



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at City Hall

Review of Annexation and Infill Development Agreements

City Manager Jeff Pederson and Planning Director Steve Ervin held a workshop with the Mayor and Commissioners to review the City's annexation and infill policies. In these policies, an agreement would be drafted between the City and the developer. However, the agreements have ranged from five to ten years in length. City staff is requesting from the City Commission that a specific time frame be agreed upon for future annexation or infill requests. The Mayor and Commissioners asked Pederson and Ervin to research the ordinances in other communities to determine if a formula can be created that would consider items such as infrastructure costs and the number of units to be constructed. Currently, Phil Higdon of Higdon Development is requesting residential infill incentives for the next phase of Lakewood Villa off Bleich Road. Higdon plans to expand the development with 56 additional residential units on adjacent land. Higdon is requesting an agreement for the City to provide a reimbursement for the costs to construct and install the public improvements including streets, curbs, and gutters in an amount not to exceed the cost of the infrastructure or the total amount of ad valorem real property taxes assessed over a ten year period, whichever is less. Higdon says, "We will not build the development with anything less than ten years. It will take ten years to get our maximum investment back."

Background: The City adopted an annexation policy in 2002 to encourage developers to develop residential, commercial, and industrial property. Four annexation agreements have been signed since 2002: Grove Phase I Subdivision, Plantation Subdivision, Olivet Village Subdivision, and Grove Phase II Subdivision. Two of these agreements are six years in length with the other two agreements eight years in length. In 2005, the City adopted an infill policy to promote residential development on vacant properties within the City limits. Since 2005, the City has signed three infill agreements: Lakewood Villas, Westwood Hills, and Greenway Village. These agreements have ranged from five to ten years in length.



Swearing-In of Police Officers

District Judge Chris Hollowell conducted the swearing-in of the three police officers approved by the City Commission on February 18, 2014. The officers are Matthew Hopp, Kevin Wilson, and Zachary Price (pictured left to right in photo). Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "Our new police officers will be part of a team that encourages officers to be proactive, vigilant, and engaged in the community."

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation proclaiming March 3-9, 2014 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a \$61,610 Highway Safety grant through the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. If

awarded the funds would be used to continue the *Heads Up Don't Be In'text'icated Program* and to implement a distracted driving prevention program. No local match is required.

- Municipal order approved to apply for a \$55,541 Highway Safety grant through the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. If awarded, the funds would be used to purchase two in-car video cameras and four portable breathalyzer tests in addition to officer overtime hours associated with saturation patrols. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 11) to accept the grant in the amount of \$7435.61 from the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. The grant requires the City to provide an equal match. The funds will be used to purchase and replace the vests currently used by the SWAT team.
- City Manager Pederson made the Mayor and Commission aware that the Comcast Cable franchise agreement will be ending in less than two years. Comcast has contacted the City to begin a renewal process.
- Mayor Kaler has asked for a limited scope audit of the BBQ & More store to fulfill the 2011 contract between the City and Barbecue on the River, Inc.



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- Gladman Humbles addressed the Mayor and Commission to read the obituary of Master Sgt. Aaron Torian who was killed last month in Afghanistan. Humbles would like the City to contact Torian's family to determine an appropriate way to honor his service and dedication.

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