

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Skinner; Kim Crupper; Ronnie Maines; Greg Middleton; Robert Perry, Gina Smith, Ronnie West, Crystal Fryman, and Jeff Shipp

ALSO PRESENT: Logan Murphy and Derrick Holland

Mayor Skinner called the meeting to order asking all guest in attendance to sign in.

Announcements

- The next Special Council Meeting will be held on Friday, September 24, at 10 a.m.
- Halloween will be Sunday, October 31, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-19, Zone Change of a 0.92 acre parcel of Land from Highway-Commercial (HC) to Residential – Three (R-3), Located at 110 Humes Ridge Road, and More Specifically Described as Lying on the South Side of Humes Ridge Road, 120 Feet, More or Less, Southwest of the Humes Ridge Road and Natures Way Intersection, that is Owned by NaturePro, LLC.

As directed by Council, Jeff Shipp gave the second reading to Ordinance 2021-19, Zone change of a 0.92-acre parcel of land from Highway-Commercial (HC) to Residential-Three (R-3), located at 110 Humes Ridge Road, and more specifically described as lying on the South side of Humes Ridge Road, 120 Feet, more or less, Southwest of the Humes Ridge Road and Natures Way Intersection, that is owned by NaturePro, LLC, in summary. Robert Perry made the motion to accept Ordinance 2021-19. Ronnie Maines seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Robert Perry	yes
Ronnie Maines	yes	Gina Smith	present, not voting
Greg Middleton	yes	Ronnie West	yes

Majority voted in favor.
Motion carried.

Logan Murphy Presentation – Great Tourism Hospitality, LLC/Hampton Inn Project

Logan Murphy was here to present to Council that Great Tourism Hospitality, LLC/Hampton Inn will be building a five-story building on the parking lot of what is currently the Ark. The Ark has sold off an area to the Hampton Inn and all plans have been sent for approval. Mr. Murphy is confident all plans will pass. He is asking

Council to give verbal permission for Hampton Inn project prior to formal approval so that dirt can begin to be moved as winter is approaching.

City Council Consideration/Approval to Grant Verbal Permission to Great Tourism Hospitality, LLC, to Proceed with Site Preparation Only for Hampton Inn Project Prior to Formal Approval of Site Plan Approval by City Council within a Planned Unit Development Zone

Greg Middleton made the motion to approve verbal permission to Great Tourism Hospitality, LLC, to proceed with site preparation only for Hampton Inn project prior to formal approval of site plan approval by City Council within a Planned Unit Development Zone. Ronnie Maines seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Robert Perry	yes
Ronnie Maines	yes	Gina Smith	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor.

Motion carried.

City Parks - Discussion

Mayor Skinner had been approached by Williamstown School about fixing up the tennis courts at Webb Park. The school has a boys and girls tennis team, and they must go to other parks to practice and have matches with other schools. The school thought it would be nice to have a park in their school district they could make use of and have people come to. Superintendent Derrick Holland was here and had got a quote that would fix the tennis courts. The budget currently is \$7500 and the bid came in at approximately \$14,832. The Mayor asked Council how they felt we should proceed with this. Council agrees if we have a park we should keep it up so that others may enjoy it as well. They also feel that if we were going to do the tennis courts we should also do the basketball courts. They asked Derrick to see if he could get a few more phone numbers of companies who may be able to do this work and include the basketball courts and give the Mayor. This will be a project they can consider and look at for the next budget or if there is any money available in grants that the City may be able to apply for.

First Reading of Ordinance 2021-20, 2021 City Property Tax Rate

As directed by Council, Jeff Shipp gave the first reading to Ordinance 2021-20, 2021 City Property Tax Rate, in summary.

Jeff Shipp informed Council and audience that the tax rate did not change from last year and will stay 0.371 per \$100 for real property and 0.490 per \$100 on personal property.

City Council Consideration/Approval to Proceed with Condemnation of 108 Falmouth Street Structure/Property

Mayor Skinner informed Council that the City was approached by a potential person who would like to purchase the property at 108 Falmouth Street but has tried multiple times to contact an owner/mortgage company and has failed. Mayor Skinner had pictures of the

property and there is a tree growing through the middle of the house. Mayor Skinner is asking Council if they would like to condemn this property and then declare surplus? Jeff Shipp said this could be done by filing nuisance suit with property warning order then have court file for the City to take over property. Jeff Shipp did inform Mayor Skinner and Council to make sure that a title examination is done and all County and City property taxes have been paid. Keep a total of all cost incurred to make sure that all cost are recovered. Ronnie West made the motion to proceed with condemnation of 108 Falmouth Street structure/property. Robert Perry seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Robert Perry	yes
Ronnie Maines	yes	Gina Smith	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor.
Motion carried.

Superintendents' Reports to Council

Mayor and Council were given reports from each department Superintendent informing them of projects completed and ongoing.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session per KRS61.810 (1)(c): Pending Litigation

Greg Middleton made the motion to go into Executive Session per KRS61.810 (1)(c): Pending Litigation. Ronnie Maines seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Robert Perry	yes
Ronnie Maines	yes	Gina Smith	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor.
Motion carried.

Motion to Come Out of Executive Session

Greg Middleton made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Ronnie Maines seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Robert Perry	yes
Ronnie Maines	yes	Gina Smith	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor.
Motion carried.

Mayor Skinner informed audience that no votes were taken while in Executive Session

Adjourn

Gina Smith made the motion to adjourn. Robert Perry seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Robert Perry	yes
Ronnie Maines	yes	Gina Smith	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor.
Motion carried.

Signed:

10/5/21
DATE

Vivian Link
Vivian Link
City Clerk/Treasurer

Rick Skinner
Rick Skinner, Mayor
City of Williamstown, KY

Crystal Fryman
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Recording Minutes for Clerk's Office

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CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN
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Guests, please print your name below:

Logan Murphy

Derrick Holland

Signed in on Public Hearing that
was held at 5:45pm. on the same date.