

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of June 1, 2009

City of Independence, Ky.

Opening

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky met on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Independence Municipal Center, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, Kentucky with Mayor Christian J. Moriconi presiding. Mayor Moriconi called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. An invocation was given by Council Member Mike Little. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Mary Pat Behler, Margaret Cook, Carol Franzen, Michael Little and Donna Yeager. Council Member Jim Bushong was absent. Also present was City Attorney Jed K. Deters. Mayor Moriconi announced that he would like to change the order of the agenda items as Council Member Franzen needed to leave the meeting early to attend her son's Honors Night at school. He stated he would like to present the second readings of the ordinances to adopt the amended 2008-09 budget and proposed 2009-10 budgets. There was no objection from the Council to amend the order of the agenda items.

Ordinance No. 2009-O-06 – Adopt Amended 2008-2009 Budget – 2nd Reading

Mayor Moriconi presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 2009-O-06 to approve the amended 2008-2009 budget. Mr. Deters read the Ordinance.

Council member Yeager moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-O-06, seconded by Council Member Franzen. Mr. Groth advised that since the Memorial Park improvements would not be done in June, \$5000 was added to the park improvements line item. There being no discussion roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2009-O-07 – Adopt 2009-2010 Budget – 2nd Reading

Mayor Moriconi presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 2009-O-07 to approve the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Mr. Deters read the Ordinance.

Council Member Franzen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-O-07, seconded by Council Member Behler. There being no discussion, roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

At this time Council Member Franzen excused herself from the meeting to attend a personal matter.

Ordinance No. 2009-O-08 – Adopting the 2008 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances – 2nd Reading

Mayor Moriconi presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 2009-O-08 to adopt a supplement to the City's code of ordinances as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation. Mr. Deters read Ordinance No. 2009-O-08.

Council Member Behler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-O-08, seconded by Council Member Yeager. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 2009-O-09 – Final Annexation of Right of Way Areas along the New SR17 – 2nd Reading

Mayor Moriconi presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 2009-O-09 that would annex an approximate total of 53.267 acres of right-of-way along the relocated SR-17 from Fowler Creek Road and south thereof, and being property owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Mr. Deters read Ordinance No. 2009-O-09.

Council Member Behler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-O-09 seconded by Council Member Little. There being no discussion roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 2009-O-10 – Adopt Pay & Classification Plan – 2nd Reading

Mayor Moriconi presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 2009-O-10 that would enact a personnel and pay classification plan pursuant to KRS 83A.070(3). Mr. Deters read the Ordinance.

Council Member Yeager moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-O-10, seconded by Council Member Behler. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the May 4, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Moriconi called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 4, 2009. Council Member Little so moved, with second by Council Member Behler. No amendments were noted; roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the May 18, 2009 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Moriconi called for a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on May 18, 2009. Council Member Behler so moved, with second by Council Member Yeager. No amendments were noted; roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 2009-R-09 – Approving the MRA Cooperative Agreement with the Transportation Cabinet

Mayor Moriconi presented to Council Resolution No. 2009-R-09 which would approve the execution of a Municipal Aid Coop Program contract with the State Transportation Cabinet for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Mr. Deters read Resolution No. 2009-R-09.

Council Member Yeager moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-R-09, seconded by Council Member Little. There being no discussion roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Groth commented that it has been a great benefit for the City to participate in this cooperative agreement with the Transportation Cabinet. By contributing 3% of the City's apportionment of municipal road funds to the emergency fund, we were able to draw \$175,000 from that fund to replace the Crowe/Richardson Road Bridge. He stated this is a good investment for the City when emergency funds are needed. Mayor Moriconi concurred that this has been very beneficial for the City.

City Administrator Report – Dan Groth

Mr. Groth submitted a written report. He stated that included with his report is four monthly reports from Kenton County Animal Control and that during that time there were 255 calls for service with 63 animals being removed. He stated monthly reports will be submitted in the future from Animal Control. Mr. Groth announced that the City continues to accept donations for the City's annual July 4th Fireworks Celebration.

Mr. Groth announced that the City will collaborate with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring a government/business exchange luncheon on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. He stated this is a good opportunity for the businesses in the City to meet with City leaders to exchange questions and ideas. He stated that lunch will be provided and encouraged everyone to attend.

Attorney's Report – Jed K. Deters

Mr. Deters stated he did not have anything to report.

Mayor's Report – Christian J. Moriconi

Mayor Moriconi announced that some Council Members have mentioned they will be unable to attend the July 6th meeting due to vacations and since a quorum may not be available he is considering cancelling the July meeting. He advised that since the bids for the Crowe/Richardson Road Bridge will be opened on June 11, 2009 that he would like to hold a special meeting later this month to award the bids and act on any other business that would have been scheduled for the July 6th meeting. He would like to award the bridge bids as soon as possible so as not to delay the project and to have it completed before school begins in August. Since two of the Council Members were absent from this meeting, Mayor Moriconi directed the City Clerk to poll the Members to select a date that a quorum would be available to attend.

Mayor Moriconi recognized that the Recreation Director, Nita Brake's daughter has graduated from Robert Morris University in Springfield, Illinois with a 3.92 GPA. He extended congratulations to Ms. Brake.

Mayor Moriconi reported that the State Transportation Department has advised the City that they feel that a traffic signal is not warranted at the intersection of Cox Road and SR16 (Taylor Mill Road) at this time. They also do not feel it is necessary to lower the speed limit in that area at this time. He stated that the State has suggested removal of a tree in the area to allow better site distance and the relocation of the stop bar on Cox Road.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Council Member Littler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Yeager. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.

Christian J. Moriconi, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia H. Taney, City Clerk