

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 2016

A Public Hearing for the Budget for fiscal year 2017 for the City of Bellevue began at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Edward Riehl  
Council Members: Guidugli, Poynter, Slater, Salzman and Tatum.

The City Clerk read the legal notice advertising the Public Hearing.

FOR THE RECORD: Administrator Spoelker explained that the Public Hearing was held before the budget process to allow public comment to be considered for the 2017 budget. Detailed explanation of available revenues and expenditures based on the 2015 audit report were available to review. Additional items of note: waste contract will be bid in April costs unknown at this time and CERS rates have gone down.

FOR THE RECORD: Jim Timon, 630 Truman addressed Council with the following:

Would like to see consideration given to allow condo developments to opt out of the City waste contract as they feel like they are double charged.

Requested status of road repair on Truman as well as the addition of drainage for Truman. Truman currently has no sewers, water runoff creates major problems on Truman.

Mr. Timon was advised that construction will begin in 2016 on both Lincoln and Truman Lane. SD1, Water District and State funds are in place now for the project. Water runoff from Lincoln will be diverted as part of the reconstruction.

FOR THE RECORD: Carol Rich, 822 Lincoln Road addressed Council with the following:

Assurance that State funds for Lincoln are in place and deadline has not lapsed – yes funds are in place.

Suggested the City create a five to ten year infrastructure plan – City has been putting money in reserve for the Lincoln / Truman project.

Suggested Thomas J. Wiethorn Memorial Beach Park be included in a five to ten year plan.

TIF – would like to see those who receive incentives be held more accountable to produce the results they anticipated.

Would like to see enforcement of residents who move from out of state changing their vehicle tags. Motor Vehicle tax supports the school system as well as the City.

Does not agree with those who would like to see a merged school system.

Would like to see the Donnermeyer shopping center area cited for lack of maintenance issues – such as potholes.

Would like Council to always consider the common good when making decisions.

FOR THE RECORD: School Board Member and resident Julia Fischer expressed appreciation for Council holding this Public Hearing and welcoming input from the residents. Ms. Fischer stated there is currently no plan in place for a merged school system.

FOR THE RECORD: Mr. Timon suggested an article in the Bellevue Community News about the need to register vehicle in the State when coming from out of State as some may not be aware of this law.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli requested street scape improvements to Donnermeyer considered for the budget and private property owners be held responsible to maintain their property.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Slater noted a need for additional lighting on Donnermeyer suggesting the City consider same lighting as on Fairfield.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli encouraged support for the Bradford Pear Tree replacement program. Member Salzman noted trees add to the community feel and should always be replaced with another approved street tree.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Tatum requested the City to work with homeowners to replace sidewalks – sidewalks are in horrible shape.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Poynter asked if the City plans to continue the program used last year for sidewalk repairs in the 100 and 200 blocks, a

slicing technique. Staff should review the upper end of Washington for sidewalk work done near tree beds.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli requested additional funds for the Rental Conversion Program – money has been depleted in current budget.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Poynter requested drainage issues on Fairfield be addressed.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Tatum suggested a curb replacement program – currently the City replaced curbs as the streets are repaved.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman would like to see sidewalks for the south side of Frank Benke way considered as well as additional handicap access to the park.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Tatum would like to see more playground equipment for special needs children as well as a possible water feature.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli would like to see additional funds for concerts at the park using older national acts which may draw larger crowds - possible use of sponsors. Member Salzman would be happy to increase the budget for events and would like to see the restrooms open earlier and perhaps later for special events such as the fireworks.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Tatum noted she would like to work with Greg Duty to continue holding the Fairfield Avenue Mile Race in Bellevue.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman requested additional bike racks, benches and trash receptacles.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Poynter asked how often City trash receptacles are picked up – weekly. Member Tatum asked that school hours be considered when new waste contract is awarded.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman noted that the water fountain is greatly appreciated at Wiethorn Memorial Beach Park and would like to see one placed at Swope Park – one has been ordered. Member Slater requested consideration for lighting of the basketball courts.

FOR THE RECORD: Bethany Hanson, 215 Berry addressed Council to request streetscape improvements to Donnermeyer Drive and encouraged ideas such as those in Columbus German Village. Member Guidugli noted a trip Council took to German Village resulted in several productive ideas for Bellevue.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman suggested small grants be made available to residents.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli suggested that website administration be outsourced or delegated to someone who has more time to contribute to the updates.

There being no additional comments the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Mayor, Edward Riehl

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK, Mary H. Scott