



City of Taylor Mill

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Memorandum

DATE: February 9, 2017
TO: All City Commissioners and Interested Parties
FROM: Daniel L. Bell, Mayor
RE: Special Meeting

The City of Taylor Mill will hold a special meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with candidates who have expressed interest in being appointed to the Kenton County Planning Commission as a Taylor Mill Volunteer Representative. The City Commission will not address any other business that may be brought before them for discussion and/or action. The meeting will be held at the Taylor Mill Municipal Building located at 5225 Taylor Mill Road, Taylor Mill, KY, 41015.

For additional information please contact Ms. Jill Bailey, City Administrator, at 581-3234. Thank you.

**City Of Taylor Mill
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
February 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Mayor Bell. The City Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Bell	Here
Commissioner Frietch	Here
Commissioner Kreimborg	Here
Commissioner Murray	Here
Commissioner Peace	Here

Mayor Bell stated the purpose of the special meeting was to interview candidates for the Kenton County Planning Commission (KCPC) Board and no other business would be brought before the Commission. Mayor Bell noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Ms. Bailey introduced Matt Martin as the first candidate for the Commission's consideration. Ms. Bailey stated Mr. Martin's letter of interest and resume were distributed to the Commission. Jill Bailey asked Mr. Martin what drove him to volunteer to serve on the KCPC. Mr. Martin explained in his life volunteer work has been a long time family value. Mr. Martin stated he is interested in volunteering for the city after serving other agencies in the Northern Kentucky area. In terms of development, Mr. Martin stated he likes the County's 2030 plan.

Mayor Bell asked Mr. Martin if he would follow PDS staff recommendations as a Board member or if he would be more of an independent thinker. Mr. Martin said he would be an independent thinker and that thinking outside the box is required to grow. Mr. Martin stated he would listen to PDS staff recommendations but would not be afraid to vote against the recommendations if warranted.

Commissioner Frietch asked whether Mr. Martin would be able to verbalize his viewpoint if PDS staff recommended a plan that exhibited inconsistencies with the Northern Kentucky vision. Mr. Martin stated he would have no problem speaking up and stating his position to other Board members.

Commissioner Murray asked whether Mr. Martin felt comfortable making a decision in Taylor Mill's best interest even though it may not be what is best for other communities. Mr. Martin stated he would look at each project individually and see how it fit in the proposed city.

Commissioner Kreimborg asked Mr. Martin what made him the best candidate for the position. Mr. Martin stated he would bring a new, younger perspective and would be a bridge between generations.

Commissioner Peace asked what Mr. Martin had done to understand what the residents in Taylor Mill want in terms of development and if he be willing to express this vision among Board members. Mr. Martin stated he would educate himself on the issues to be discussed at each meeting. Mr. Martin said he would like to build a network of people that would help him

understand the issues. Mr. Martin stated he would be willing to put the time and effort into being prepared for the meetings and would speak up for Taylor Mill.

Ms. Bailey asked if Mr. Martin would listen to the wishes of the Taylor Mill City Commission concerning matters brought before the KCPC Board or if he would vote his own opinion if it differed from the Commission's vision. Mr. Martin stated he would fight for Taylor Mill and vote in accordance with the vision of the City Commission.

Ms. Bailey thanked Mr. Martin for his time and willingness to serve. Ms. Bailey informed Mr. Martin that she would be in touch once a decision has been made.

Ms. Bailey introduced Ed Kuehne as the next candidate for the KCPC position. Ms. Bailey stated she provided a copy of Mr. Kuehne's letter of interest and resume to the Commission. Ms. Bailey stated Mr. Kuehne was out of town and conducted his interview via conference call. Ms. Bailey asked Mr. Kuehne what motivated him to volunteer for the KCPC position. Mr. Kuehne stated he has a strong interest in seeing Taylor Mill move in the direction of the City Commission's vision and he would follow the direction of the City Commission. Mr. Kuehne stated he has a long history of volunteer service in Taylor Mill and in the Northern Kentucky area.

Mayor Bell asked Mr. Kuehne if he would follow the recommendations of PDS Staff or be an independent thinker and follow his own thoughts on an issue. Mr. Kuehne indicated that he would like to see a collaboration between the Commission and the KCPC appointment so that he could vote in accordance with the City Commission's wishes.

Commissioner Frietch asked whether Mr. Kuehne would be able to verbalize his viewpoint if PDS staff recommended a plan that exhibited inconsistencies with the Northern Kentucky vision. Mr. Kuehne stated inconsistencies create problems and he would be more than willing to point out those inconsistencies and express his viewpoint to the Board.

Commissioner Kreimborg asked Mr. Kuehne what qualified him as the best candidate for the position. Mr. Kuehne stated he has a long history in government service and has extensive business experience. Mr. Kuehne felt his experience and willingness to fight for the Taylor Mill City Commission's vision made him the best candidate.

Commissioner Murray asked if Mr. Kuehne would be comfortable voting in the best interest of Taylor Mill even though it might be in contrast to what would be best for another community. Mr. Kuehne stated he would have no problem voting for what is best for Taylor Mill and he would stand up for the Commission's vision to other Board members.

Commissioner Peace stated he felt Taylor Mill may have a reputation as a city in turmoil with respect to zoning. Mr. Peace asked Mr. Kuehne how he would raise Taylor Mill's status amongst peers on the KCPC Board if appointed. Mr. Kuehne stated he would develop relationships with the other Board members and would regularly communicate with Board members to an effort to express Taylor Mill's position clearly.

Ms. Bailey asked Mr. Kuehne how he would handle supporting the Commission's viewpoint versus making an independent decision. Mr. Kuehne stated he would vote in accordance with the Commission's vision without question even if it was in contrast to his own opinion.

Ms. Bailey thanked Mr. Kuehne for his time and willingness to serve. Ms. Bailey stated she would be in touch once a decision had been made.

Ms. Bailey stated that Jim Bertram was the next candidate interested in the KCPC Board appointment. Ms. Bailey stated Mr. Bertram was unable to attend the Special Meeting in person and was not available for a phone conference. Ms. Bailey provided Mr. Bertram's letter of interest and resume to the Commission for consideration.

Ms. Bailey stated the last candidate to be interviewed was Maureen Maxfield and she was scheduled to arrive in about thirty minutes.

The Commission unanimously voted to temporarily adjourn at 2:45 pm.

The Commission meeting was called back to order at 3:10 pm.

Ms. Bailey introduced Maureen Maxfield as the final candidate for the KCPC Board appointment. Ms. Bailey stated that Ms. Maxfield's resume and letter of interest had been distributed to the Commission. Ms. Bailey asked Ms. Maxfield to tell the Commission why she was interested in serving on the KCPC Board. Ms. Maxfield stated that she wanted to give back to the community and that her family had a long history of community service.

Mayor Bell asked Ms. Maxfield how she would handle situations in which the recommendations of PDS professional staff differ from her own view or the view of the KCPC Board. Ms. Maxfield stated she has experience dealing with conflict resolution and would strive for common ground among all stakeholders. Ms. Maxfield stated she would vote in favor of change if warranted.

Commissioner Frietch asked how Ms. Maxfield would deal with any inconsistencies that stood out between PDS recommendations and the Northern Kentucky vision during a presentation by PDS. Ms. Maxfield stated recommendations against the Northern Kentucky vision would need to be conscious decisions and clearly stated. Ms. Maxfield stated she would have no problem voicing her opinion to her peers regarding her concerns.

Commissioner Murray asked Ms. Maxfield if she would have an issue supporting the vision of Taylor Mill even though it may be in conflict with the interests of another city in Northern Kentucky. Ms. Maxfield asked if Taylor Mill's vision was, in general, in line with the vision of Kenton County. Ms. Bailey stated that Taylor Mill was in compliance with Kenton County's comprehensive ten year plan. Ms. Maxfield stated she would put Taylor Mill's interest first even though it might not be best for another community. Ms. Maxfield stated she would look at County wide issues through the lens of Taylor Mill and advocate for Taylor Mill.

Commissioner Kreimborg asked Ms. Maxfield why she felt she was the most qualified candidate for the position. Ms. Maxfield stated she has been a long time resident of Taylor Mill, has a sense

of the community vision, is skilled at conflict resolution and would be a good facilitator. Ms. Maxfield stated her area of growth would be learning the specifics of zoning issues. Ms. Maxfield stated she would put the time in to study issues and would seek out a mentor relationship to learn more. Ms. Maxfield stated she would provide feedback to the Commission and would like to function as a team with a continuous feedback loop.

Ms. Bailey thanked Ms. Maxfield for her time and willingness to serve. Ms. Bailey stated she would be in touch with Ms. Maxfield once a decision was made.

Ms. Bailey stated an Executive Session was needed so the Commission could discuss the Board appointment.

Commissioner Murray made a motion to go into Executive Session under 61.810(f), discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee. Commissioner Peace made a second. All Commissioners were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

The Commission went into Executive Session at 3:35 pm.

Mayor Bell called the meeting back to order at 4:25 pm.

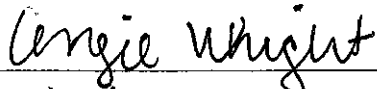
There being no further business Commissioner Kreimborg made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Peace made a second. All Commissioners were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.



Mayor Daniel L. Bell

ATTEST: 

DATE: 3/15/17