



CITY OF CROSSGATE

PO Box 6423 Louisville, KY 40206

Meeting Minutes City of Crossgate

VIRTUAL: via zoom meeting room
Monday, July 8th 2020, 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Ceremonies: Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call conducted by Recorder at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

- ✓ Mayor Kirk Hilbrecht
- ✓ Commissioner Jamie Gerrish
- ✓ Commissioner Larry Kirschenbaum
- NP Commissioner Megan Dohn
- ✓ Commissioner Chas Krish

Quorum present: ✓ Yes / ___No

Mayor Hilbrecht called the City Commission Meeting to order at: 7:02 p.m.

Others Present:

- ✓ Treasurer Joanie Allgeier
- ✓ Residents/Guests

3. Approval of the Crossgate Commission Meeting Minutes June 22nd, 2020.

Comments: No comment

Motion introduced by Commissioner Krish
Second by Commissioner Kirschenbaum

Discussion: No discussion

All in favor: ✓ Yes / ___No
Minutes approved: ✓ Yes / ___No

4. Old Business

A. Commissioner and Committee Reports

i. Treasurer’s Report –*Ms. Joanie Allgeier*

SUBMISSION TREASURER’S REPORT

Comments: Review of monthly activity and year-end report.

Motion introduced by Commissioner Kirschenbaum
Second by Commissioner Gerrish

Discussion: No discussion

All in favor: ✓ Yes / ___No

Motion approved: ✓ Yes / ___No

ii. Commissioner’s report – *Commissioner Kirschenbaum
Street Parking Task Force – w/Bob Elliott*

Other Committees: Neighborhood Welcome, Road Signs and Neighborhood Directory
Committees

Comments:

- It’s time again to do a new City Resident Directory. (Mayor: we have a database we can use to validate and update information to create a new printed version).

iii. Commissioner’s report — *Commissioner Dohn
Good Neighborhood Task Force – w/Bev Meyer and Irene Yeager*

Other Committees: Neighborhood Activities, Communications and Neighborhood Online
Channels Committees (website, social channels)

Comments:

- No report
- (Mayor: The July 4th Party was a great success and the food truck was a hit.)

iv. Commissioner’s report – *Commissioner Gerrish
Road Safety/Speeding Task Force -w/J. Hicks*

Other Committees: Contracts, Neighborhood Storage and Road Services Committees

Comments:

- We signed with LawnCo. on June 3 at a monthly fee of \$515.67. Will be sending our City’s Tax Exempt form to make sure they don’t charge a 6% tax for basic

charges.

- The flower beds at the entrances are looking horrendous. Will be contacting LawnCo. to do a refresh.

- v. Commissioner's report – ***Commissioner Krish***
Short Term/Temporary Rental Policies Task Force- w/Frank Feger

Other Committees: Ordinance Review Committee

Comments:

- No report
- (Mayor: Please get with Terry Tiberville, the Artis Property Realtor, to get the tree removal situation remedied).

- B. Mayor's Report – ***Mayor Hilbrecht***
Neighborhood Walk/ 'Good Will Patrol' Task Force – w/R. Sweeney

Comments:

- Recently spoke with Todd Underhill, Developer of Westport Village. He has expressed interest in the KABA property. There is currently another interested party that has an offer submitted. That purchase has not been finalized. Ideas for development are patio homes/apartments. Nothing has been approved and for development to happen there would need to be a change of zoning.
- VA: We have a call in to Strobo-Barkley. We won't hear anything about the case from the courts until August.

5. New Business

Comments:

- (Larry) If we want food trucks, we should get some scheduled soon because they book quickly.

6. Open Forum.

NOTE: Neighbors/Guests wishing to speak at the meeting must sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Neighbors/Guests will be limited to approximately 5 minutes of meeting time.

Comments:

- (Tom) There is mention of \$18,000 to pay the Attorneys, are we disputing the bill?
 - o (Mayor: No, the \$18,000 brings all work current, any future work we are to be notified prior to the work being executed so there are no surprise bills.)
 - o (Treasurer) There is still an outstanding bill that would be us over the budgeted amount).
- (Larry) Are we meeting with the surrounding cities to get help with the VA?
 - o (Mayor) Yes, those meetings are being scheduled now to get aligned support.

- (Tom) Who brought the tax increase to the table? How did the Commissioners vote?
 - o (Mayor) We started the 2020-21 Budgeting conversation in March, in May we had the First Reading of the Ordinance, and in June for the Second Reading we figured we were budgeting more than we would be bringing in. On that call we started cutting line items down to streamline. The Road Fund was the big project that depletes from General Fund. Other areas were also being cut. Then we questioned what it would look like to increase taxes via different options. We chose the mid-level option. The Commissioners voted unanimously.
 - o (Tom) What are the tax rates for the surrounding cities? I believe we are extremely over those. Did we consider that before increasing the tax rate?
 - o (Krish) We found Northfield. There's was roughly ~16.8 cents per hundred, Indian Hills was in the 20 cent range, further down 22 was ~17.8. Compared to those neighborhoods we are drastically smaller in size, and that has an effect.
 - o (Mayor) We did the online search and density of the neighborhoods as well as the average residential property values and the commercial property. Not sure how to do an apples-to-apples comparison.
 - o (Krish) Compared our budget to another comparable city, ours is on-par with theirs.
 - o (Gerrish) We also compared services provided within Crossgate compared to others, we also talked about multiple other things such as there has not been a tax increase in over 20 years, a review of projected services over the next 5 to 10 years, and the road fund would not sustain a repaving in the next 10 years without an increase in revenue.
- (Tom) What positions are open in November?
 - o (Mayor) We will have a Commissioner position that will be open. There are three that have committed to run for a seat, that leaves one available. That would have to be a write-in ballot due to the deadline to register for intention to run for the Commissioner position as a name on the ballot was June 24. You have until October 23 to register as a write-in candidate through the Board of Elections.
- (Councilwoman McCraney) Making myself available for any questions you might have about what is going on downtown with protests, or anything the Metro Government is involved in.
 - o (Mayor) May need to have a conversation about any upcoming zoning issues and any support programs that we should be taking advantage of like trees.

7. Announcements

Comments: No announcements

8. Adjournment

Comments: No comments

Motion introduced by
Second by

Commissioner Krish
Commissioner Kirschenbaum

Discussion: NONE

All in favor: Yes / No
Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 p.m.

9. Next meeting – August 10th, 2020.