

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of March 22, 2010

City of Independence, Ky.

Opening

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky held a Special Meeting on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the Independence Municipal Center, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, Kentucky with Mayor Christian J. Moriconi presiding. Mayor Moriconi called the meeting to order. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Mary Pat Behler, Jim Bushong, Margaret Cook, Carol Franzen, Mike Little and Donna Yeager. Also present was City Attorney, Jed K. Deters.

Purpose of the Special Meeting

Mayor Moriconi welcomed everyone and announced this Special meeting of Council was being held to discuss and take action on the following business items:

- Request by Farmers' Market Vendors to Waive Occupational License Fees
- Resolution No. 2010-R-03 – Authorizing the Application to the Department of Local Government for Assistance Under the Land & Water Conservation Fund for a Proposed Recreation Project

Request by Farmer's Market Vendors to Waive Occupational License Fees

Mayor Moriconi advised Council that the Farmers' Market vendors are requesting that the City waive occupational license fees. He stated that this waiver could be accomplished by amending Chapter 112 of the code of ordinances that regulate peddlers, itinerate merchants and solicitors to include vendors participating in the Farmers' Market as an exemption. He commented that the Farmers' Market is a great program in the City which only operates on Saturdays from April through October each year. Mr. Deters advised that this section of the code of ordinances also provides exemptions for churches and educational institutions.

Proposed Ordinance – Amending Chapter 112 of the Code of Ordinances and Providing for an Exemption for Vendors of the Farmers' Market – 1st Reading

After a brief discussion, Mr. Deters composed an ordinance amending Chapter 112 of the code of ordinances providing an additional exemption to include vendors participating in the Farmers' Market. Mr. Deters gave the proposed ordinance a first reading. Mayor Moriconi advised that the second reading of the ordinance would be presented at the regular meeting of April 5, 2010.

Resolution No. 2010-R-03 – Authorizing the Application of the Department of Local Government for Assistance under the Land & Water Conservation Fund for a Proposed Recreation Project

Mayor Moriconi presented to Council Resolution No. 2010-R-03 that would authorize the application of a grant with the Land and Water Conservation Fund for a proposed recreational project in Memorial Park. The grant would fund fifty-percent of the estimated project cost of \$102,000. The project is for terracing the hillside between the Amphitheater and the Senior Center building. Mr. Deters read Resolution No. 2010-R-03.

Council Member Behler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-R-03, seconded by Council Member Yeager. A brief discussion ensued. Council Member Bushong stated he would like to clarify that the City would only spend \$10,000 as part of the City's fifty-percent and that the remainder of the City's contribution would be in-kind services. Council Member Cook stated that she does not approve of the City spending any money on this project. She cited budget

problems, recent termination of two staff members and needed road repairs as reasons why she felt this project should not be considered. Mayor Moriconi countered that this is an opportunity for the City to get a valuable, capital park improvement project completed for a fraction of the actual cost. He stated the City cannot let an opportunity like this go by when there is a strong chance that an agency in Northern Kentucky could be awarded this grant. There being no further discussion, roll was called and answered with four ayes and two no votes cast by Council Members Cook and Franzen. Motion carried 4-2.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Council Member Franzen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Bushong. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

Christian J. Moriconi, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia H. Taney, City Clerk