

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

On February 7, 2006, Mayor Roettger opened the Council meeting at the Civic Center, 175 Johns Hill Road, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Members: Harold Blocher, Steve Lehman, Greg Meyers, Jeanne Pettit, Rose Pfaff, and Gene White. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Steve Franzen, Police Chief Carl Mullen, and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Dave Whitacre.

ABSENT: None.

PRAYER: Council member Jeanne Pettit.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2006: The unofficial draft of the minutes of January 17, 2006 was previously submitted to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PFAFF MOVED, SECONDED BY MEMBER BLOCHER TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2006. DISCUSSION: NONE. 5 -- AYES; 1 -- ABSTENTION VOICED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. MAYOR ROETTGER DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

SCHEDULED GUEST/S: Mr. Jeff Sherry stated he is representing Cornerstone Montessori. Mr. Sherry stated that they appeared before the Board of Adjustment on January 19, 2006. He said the Board of Adjustment approved the application based on stipulations. He stated one stipulation was that no parking should be posted on High street approximately 150 feet from the exit of the parking lot on High Street to US. 27.

Police Chief Mullen stated he reviewed the plans for the new school on High Street and Alexandria Pike. He stated he is recommending that no parking be posted from the intersection of US 27, north on High Street approximately 150 feet past the exit of the parking lot on both the east and west sides of the street.

At this time, Attorney Franzen read the First Reading of the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE #01-2006: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
NO PARKING ON HIGH STREET FROM THE INTERSECTION
OF US 27 AND HIGH STREET FOR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY
(150) FEET ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF HIGH STREET.**

Mr. Bill Inlow, 102 Dogwood Drive. He addressed his concerns about the timing of the traffic light on Martha Layne Collins for traffic exiting onto Alexandria Pike. He also requested that the Mayor send a letter to the Kentucky Department of Transportation, a letter to the Campbell County Fiscal Court and to Governor Fletcher requesting two more lanes be added to Martha Layne Collins Boulevard.

Mayor Roettger informed Mr. Inlow that the intersection he is addressing is actually in the City of Cold Spring. He stated the first step to take would be for Mr. Inlow to bring this matter to the attention of the City of Cold Spring.

Mayor Roettger stated if the Cold Spring would chose to propose a plan to the state to make a change, we should endorse their plan.

Mr. Inlow polled each Council member about their views on this issue. Each Council member expressed their views about how heavy the traffic is on Martha Layne Collins Boulevard and also on Alexandria Pike. Each Councilmember agreed with the Mayor that, as a matter of protocol, this matter should first be brought to the attention of the City of Cold Spring.

OUTCOME: Mr. Inlow stated he would visit the City of Cold Spring. He further stated he would also attend the City of Highland Heights meeting on February 21st.

Tom Guidugli, Mayor of Newport. Mayor Guidugli stated he is planning to attend the different cities meetings to keep updated on the issues that are facing local governments. He also stated he sits on the Kentucky League of Cities Executive Board and he offered to be of service.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Roettger read the following correspondence:

An invitation from Campbell County regarding participating in the Campbell County Comprehensive Plan Update for Wednesday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Center. **OUTCOME:** Mayor Roettger turned this correspondence over to Councilmember Lehman to post on the City's website.

From Kenneth Reis, President of Northern Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society, a request to be added to the City's Newsletter list.

Announcement of the upcoming Senior Games. **OUTCOME:** Mayor Roettger turned this correspondence over to Councilmember Lehman to post on the City's web site.

STAFF REPORTS: POLICE CHIEF: No report.

CITY CLERK TREASURER: No report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Mr. Benke prepared and submitted the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2005.

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: A copy of Mr. Whitacre's report was previously distributed to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

There was a brief discussion concerning the road improvements for 2006.

OUTCOME: Mayor Roettger requested the Municipal Aid Road Fund Public Hearing be scheduled for March 21st.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: No report.

CITY ATTORNEY: 2nd READING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE/S: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: CAMPBELL COUNTY CABLE BOARD RESOLUTION. Mayor Roettger stated he has talked with Jennifer Teipel, Media Director for Campbell County CATV Board. He stated she informed him that she and Steve Franzen are working on this matter. He said a meeting is planned with him, Mrs. Teipel, Mr. Franzen, the Cable Board's Attorney, and Mr. Chuck Melville, Chairman Campbell County CATV Board. He said at this time, the date and time for the meeting has not been scheduled. Mayor Roettger suggested that no action be taken on this resolution until there is a meeting and they have the opportunity to discuss this matter.

Councilmember White asked that the Mayor and Council look at the business banners in the City of Fort Thomas and the City of Alexandria. He asked for Councils' input. He would like to know if Council would want to pursue having these kinds of business banners in the City.

CITIZEN/S TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mr. Jay Akamine, 137 Harriet. He asked if Northern Kentucky University has made any contact with the City about having a follow up meeting to their meeting they had in the fall. He stated at the fall

meeting, when Northern Kentucky University presented their power point presentation, they stated they would follow up with another meeting.

Mayor Roettger stated that meeting was scheduled with the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said, at this time, he has not heard from Planning and Zoning or Northern Kentucky University about any plans to follow up with another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: FIRST READING/S OF ORDINANCE/S: None.

RESOLUTION/S: Attorney Franzen stated he drafted a following Resolution for the City to adopt the Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESOLUTION # 01-2006: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS OF ADOPTION OF THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Mayor Roettger stated the Northern Kentucky Regional Mitigation Plan is available, and if anyone would like a copy he would make it available.

Mayor Roettger further stated that, even though they have evidence of the agreement to handle our emergency situations of this nature, we still need this resolution to be in compliance with the agreement. He stated, if the city does not have this plan, we are not in compliance. He stated that the City would not be eligible for assistance from FEMA; and without this plan, FEMA would not assist the City if a disaster would occur.

Councilmember Lehman stated that The Campbell County Office of Emergency Management has the responsibility and authority to follow this plan.

ACTION: MEMBER LEHMAN MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER PFAFF. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR ROETTGER DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Roettger stated if there is no more business to be conducted, he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER WHITE MOVED, SECONDED BY MEMBER PFAFF TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LAND ACQUISITION. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR ROETTGER DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 8:50 p.m, **MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER PETTIT. AYE, ALL. MAYOR ROETTGER DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OUTCOME: MEMBER BLOCHER STATED THE CITY ATTORNEY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY _____
JEAN A. RAUF, CLERK TREASURER CMC**

**SIGNED BY: _____
CHARLES W. ROETTGER III, MAYOR**