

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 June 21, 2023 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Louisville Boat Club
 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT

Mayor: Chip Hancock

Council: Bob Astorino, Sr.
 Ann Dreisbach
 Laura Dunbar
 David Ferguson
 Lee Garlove
 John Harralson, III
 Chip Hayward, Jr.
 Lee Maddox

Kay Matton

Attorney:

Finn Cato – KLC Conference

Public Works: Jim Graven

Police Chief: Kelly Spratt

City Clerk: Donna M. Sinkhorn

Visitors:	Jeanne H Ferguson	Observe
	Jim Dahlem	Brownsboro Rd
	Ken Herrington	Observe
	Mark Franklin, Atty.	Bond Issue-Amendment-Mercy Academy
	14 Residents-list attached	Rio Vista Gate

1) Call to Order – Mayor Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Recognize any visitors – To the visitors who were present re the Rio Vista gate, Mayor Hancock announced that the gate will remain closed as it has been for years, except during road closures or during flooding – there are no plans to open the gate. Discussion.

(a) Municipal Order No. 5, Series 2023-Academy of Our Lady of Mercy 2016 Bond Issue-Amendment – Mark Franklin, Attorney. Mayor Hancock informed Council that the 2016 bond is tied to the LIBOR (London Interbank Offer Rate) index and LIBOR will no longer be in existence, so the language is being modified showing that it will now be tied to the SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) index. Councilor Dunbar introduced, Attorney Franklin read and Councilor Astorino moved to approve Municipal Order No. 5, Series 2023, seconded by Councilor Harralson. Councilor Astorino asked if the replacement of LIBOR with SOFR the only change to the original document. Mr. Franklin said that is correct. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Astorino	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Hayward	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Mr. Maddox	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Absent
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Municipal Order No. 5, Series 2023)

Jim Dahlem, resident, was present to express his concerns re the Ky. Department of Transportation and Louisville Metro’s plans to downsize Brownsboro Road from Mellwood Avenue east to Chenoweth Lane. There was much opposition to the plan discussed, such as the traffic congestion that will take place on a daily basis for those who work downtown Louisville and will only be more impeded once the VA hospital opens. There will be public safety issues due to more traffic cutting through our city’s side streets. Discussion ensued of how to get the word out to our residents and

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nearby municipalities; setting up a link for citizens to express their views re the plan if they cannot attend the 5:30 pm public meeting on July 6th at St. Joe's dining hall. Following much discussion, Mayor Hancock stated he will send a letter to Metro Mayor Greenberg and encouraged council to do the same if they cannot attend the July 6th meeting.

3) Minutes – May – Emailed - Councilor Ferguson moved to approve the May minutes as emailed, seconded by Councilor Maddox; none opposed.

4) Committee Reports – Emailed
(a) Finance (Dunbar)

1. Report – May – Councilor Dunbar presented May's financial report to Council.
2. City & Police Disbursements – Approval – April

Councilor Harralson moved to accept the May financial report as presented and to approve May city and police checks disbursed; seconded by Councilor Ferguson; none opposed.

(b) Public Safety Report – Spratt & Garlove & Harralson

1. Police Report – Chief Spratt's report included multiple criminal reports; two traffic collision reports; four arrests/criminal citations; and year-to-date stats.

(c) Public Works & Building – Graven

1. Public Works Director Report – Mr. Graven's report included:
 - Off of Blankenbaker Lane, near Poplar Hill Road – approximately 30-foot cave-in that may cost up to \$150,000 to repair.
 - Poplar Hill Development update.
 - Grove Hill Place entrance-common area - landscaping needs to be replaced; fence needs to be replaced or painted.

5) Other Reports

(a) Waste Management Report – Graven/Hancock

1. Review terms of service with Eco-Tech – July 1st – September 30, 2023 – Councilor Dunbar moved to continue paying the increase of \$3.01 per household through September 30, 2023 and if the fuel prices have gone down, the surcharge would be decreased; seconded by Councilor Hayward; none opposed.

(b) Environment Committee – Maddox

1. Councilor Maddox's Report follows:
 - Compliments on the pollinator garden being received.
 - Thanked the mayor for placing information re the tree program in the newsletter supplement.
 - Tree landscaping at the entrance of Rio Vista update.

6) Council Members Comments - None

7) Old Business

Earlier today, Councilor Dunbar asked Attorney Cato about the revised/edited Code of Ordinances – He said they are in the hands of American Legal Publishing. There are some state laws that they need to update and then should be getting a copy to us.

8) New Business

(a) Brownsboro Road “Diet” Plan - Discussion-see above.

Mayor Hancock received an email from Ray Schulte who is very concerned about the recent crime in our area and would like a major portion of the city to be gated. Mayor Hancock and a council member will meet with Mr. Schulte at some point to hear his proposal.

For the record and to be included in the minutes, Mayor Hancock acknowledged receiving a petition in favor of keeping the Rio Vista gate locked signed by Rio Vista residents, a letter from Lee Cory that includes multiple River Hill residents’ names and emails from various residents all in favor of keeping the Rio Vista gate locked.

9) Legal – Cato

(a) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023 – Tax Rate FYE 6/2024 – 2nd Reading – Mayor Hancock gave second reading to, and Councilor Harralson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023; seconded by Councilor Hayward. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Astorino	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Hayward	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Mr. Maddox	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Absent
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023)

(b) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2023 – Budget FYE 6/2024 – 2nd Reading - Mayor Hancock gave second reading to, and Councilor Hayward moved to approve Ordinance No. 2, Series 2023; seconded by Councilor Harralson. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Astorino	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Hayward	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Mr. Maddox	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Absent
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 2, Series 2023)

(c) Ordinance No. 3, Series 2023 – Setting Officers’ Compensation FYE 6/2024 – 2nd Reading - Mayor Hancock gave second reading to, and Councilor Dunbar moved to approve Ordinance No. 3, Series 2023; seconded by Councilor Ferguson. Mayor Hancock proceeded with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Astorino	Yea	Mr. Harralson	Yea
Ms. Dreisbach	Yea	Mr. Hayward	Yea
Ms. Dunbar	Yea	Mr. Maddox	Yea
Mr. Ferguson	Yea	Ms. Matton	Absent
Mr. Garlove	Yea		

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Motion passed unanimously. (Ordinance No. 3, Series 2023)

10) Mayor's Comments follow:

It was a good Shred Event, but it is getting harder and harder to get the shredding company to do it on a Saturday due to lack of employees.

Next month's meeting will be a special meeting to be held on Thursday, July 20th, instead of Wednesday, July 19th, due to the unavailability of space because of a large event at the Louisville Boat Club.

11) Adjournment – Councilor Dunbar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Dreisbach; none opposed.

Next Meeting:
Thursday – July 20, 2023
6:00 p.m.

/S/ _____
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

/S/ _____
Chip Hancock, Mayor