

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16, 2024**

**Attending In-Person:** Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Frank Fulcher, Don Gibson, Sara Hines, and David Holmes; Police Chief Jeff Sherrard; C.A.O and City Clerk John S. Carter

**Participating Remotely:** Director of Public Works Ron Cundiff

**Call to Order**

Mayor Farnsley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Clark moved to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Gibson, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Citizens**

None

**Mayor's Report**

- The Harrods Creek Park stream bridge has been installed and is now ready for use. An official dedication of the bridge will occur on November 24<sup>th</sup> before the Harrods Creek Trail Bash.
- The Prospect Police Department is now fully staffed with the recent hire of two full-time officers. These hires will allow the department again to provide 24-hour, seven-day-a-week coverage.
- The September 2024 trial date for the LDG lawsuit against the city has been canceled. The court is expected to set a new trial date at its September 25, 2024 hearing.
- The Prospect-Goshen Rotary Club has awarded the city \$5,000 to assist the city in educating its residents about the benefits of recycling.
- The mayor has shopped for new chairs for the council and invited council members to try the chair selected and advise if it is a suitable replacement.
- The city recently hosted the Sheryl Rouse Band at the John Evans Pavilion with approximately 200 attendees. The city has several future events planned, including, Touch the Truck on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm, Prospect's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in Little Hunting Creek Park on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon, a new art exhibition in City Hall beginning Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, an Artists Market on Saturday and Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> in the Lawrence C. Falk Library, and reception

at Hunting Creek Country Club on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to thank retiring Police Chief Jeff Sherrard.

### **Financial Reports**

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances for August 2024.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.1 million.
- Interest earned on investments for the first two months of the fiscal year was \$31,393.
- Monthly revenue and expenditures met budgeted expectations.
- The compiled financial report misstates the amount of restricted road aid and will be corrected. The actual amount of the road aid fund is approximately \$270K.

### **Commission and Board Reports**

On behalf of the Forestation Board, Chairperson Linda Knox presented an oral and written report.

- Canopy Trees offered this fall are approximately 10 to 12 feet tall with root balls wrapped in burlap.
- The Board is to soon meet with Chase Bank to discuss a satisfactory resolution for replacing trees that were cut by mistake during the construction of the bank branch.
- This year's Arbor Fest is scheduled for October and will have 75 trees available for Prospect residents.

### **Other Reports**

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Council Member Holmes presented an oral and written report.

- The Harrods Creek Stream Crossing Bridge is close to completion. An official ribbon cutting opening the bridge will occur immediately prior to the Harrods Creek Trail Bash on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The city has applied for a \$40K grant from the Louisville Metro Neighborhood Development Fund to pay for the proposed Putney Pond Boardwalk.
- Eagle Scout Jacob Early will soon install a new information kiosk in Little Hunting Creek Park.
- Naturalist Jacob Crider recently led a nature hike through Putney Pond to a group of over 20 residents.
- The final performance of the John E. Evans concert series will held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> featuring the Sheryl Rouse Band.
- Registration is currently open for the Harrods Creek Trail Bash scheduled for Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Gibson reported that the Jefferson County League of Cities [JCLC] activity.

- At the last board meeting held on August 22, 2024 the topic of discussion was Louisville Metro's proposal for "middle housing", and the board adopted a resolution opposing the proposed language.
- On August 26, 2024, a Zoom meeting was held with Metro Home Rules City Mayors and Louisville Mayor Greenberg regarding an economic alliance created with over 60 companies, the University of Louisville, and the University of Kentucky. The purpose of the alliance is to drive economic and brand development, develop better ways to make deals, and sell the city with the initial focus being Louisville downtown and airport. Mayor Greenberg announced that Louisville Emergency Management has started a new initiative called "Family Reunification" in conjunction with Seven County Services to help address homelessness. Mayor Greenberg introduced Jessica Kincaid who oversees arts in the city and announced an initiative that focuses on fostering public art.

### **Police Report:**

Police Chief Sherrard reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- It was determined that recent reports of fewer House Watches were directly related to the department's staffing issues, which has been resolved with the recent hire of two full-time officers.

### **Old Business**

- **Ordinance 645-2024:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE PROSPECT CODE OF ORDINANCE, REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT, was withdrawn from consideration due to conflicts with state statutes.

### **New Business**

- Council Member Holmes moved to approve **Municipal Order 6, Series 2024:** AN ORDER CONSENTING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE "METRO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH SUBURBAN CITIES FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM" ESTABLISHED BY LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines and Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.
- The mayor nominated by **Municipal Order 7, Series 2023, Municipal Order 1, Series 2024:** AN ORDER CONSENTING TO THE NOMINATION BY THE MAYOR OF DAVID THIMME AND STEPHEN HOUSTON TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF PROSPECT FORESTATION BOARD AND AFFIXING TERMS OF OFFICE THERETO. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines and Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.
- The mayor nominated by **Municipal Order 8, Series 2023,** AN ORDER CONSENTING TO THE NOMINATION BY THE MAYOR OF PEGGY PATTERSON, CITIZEN OF THE CITY, TO SERVE

ON THE CITY OF PROSPECT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND AFFIXING A TERM OF OFFICE THERETO. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines and Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.

**Adjournment:** Council Evans moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hines, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.


Prepared by:



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John S. Carter, City Clerk

Approved:



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Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

*This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.*