

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2008**

On April 23, 2008, Mayor Meyers opened the Special Council meeting at the Civic Center, 175 Johns Hill Road, at 1:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Council members, Gene White, Rene Heinrich, Steve Lehman, Sandy Shaw, Rose Pfaff and Gary Chinn. Also present: City Attorney Steve Franzen and Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector Dave Whitacre.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mrs. Rauf announced the Special Council meeting was called by Mayor Meyers. She announced that the Mayor and Council members received written notification of the meeting within 24 hours of the scheduled meeting. She also announced that the media received written notification of the special meeting within 24 hours of the scheduled meeting and that notification of the Special Meeting was posted on the front door of the Civic Center.

Mayor Meyers announced the purpose of the Special meeting was to consider authorizing the Mayor of Highland Heights to sign a Memorandum of Intent with Northern Kentucky University working toward the annexation of the University into the City and transferring some City property to the University and developing a partnership and cooperation in the future.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR MEYERS:** Mayor Meyers stated that he, along with most of the City Council, sees this agreement as a means for the City to survive longer than 10 years. He further stated that each time Northern Kentucky University acquires property, the property comes off the City's tax roll. He said if this continues that, in five years, the City would be forced to use reserve funds to provide the necessary services to the citizens of the City. He said with the agreement the City would receive payroll tax from the University's employees. He stated the annexation would keep the city solvent and keep taxes down.

**COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Member Pfaff stated that she read the Memorandum of Intent. She stated her reasons why she did not view this Memorandum of Intent as a partnership; that Northern Kentucky University was not giving enough back to the City. There were comments from Councilmembers Shaw, White, Heinrich and Lehman stating their positive views for the Memorandum of Intent.

Council member Pfaff stated she understands the reason for the annexation, but she did not fully agree with some of the provisions addressed in the Memorandum of Intent.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Jack Pfaff, 315 Knollwood Drive, was not supportive of the Memorandum of Intent.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Attorney Franzen stated he was prepared to read the following Resolution:

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF INTENT WITH NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY PERTAINING TO ANNEXATION OF THE UNIVERSITY, TRANSFERRING CITY PROPERTY TO THE UNIVERSITY AND ADDRESSING OTHER ISSUES RELEVANT TO A PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION AND SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF INTENT, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. ROLL CALL: WHITE, AYE; HEINRICH, AYE; LEHMAN, AYE; SHAW, AYE; PFAFF, NAY; CHINN, AYE. 5 – AYES; 1 – NAY. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

Being no further business, MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:   
JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK/TREASURER CMC

SIGNED BY:   
GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR