

**City of Morehead
Minutes of
Special/Budget Workshop Meeting of Board of City Council
April 08, 2021 8:00 AM
City Administrative Offices Conference Room**

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in a special/budget workshop session on April 08, 2021 at 8:00 AM in the City Administrative Offices Conference Room.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Laura White-Brown called to order the April 08, 2021 special/budget workshop session of the Board of City Council at 8:00 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Attendance

Present Council Members:

Ms. Jan Bishop
Mr. Michael Kash
Ms. Beth Ousley
Mr. David Perkins
Mr. Glen Teager
Mr. Jim Tom Trent

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 12, 2021

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 12, 2021 passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Kash and a second by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Michael Kash	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Mr. Glen Teager	Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent	Yes

5. A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Laura White-Brown & Successors-in-Title as the Official Project Representative to: Execute & Submit Project Funding Applications & Administrative Documents related to: City of Morehead Flood Mitigation Planning Project, MUPB Stormwater Project & the MUPB Raw Water Intake Relocation Project

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Mr. Michael Kash	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Mr. Glen Teager	Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent	Yes

6. Budget Discussions including Revenues, Expenses, and Capital Requests

6.a. Administration (including City Planner)

6.a.1. Kentucky Folk Art Center Funding Request - Dr. Scott Davison

Dr. Scott Davison was present to request funding for the Kentucky Folk Art Center for fiscal year 2022. Davison advised the Center plans to open in May; there will also be some virtual exhibits available. There was discussion of the staff at the Folk Art Center. Davison also reported they have developed a three-year operating plan. The funding request from the City is for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The same amount will be requested from Rowan Fiscal Court. There was discussion of Council wanting to see the operational plan.

6.a.2. Entertainment Destination (EDC) Zone

There was discussion that the ABC license is still pending for the City's EDC. The field inspector just has a heavy workload at this time. There was discussion if it is not approved to adjust the area identified as the EDC.

6.a.3. Battson Oates Outdoor Seating Area

Mayor White-Brown advised Council new tables and heaters have been placed in the Battson Oates seating area. There was discussion of coverage for inclement weather and the need for more/bigger tables. Mayor White-Brown advised twelve (12) chairs are on order. Council requested some of the "mesh" style tables. Next, there was discussion of a stage for events in this area. There was discussion of using Covid-relief funds to purchase the stage.

Other administration items discussed included Freedom Fest. Freedom Fest is scheduled for July 3. Mayor White-Brown advised there has been some discussion about having a carnival July 1-3; Tony Pence has been asked to provide a plan. There was discussion about funding for the fireworks as well.

Councilman Trent suggested that the City hire a grant writer. Councilman Teager advised he will share his contact of the school's grant writer.

Councilman Teager asked if there were other plans for Battson Oates besides tables. Mayor White-Brown advised she has been looking at lighting. There was discussion to propose one-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the EDC Zone for fiscal year 2022.

Mayor White-Brown then advised she would like to add a position for a code enforcement officer to assist in that department. There was discussion of funding for the Economic Development Council.

There was continued discussions on "management" of the Battson Oates area for events.

6.b. Fire Department

Chief Anderson reported the part-time staffing program is working out great; he hopes to expand it further. He advised overall the fire department is in better shape and the ISO rating should go down. Anderson reported runs are up over 100 for the 3rd month in a row. Chief also discussed capital needs which were not approved during the current fiscal year due to Covid.

The Board took a break from 9:18 am to 9:29 am.

6.c. Public Works Department

Mr. Greg Jones' budget requests were discussed including capital. Jones advised if he had to cut any capital item it could be the tractor.

6.d. Police/911 Department

Chief Blevins budget was discussed. There was discussion to double check the bottom-line figure for this department. There was discussion of a need for the SRT robot. Mayor White-Brown said a potential grant is available for that purchase.

6.e. Recreation Department

Mr. Matt Hamilton discussed his increase in revenues on rentals of facilities and his concession stand expense increase. Hamilton advised his capital requests were cut to the minimum; this mower would be the second good one for this department.

Councilman Trent had to step out at 9:54 am.

6.f. Other City Projects

There was discussion on projected revenues for fiscal year 2022. Councilwoman Bishop inquired about the status of the downtown hotel. Councilman Teager advised the developer is moving forward.

Councilman Kash thanked department heads and administration for managing the budget well.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was properly adjourned at 9:57 am.

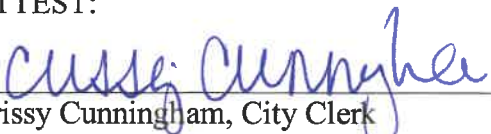
Board of City Council
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council
on April 12, 2021

ATTEST:



Laura White, Mayor



Crissy Cunningham, City Clerk