



**Caucus Meeting
December 9, 2020**

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Mayor Heather Jansen called the December 9, 2020 City of Villa Hills Caucus meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. from her home in Villa Hills. City Clerk Jennifer Lipson called the roll. Those in attendance via teleconference:

**Mayor Jansen
R. Baehner
J. Cahill
S. Ringo
C. Stover
S. Thompson
S. Wadsworth**

**Craig T. Bohman, City Administrator
Jennifer Lipson, City Clerk
Matt Hall, Police Sergeant
Matt Bogen, City Engineer
Bryce Rhoades, City Attorney**

A quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Crescent Springs Council Member Patrick Hackett on the Exit 186 Corridor Road Plan. Mr. Hackett presented a Master Road Plan, which shows alternatives for traffic congestion to be relieved at the Buttermilk Pike corridor. Mr. Hackett would like to see a task force formed, which would include representatives from the state, county, Fort Mitchell, Crescent Springs, Villa Hills, Erlanger, and state officials, and have a first meeting prior to January 30, 2021. Proposed representatives from Villa Hills would include the Public Works chairperson and the city administrator. He would also like 2 representatives from each of the other cities involved to represent their city.

Mr. Ringo inquired if anyone knew what it would take on the federal level to add an interchange. There was discussion that it may be a requirement to have at least 1 mile between existing exits and that this was a problem worked through several years ago to create the Mall Road exit, which intertwines and ramps merge together before merging onto the interstate. Mr. Bogen recommended starting with District 6 office and having a modification or justification study done by the state road department. There was discussion that where intersections go from one state road to another state road, that the cities may be able to get state funding for the traffic relief.

Resolution supporting increased State funding for Roads

Mr. Thompson presented a Resolution for review that was presented to Cities from KLC. During the upcoming legislative session, KLC wants increased road projects from the state. They are seeking support from the cities, by asking them to pass the Resolution. There was discussion about the money being diverted to the bridge issue, and the need for the state to use funding to fix River Road. Resolution will be brought to December Council meeting for further discussion.

Amsterdam / Collins Proposal

Received three amended proposals received for the Amsterdam/Collins intersection. The three companies that submitted a proposals, will be requested to come in for an interview, to give a presentation of their plans and thoughts. Public Works committee will review again before bringing to council.

The amended agreement with Sanctuary Development states that the intersection construction must be started by the end of 2023. The proposals will not be presented before council for several more weeks.

Crescent-Villa Fire Authority Interlocal Agreement

Sub-committee has been working on the Interlocal Agreement. The agreement was sent for legal review, which involved 5 attorneys representing each city and the Fire Authority. Document was received for final review, but committee found some issues to be resolved, which were changed during legal review. Mr. Bohman will work on an updated red-line draft and send it back out tomorrow.

Sub-committee feels the way it is written currently, KLC will not give the Fire Authority the necessary financing. Crescent Springs Council is set to review and approve on Monday, Fire Authority has a special meeting on Monday, where they would like to have it approved, and Villa Hills Council meets on Wednesday and would like to have it passed then. If it is not ready, there may be a need to call for a special meeting in December. Committee and Mr. Bohman will work on cleaning up the Interlocal Agreement and try to have it ready for Monday.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Mayor Jansen reminded Council that last year they had discussion about switching holidays for employees to give them Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day off and replacing President's Day on the list of holidays. Last year both days were given to employees. Council also discussed last year about adding the Holiday and employees would have both days off. Ms. Stover, Ms. Wadsworth, and Mr. Thompson all stated that they would like both holidays kept for employees.

This will be presented to Council at December Council Meeting.

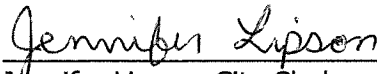
General Discussion

No additional discussion.

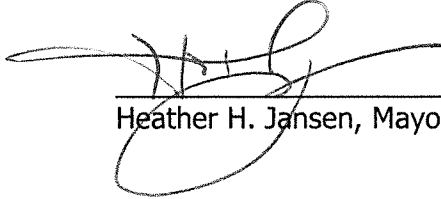
At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Baehner, seconded by Ms. Wadsworth to adjourn. A voice vote was taken, all in favor.

Time of adjournment was 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lipson, City Clerk



Heather H. Jansen, Mayor