked how larger lots could be associated with this change. Mayor stated the options are to adopt change by text amendment or the property could be re-zoned. Mr. Gatlin stated text amendments are the easier way to update the lot sizes but wouldn't effect lots that were previously platted.

Council Member Taney made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-R-01 which sponsors a proposed text amendment for residential design standards in new developments. Council Member Waite seconded. Roll was called and answered with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote from Council Member Deaton. Motion carried 5-1.

Resolution No. 2017-R-02 – Hogreffe Property Extension to Kenton County School Board

Mayor Reinersman presented to Council Resolution No. 2017-R-02 which allows the Kenton County School Board an additional 10 years to build a school named after G. Wayne Bridges at 314 Hogreffe Road. He stated the land was deeded by the Bridges family to the Kenton County School Board in 2006 with the stipulation of building a new school within 12 years. Mayor Reinersman added due to economic downturn around 2008, plans haven't been made and is still currently on hold.

Council Member Aseere asked who would make the determination on the traffic flow if a school was built on Hogreffe. Mr. Moriconi stated a school plan would be submitted for review and a traffic study would be conducted at that time. Mr. Gatlin read Resolution No. 2017-R-02 and stated this extension would provide the Kenton County School Board until 2028 to build a school on the property.

Mayor Reinersman called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-R-02. Council Member Franzen so moved, with a second by Council Member Taney. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Declare Surplus Property – Dodge Chargers and telephones

Mayor Reinersman presented to Council a 2009 Dodge Charger, three 2007 Dodge Chargers and 50 Avaya telephones that have been declared surplus property. The Mayor stated the vehicles will be auctioned on govdeals.com. He added the phone system is original from when the city building was built in 2004 and have been recently replaced with a new IP phone system. Mr. Moriconi stated the phones will be turned over to Cincinnati Bell and we'll receive a rebate for close to \$1,000.

Council Member Aseere made a motion to declare the 2009 Dodge Charger, three 2007 Dodge Chargers, 50 Avaya phones as surplus property, seconded by Council Member Waite. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney's Report – Jack Gatlin

Mr. Gatlin welcomed the new Council Members and encouraged them to attend the Kentucky League of Cities' City Officials Academy. He stated PDS along with several Northern Kentucky cities have worked together over the past year and together created a joint agreement regarding mini cell phone towers. Mr. Gatlin stated PDS has approved new regulations and any cell phone provider that approaches the city will have to go to PDS first. He stated when that happens, Council will then pass an ordinance and resolution specific to that cell phone provider.

Council Member Taney asked if the mini cell towers would be installed on phone poles and if these would generate any income for the city. Mr. Moriconi stated they can be attached to existing poles or may need to install a new pole if one isn't in the correct spot per the cell phone company. Mr. Gatlin stated the city is able to charge the provider the cost of the installation but aren't able to generate any income.

City Administrator Report – Chris Moriconi

Mr. Moriconi welcomed the new members of Council and told them to reach out to him with any questions.

Mayor's Report – Christopher J. Reinersman

Executive Order No. 2017-EO-01 – Appointment to the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky

Mayor Reinersman presented Executive Order No. 2017-EO-01 which appoints Patricia H. Taney to the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky for the term of January 2017 through December 2018.

Executive Order No. 2017-EO-02 – Appointment of Christopher J. Reinersman to the Planning and Development Services Council

Mayor Reinersman presented Executive Order No. 2017-EO-02 which re-appoints Christopher J. Reinersman to the Planning and Development Services Council for 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Engelman and seconded by Council Member Deaton to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.

Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Gabbard, City Clerk